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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Announcing the Recipients of the 2023 Haile Foundation Grants to Honor Tim and Leslie Maloney

**Greater Cincinnati, December 7, 2023** - The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation (the Foundation) is proud to announce the recipients of two special grants in honor of former President and CEO, Tim Maloney, and former Senior Vice President and Education Program Manager, Leslie Maloney.

From among many worthy applicants, **Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati Children's)** and **Visionaries and Voices (V+V)** rose to the top as the final awardees, each receiving a one-time \$50,000 grant from the Foundation.

Support for V+V is a fitting tribute to **Tim Maloney** who was known not only for his impactful work in the arts and culture scene in Greater Cincinnati, but also his creative leadership for new and inspiring programs. With this grant, V+V will be able to expand their Teaching Artist Program (TAP), a groundbreaking program developed by the V+V Education Department in 2011. TAP is a unique training program that helps prepare artists with disabilities for leadership positions in the arts, giving V+V studio artists the opportunity to learn essential job skills, teach in a variety of settings and bring visibility and inclusion of the disability community to K-12 school art classes around the Greater Cincinnati area. TAP brings artists, mentors, and program staff together to build skills and experience in student-teaching, lesson planning, public speaking, and classroom management. Through TAP, students develop skills, relationships and provide the world with their unique voice through art. Additionally, teaching artists with disabilities model for artist educators the process of breaking down barriers in the arts and education fields, creating mutually beneficial relationships.

As Senior V.P. and Program Manager of Education for the Foundation, **Leslie Maloney** had a steely focus on driving systemic change within the educational landscape of Greater Cincinnati, committed to ensuring every child has an equitable start toward life-long success. Support for Cincinnati Children's will help sustain the success of Prescription for Reading, a reading support program that combines two resources for families to improve kindergarten readiness in our region: the Reach Out and Read (ROR) early literacy curriculum and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio (DPILO).

ROR, a national program, prepares young children for success in school through doctors prescribing reading and incorporating books into pediatric care. By making early literacy guidance a part of clinic visits, ROR equips parents/caregivers to develop their children's early literacy and language skills, as well as a love for reading. At ROR clinics, providers use well-child

visits to teach parents about the importance of sharing books at home, demonstrate effective reading techniques, provide a new book to take home, and enroll children in DPILO. Children enrolled in DPILO will then receive a free book in the mail every month until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. With Cincinnati Children's oversight, 26 pediatric clinics participate in the ROR program, reaching over 25,000 economically disadvantaged families during clinic visits every year.

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### **About the Foundation**

The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation is an independent family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. They concentrate their efforts and resources in areas about which Carol Ann and Ralph were most passionate: Arts and Culture, Civic and Community, Education, and Human Services. Their work is intended to have the greatest impact possible as they, in collaboration with the region's stakeholders, help lead the way to a strong and vibrant community.

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