

## ***ArtCenter Manatee Receives a Challenge Grant from the Bishop Parker Foundation***

**Bradenton, Florida,** September 15, 2023. *Bishop Parker Foundation* continues its legacy of supporting the arts with a \$500,000 Challenge Grant to ArtCenter Manatee that will match all new donations to the capital campaign, dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000. The Challenge Grant was announced at the Center's ground breaking ceremony on September 14, 2023.

This Challenge Grant is in addition to the \$1,000,000 gift they have already pledged.

The Bishop Parker Foundation is committed to supporting organizations and non-profits in Manatee County that are working to build a better community. ArtCenter Manatee, founded in 1937, has received support from Bishop Parker for its children's education programs for a number of years and is most grateful for this Challenge Grant designed to encourage donations from the community.

Edward E. and Lillian H. Bishop and Mary E. Parker dedicated their financial resources and love for the arts, education, science and animals for many years and their Foundation continues to carry out their mission.

"This is a beautiful opportunity to double every donation. *Every* donation makes an impact. The ArtCenter is exceptionally grateful for the support of the Bishop Parker Foundation and the legacy of the Bishop and Parker families. We now look to our community for their support," said Carla Nierman, Executive Director of the ArtCenter

We look forward to serving community needs with a facility that will meet the growing need for visual arts classes, exhibits and other arts programming. The arts are a powerful tool to help communities grow and individuals connect with each other across all boundaries.

ArtCenter Manatee broke ground on September 14, 2023. Construction is scheduled to begin before month's end, with completion estimated for the end of 2024. The new 28,000 SF, 2-story facility which will be renamed the Herrig Center for the Arts.

For more information or to donate, please contact Carla Nierman or Cathy Mijou, or go online to <https://artcentermanatee.org/bishop-parker-challenge-grant/>.

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ArtCenter Manatee, located in downtown Bradenton, Florida, is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The new Center will feature one large gallery, nine classrooms, the LiveArtfully gift shop, and expanded kitchen, office and storage space. Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children will continue to be offered year-round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more.

Hours: M, F, S 9:00-5:00 - T, W, Th 9:00-6:00 Closed Sunday.

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For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Carla Nierman, Executive Director, [acm@artcentermanatee.org](mailto:acm@artcentermanatee.org).



*Architect's rendering of the new art center. Wannemacher Jensen, Architect.*



*ACM Transformational Donors, from left, Bradenton BACVB for the Tourist Development Council, Bishop Parker, Carla Nierman, Johnson Photolmaging, the Herrigs, and Bishop Parker.*

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