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## **HMH Awarded Prestigious Texas Women for the Arts Grant**

**HOUSTON, TX (July 15, 2020)** – Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) is proud to be the recipient of a grant from Texas Women for the Arts, a program of the Texas Cultural Trust. The \$12,000 grant funds will be used to support the Museum’s Summer Learning Experiences at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston to reach as many students as possible during the summer of 2020.

The Museum had to respond swiftly to the spread of the coronavirus, closing its doors in mid-March for two months. To keep the promise of delivering high-quality social justice programming, without risking the health and safety of its staff, participants or their families, HMH decided to move Summer Learning Experiences online. HMH educators are teaching Memoir Writing virtually to 10 different Boys & Girls Clubs each Thursday in July and have already taught over 50 students.

Summer Learning Experiences at Holocaust Museum Houston provide a space for young change-makers to engage in the arts, experiential learning, social justice, community service and advocacy during the summer months. Students work with local artists and educators to learn, to create and to inspire the community with their voices and their work. This year, more than 80 students have taken part in HMH’s summer programming.

“It’s a great honor to be awarded this grant by Texas Women for the Arts. These funds have helped expand our Summer Learning Experiences that we debuted last year. They have allowed us to seamlessly pivot our programming to a virtual format in response to the spread of the coronavirus,” said Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga, CEO of Holocaust Museum Houston.

Texas Women for the Arts (TWA), a program of the Texas Cultural Trust, is a statewide giving circle and membership program, with more than 240 members from across Texas whose mission is to awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child. Since its inception, in 2005, this philanthropic force and champion for the arts in education has awarded over \$2.9 million to more than 200 arts organizations across the state, impacting more than a million Texas children. For more information about Texas Women for the Arts, please visit <https://txculturaltrust.org/texas-women-for-the-arts>.

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### **ABOUT HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON**

Holocaust Museum Houston, Lester and Sue Smith Campus, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1996 by Houston-area Holocaust Survivors, their descendants and members of the community, is accredited by The American Alliance of Museums. Average annual attendance is 130,000 visitors, including more than 71,000 middle and high school students. The Museum is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, we teach the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy.

### **ABOUT TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST**

Texas Cultural Trust is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and increasing access and awareness for the arts across the state. Programs of the Texas Cultural Trust include the Texas Medal of Arts Awards, Art Can, Texas Young Masters, Texas Women for the Arts, Partners in the Arts, and Arts Access. Texas Cultural Trust efforts are amplified by its partners who are instrumental in the success of leading a cohesive voice for the arts in education, advocacy, and economic impact in Texas, spotlighting the artistic excellence of our state. For more information on the Texas Cultural Trust, please visit <https://txculturaltrust.org>.