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Grant Awarded to Tennessee Craft by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

NASHVILLE, TN (January 27, 2020)—Tennessee Craft is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$10,000 grant from [The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee](#) to provide hands-on arts activities to children and families at our free community Kids' Tent during the 2021 spring and fall Tennessee Craft fairs. Kim Waag, Executive Director, says, "We are truly grateful to The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee for their interest and support in funding our reach to the next generation of artists, art educators and art enthusiasts, connecting them with our vibrant arts community and partners, providing creative awareness and instilling the love of craft. The Kids' Tent is a whole family experience that is vital to the soul, especially during these times."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring and fall Tennessee Craft Fairs at Centennial Park were not permitted. Thanks to the flexibility and generosity of sponsors including the Community Foundation, Tennessee Craft converted the traditional in person Kids' Tent to a virtual experience, available at tennesseecraft.org/2020kidstent. Shifting the fair's Kids' Tent hands-on activities to artist videos allows for the content to be utilized in ways beyond what is possible at a physical fair. Tennessee Craft staff and volunteers also used the funds to put together [500 craft kits containing all of the supplies](#) necessary to complete all of the crafts featured in the virtual experience.

The Community Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the 40 Middle Tennessee counties it serves, and has awarded \$2,246,667 in grants to 350 nonprofit organizations as part of the 2020 annual grantmaking process. "The work of our nonprofit partners has never been more important as we watch needs emerge and evolve in this community," said Ellen Lehman, president of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. "The Community Foundation is honored to connect generosity with need through these annual grants and other avenues throughout the year, but we couldn't have an impact without the array of quality nonprofits offering solutions to our community's needs and vital services to our neighbors."

The Community Foundation awards discretionary grants annually from its unrestricted and field-of-interest funds through an open application process to Middle Tennessee nonprofits organizations addressing community needs and benefiting the well-being of citizens through valuable programs and innovative services.

More information on the grant process is online at cfmt.org.

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About Tennessee Craft: Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through craft fairs, exhibitions, professional development, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit tennesseecraft.org to learn more.

About The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee: The Community Foundation exists to promote and facilitate giving in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and beyond. It does this by accepting gifts of any size from anyone at any time and by empowering individuals, families, companies, nonprofits and communities to respond to needs and opportunities that matter. The Community Foundation works with people who have great hearts, whether or not they have great wealth, to craft solutions that reflect their intentions and goals. For more information, call 615-321-4939 or visit cfmt.org.