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The Midland Rotary Club Foundation Funds Educational Components

MIDLAND - On January 20, 2008, Midland Center for the Arts opened the exhibit titled *Timeless Warriors and Relics: 1500 Years of Ancient China*. Rarely seen outside of China, this exhibition features two life-sized terracotta warriors from the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang—to be displayed exclusively in Midland, Michigan—and a broad selection of relics rich in ceramics, with examples of bronze, silver, copper and jade. The relics range from sculptural figures of humans and animals, to vessels, architectural elements, utilitarian objects and weaponry.

The Midland Rotary Club Foundation has generously agreed to fund the following education components for *Timeless Warriors and Relics*:

- 1) A large political map of China to illustrate where important geographic landmarks are found as well as pinpoint where the pieces in the exhibition were found.
- 2) A timeline to help place the objects in perspective of major historical events in world history.
- 3) A "Guide for Educators," which includes historical/background information as well as pre- and post-visit activities to support the teachers' utilization of the exhibit as an educational tool.

Deb Anderson, curator of education at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art states, "The Midland Rotary Club Foundation's generous contribution allowed us to enhance the educational range of the *Timeless Warriors and Relics* exhibition by allowing us to include a geographical perspective and frame of reference to our student tours and for the public. Additionally, these generous funds helped to place Chinese history into a global context by providing information about historical events and milestones happening in other regions of the world. Most importantly, we were able to produce and provide educational materials for teachers to use in the classroom before and after they bring their students to see these incredible artifacts."

The *Timeless Warriors and Relics* educator guide can be found at:

http://www.mcfta.org/A_ABDow/EducationFamilyPrograms.htm#TeacherResources

The Midland Rotary Club Foundation was established in 1977 by the Midland Rotary Club as a charitable organization through which Rotarians could financially support projects and programs in Midland County especially involving youth. The Midland Rotary Club is one of 33,000 clubs in Rotary International. Rotarians, as a network of business and professional volunteers, seek to improve the quality of life in communities locally and internationally and to provide "Service Above Self" through their educational and humanitarian projects.

The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art (ABDM) celebrates discovery, creativity and individual expression through art, science and the interplay between them. Exhibitions in the Museum, classes at the Museum School, multiple outreach programs, a permanent collection and various special events are all components in the ABDM programming.

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