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Funding Received by MCFTA to Help Local Schools Attend China Exhibit

MIDLAND – The Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF) has approved a grant proposal from Midland Center for the Arts that will enhance the education of all local area students. This grant will enable local students to attend the exhibit, *Timeless Warriors and Ancient Relics: 1,500 Years of Ancient China*, currently on display through April 13, 2008 at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Road, Midland. The grant was authorized based on the recommendations of both the Midland County Youth Action Council and the Gladwin County Youth Action Council.

The grant will pay for the cost of transportation for all Gladwin and Midland County students so that they can attend the exhibit. The exhibit features the famous terracotta warriors and rare artifacts from the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang in the Shaanxi Province of China, as well as an exclusive performance of traditional Chinese folk song and dance, which will take place on March 26, 2008.

According to Midland Center for the Arts director of development, Stacey Sheiko, "The grant will provide schools, both public and private, resources so they are able to attend this once-in-a-lifetime exhibit and performance, and incorporate the experience into an educational curriculum that meets Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Expectations. We hope to impact 2,000 students in Midland and Gladwin counties through this grant."

The Midland Area Community Foundation promotes and enables philanthropic giving to enrich and improve the lives of people in our communities. Both the Midland County Youth Action Council (MCYAC) and Gladwin County Youth Action Council (GladYAC) are projects of the Midland Area Community Foundation, and are made possible through the Council of Michigan Foundations and supported by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. **MCYAC and GladYAC** are groups of energetic youth, from secondary schools all over Midland and Gladwin Counties, that are learning about philanthropy. MCYAC was started in October of 1992; GladYAC was started in the summer of 2004.

Midland Center for the Arts, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed under the laws of the State of Michigan incorporating six groups: Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, MATRIX:MIDLAND, Midland County Historical Society, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Music Society and Theatre Guild. Activities at Midland Center for the Arts are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For the latest Center news, visit our web site at www.mcfta.org.

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