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LIVESTRONG Foundation Funds The Creative Center at University Settlement's Arts Workshop Program

Program dedicated to helping cancer survivors will be implemented in 15 cities

New York City, NY – April 15, 2013 – Today, 15 new Creative Center at University Settlement's Arts Workshop Program sites were announced as beneficiaries of the [LIVESTRONG® Community Impact Project](#). These 15 organizations will be awarded \$15,000 each to help replicate and implement the program in cities across the United States. The Artist-in-Residence program is one of four proven cancer support programs included in the 2013 Community Impact Project created by the [LIVESTRONG Foundation](#), a top-rated non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by cancer today. Nearly 200 qualified hospitals, cancer centers, university students and community organizations in eight regions across the U.S. were selected to participate in the online voting campaign that determined the award recipients.

"We have found that many survivors discover that typical support groups don't provide the community they need or want post-treatment- a time which, for many, can be more frightening and isolating than the treatment period itself.", says Robin Glazer, Director of The Creative Center. "The arts workshop program is grounded in the belief that *medicine cures the body, but art heals the spirit*. LIVESTRONG's national replication of our program will offer survivors throughout the US the opportunity to develop creatively despite whatever limitations cancer or treatment may have caused."

"We are so appreciative of everyone who took action to bring the Community Impact Project to their communities," said [Doug Ulman](#), Foundation president and CEO. "The LIVESTRONG Foundation fights to improve the lives of people affected by cancer today, and by immediately implementing these proven programs that provide critical emotional and physical support to those facing cancer, we are helping more people live life on their own terms. We take great pride in this opportunity to advance our mission."

Since its inception in 1994, the [Creative Center at University Settlement](#) has been dedicated to bringing the arts to people with cancer and chronic illness through all stages of life as a way to help them discover their own creative resources while meeting the challenges of diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. The Outpatient Art Workshop program helps cancer survivors deal with the stresses of treatment, as well as life beyond treatment, through artistic expression. This year's grant will allow community-based organizations to fund outpatient art programs in partnership with their local hospital or cancer center. Including this year's grant, the LIVESTRONG Foundation has become the largest benefactor of visual arts in healthcare in the nation, spreading art programs to more than 40 cancer centers and hospitals since 2010.

In addition to the money, the chosen programs will also receive a toolkit consisting of facilitator manuals, participant materials and evaluation forms; training and support from the model program's staff; access to additional tools and resources; and a full report on the historical replication of this program upon completion.

The Artist-in-Residence finalists for the Community Impact Project were determined through an online voting campaign that accumulated more than the 200,000 votes over a two-week period (March 12-28). Finalists for the awards were determined by individual votes within each region. The 2013 Artist-in-Residence recipients are:

- Hartford Hospital – Hartford, Conn.
- Creative Arts Workshop, Inc. – New Haven, Conn.
- Shands Arts in Medicine – Gainesville, Fla.
- Wellness Center – Macon, Ga.
- Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines – Des Moines, Iowa
- Treasure Valley Family YMCA – Boise, Idaho
- Wellness House – Hinsdale, Ill.
- St. Vincent Cancer Care – Indianapolis, Ind.
- Swan for Life Cancer Foundation – Rochester, Mich.
- Emerge Gallery and Art Center – Greenville, N.C.
- Atlantic Health System – Morristown, N.J.
- Stony Brook Cancer Center – Stony Brook, N.Y.
- University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center – Cleveland, Ohio
- Avera Cancer Institute – Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance – Seattle, Wash.

About the LIVESTRONG Foundation

The **LIVESTRONG** Foundation provides free cancer support services to help people cope with the financial, emotional and practical challenges that accompany the disease. Created in 1997 by cancer survivor and philanthropist Lance Armstrong, the Foundation is known for its powerful brand – **LIVESTRONG** – and for its advocacy on behalf of survivors and their families. With its iconic yellow **LIVESTRONG** wristband, the Foundation has become a symbol of hope and inspiration around the world. Since its inception, the Foundation has served 2.5 million people affected by the disease and raised more than \$500 million to support cancer survivors. One of America's top cancer non-profit organizations, the Foundation enjoys a four-star rating from Charity Navigator and has been recognized by the National Health Council and the Better Business Bureau for its excellent governance, high standards and transparency. For more information, visit LIVESTRONG.org.