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More Than \$82 Million Awarded for Arts Projects Nationwide *Includes \$10,000 awarded to Westhab*

Yonkers, NY—National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$82 million to fund local arts projects and partnerships in the NEA's second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2016. Included in this announcement is an Art Works award of \$10,000 to Westhab, Inc. to create Arts Residencies at four youth centers. The Art Works category supports the creation of work and presentation of both new and existing work, lifelong learning in the arts, and public engagement with the arts through 13 arts disciplines or fields.

"The arts are all around us, enhancing our lives in ways both subtle and obvious, expected and unexpected," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "Supporting projects like the one from Westhab offers more opportunities to engage in the arts every day."

"Westhab continues to see the value of arts education to empower the people that we serve," said Richard Nightingale, President and CEO of Westhab. "Creative arts have a positive effect on all aspects of people's lives."

This award will allow Westhab to continue their long-standing partnership with ArtsWestchester to provide creative arts workshops for homeless and low-income youth in Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, White Plains and the Bronx.

About Westhab:

Westhab's mission is: "Building Communities. Changing Lives." Headquartered in Yonkers, Westhab is a leading not-for-profit provider of housing and social services for homeless and low-income families throughout Westchester County and the Bronx. Since 1981, Westhab has moved 7,000 homeless households to permanent housing; built or renovated 2,500 affordable housing units; placed 5,000 public assistance recipients into employment; and delivered services to over 10,000 at-risk young people. Westhab is currently the largest provider of housing and social services to homeless/low-income residents in Westchester County with a portfolio of 1,300 units of affordable and supportive housing.

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