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## ***ArtCenter Manatee receives a two-million dollar gift from the Steve and Natalee Herrig Family Foundation***

**BRADENTON, Fla.** April 22, 2022 – ArtCenter Manatee is pleased to announce a two-million dollar gift to the Center’s Building Campaign from the **Steve and Natalee Herrig Family Foundation**. Bradenton residents, the Herrig’s are committed to the success of the Bradenton community and feel the ArtCenter is central to both the cultural life and the development of the community as a destination for the arts.

“We are grateful for the Herrig’s commitment to the vision of the ArtCenter and its role as the premier visual arts center in Manatee County. A gift of this level will help to move the Center’s campaign forward and will allow us to continue to impact lives through our classes, exhibits and other programming,” said Carla Nierman, Executive Director of the ArtCenter.

Upon completion, the new 2-story, 28,000 SF facility, will be renamed the *Herrig Center for the Arts*.

The ArtCenter’s goal is to break ground in late 2022. Once the new facility is complete, the current building will be razed and the property developed into a community park and sculpture garden to benefit of the entire community. The new Center and park will be at the intersection of 9th Street West and the Avenue of the Arts (formerly 3rd Avenue).

Steve Herrig, CEO and Board Chair for Sunz Insurance, that is headquartered in Bradenton, said he was excited to be a part of such an important project for the community which will change the entrance into Bradenton and welcome residents and visitors to this dynamic and growing community.

For more information or to support this project, please contact Carla Nierman or Cathy Mijou.

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### **About ArtCenter Manatee**

Located at the intersection of arts and culture in downtown Bradenton, Florida, ArtCenter Manatee is the premier center for art, art education and unique gifts in Manatee County. The new Center will feature 28,000 and will include one large gallery, nine classrooms, an artisan gift shop, office and storage space and an art library. Day, evening and weekend art classes for adults and children will be

offered year-round in painting, drawing, pastels, pottery, jewelry design, photography and more. Exhibitions in the galleries change monthly and showcase local, regional and national artists.

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H: M-F-S 9:00-5:00, T-W-Th 9:00-6:00, closed Sunday.

Attached images:

- Architects' rendering of the view from 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- Architects' rendering of the View from the Avenue of the Arts
- Architects' rendering of the interior view showing the Instructors' Gallery (left) and pivot wall entrance into the galleries (right)



Architects' rendering of the view from 9<sup>th</sup> Street West.



Architects' rendering of the view from the Avenue of the Arts.

Architects' rendering of the interior view showing the Instructors' Gallery (left) and pivot wall entrance into the galleries (right).

