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ARROWMONT RECEIVES GRANT IN HONOR OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Gatlinburg, TN - Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts received a \$35,000 grant from an anonymous donor through the Ayco Charitable Foundation of Albany, NY. The anonymous donor of the grant wished to make the donation to the School in gratitude of Assistant Director Bill Griffith's many years of service and dedication to Arrowmont.

"Twenty years goes by quickly when surrounded by and working with creative, diverse and caring artists, students and staff," said Assistant Director Bill Griffith. "I feel so lucky to be honored. My job has been an amazing gift and opportunity. I see these funds being used to develop and enhance innovative programs for existing and new audiences."

Arrowmont's Executive Director David Willard adds, "I am so pleased that Bill's long and distinguished service to the School has been recognized by this donor. For over 20 years, Bill's service to the School has been and continues to be remarkable."

This grant will be used for programming to further Arrowmont's mission of enriching lives through art. Griffith is responsible for designing and developing Arrowmont's educational workshops and conferences and is the Director of the 11month Artist-In-Residence Program, which he established in 1991.

Arrowmont is dedicated to its mission of "enriching lives through art."