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## **BANK OF AMERICA AWARDS \$200,000 GRANT TO FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY**

*Museum is one of two local nonprofits receiving Neighborhood Builders Award*

*Fort Worth, TX* – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has received a \$200,000 grant from Bank of America as part of its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Awards. The awards go to individuals and organizations committed to building and strengthening the Fort Worth community.

“Bank of America’s Neighborhood Excellence Initiative was created to honor organizations and individuals who are true champions of the cities and towns in which we live and work,” explained Mike Pavell, Fort Worth Market President, Bank of America. “The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and Near Northside Partners Council have shown extraordinary leadership in addressing the critical issues of community development and education for youth in Fort Worth.” Near Northside Partners Council is the other Fort Worth non-profit to receive this year’s Neighborhood Builders award. The Museum’s award will support its general operations.

“We are honored to be on the receiving end of this generous award,” said Museum President Van A. Romans. “It is a testament to the ongoing hard work of our staff and it acknowledges what a valuable role this institution plays in the life of our community. Everything we do here is about learning, from our field trip programs to teacher training, family science nights and the exhibits that so many families enjoy. We need private support in order to serve our community as a place of learning, and this award is greatly appreciated.”

Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative was established in 2004 to reinforce the Bank's commitment to the local communities in which it does business nationwide. It was developed to promote neighborhood excellence by identifying and then addressing local priorities for each community. This focus helps Bank of America meet the most pressing needs of each neighborhood by providing operating support and capacity building for nonprofit organizations, recognition for local leaders, and opportunities for young people who are addressing these issues in their communities. Five Fort Worth leaders were honored in the Bank's Local Heroes program and five high school students were recognized in its Student Leaders program.

A local selection committee comprised of key members of the Fort Worth community assisted in the selection of the organizations and individuals. Committee members included:

- Mike Pavell, Fort Worth Market President, Bank of America
- Darlene Mann, Senior Vice President, Bank of America
- Mandy Kizer, Vice President, Bank of America
- Jim Austin, President, Renaissance Cultural Center
- Rosa Navejar, President, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Andy Taft, President, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.
- Patsy Thomas, community volunteer

### **About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History**

With more than 800,000 visitors a year, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History contributes countless science, technology and history learning opportunities to the greater Fort Worth community. The Museum's core purpose is education: offering extraordinary learning experiences in science, technology and history to the diverse population of North Texas, particularly children, their families, and educators.

### **Bank of America Charitable Investments**

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