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ArtsWave thanks Frisch's Big Boy for donation of 1,800 pies

Pies will serve as holiday gifts for staff of regional arts organizations

November 23, 2020 – ArtsWave, the engine for the region's arts, is thanking Frisch's Big Boy for a donation of 1,800 pies. Frisch's Big Boy is a family of fast casual restaurants based in Cincinnati. The pies will be distributed to regional arts organizations that receive annual support from ArtsWave, to serve as holiday gifts for staff that have seen pay cuts, furloughs and cancelled work as venues complied with the closures and constraints of COVID-19.

"Many arts organizations are finding it a challenge to show appreciation for their employees and artists this holiday season. We are so grateful to Frisch's and the leadership of CEO Jason Vaughn for making this generous donation a much-needed boost at the end of a tumultuous year," said Alecia Kintner, ArtsWave president and CEO. "Frisch's Big Boy is a longtime supporter of the arts in Greater Cincinnati. They're again showing their dedication and making holiday memories for ArtsWave's extended arts family of dedicated professionals."

About ArtsWave:

ArtsWave, a nonprofit serving the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region, is the engine for the arts. Its roots stem back to the late 1920s when the Cincinnati Taft family provided initial investment matched by community support. In the late 1940s, it evolved to become the first united arts fund in the nation and in the mid-1970s, the first organization to initiate workplace giving for the arts. ArtsWave continues to innovate while leading, as illustrated by its No. 1 rank nationally in community arts fundraising; coordination of a sector-wide Blueprint for Collective Action; piloting of new technologies to maximize arts engagement; and development of resources for the arts.

Strong funding for the arts has allowed Cincinnati's arts and culture scene to become a national draw and regional asset, creating a wave of economic and community benefits. Each year, ArtsWave supports the work of over 100 arts organizations, school outreach programs, festivals, community centers, neighborhoods and various

collaborations through impact-based grants. In 2020, ArtsWave amassed \$13+ million for the arts, through a combination of its 2020 Campaign and a separate Arts Vibrancy Recovery Fund, designed to ensure the solvency and a vibrant return of the region's arts assets in the wake of the unprecedented health and economic crisis.

ArtsWave is focused on helping the Cincinnati Region's arts sector weather the coronavirus crisis. The region's arts sector has an economic impact of more than \$300 million annually and includes more than 225 organizations throughout Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana that employ 10,000+ individuals as artists, performers and staff. The sector was hit at the onset of the coronavirus crisis, when venue and performance closures were announced in early March. ArtsWave has accelerated \$2.4 million in grant payments for 43 organizations which receive operating revenues, expanded its \$10,000 Working Capital Bridge Loans for eligible arts organizations, and has provided Emergency Arts & Culture Organization grants to 47 organizations. The public can help fund these and additional, evolving efforts at artswave.org/give.