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GRACE RECEIVES \$2,500 FROM MOBIL FOUNDATION

RESTON, VA - July 28 - Mobil Land Development (Virginia) Corporation President James Cleveland this week presented a Mobil Foundation check for \$2,500 to Lee Rau, president of the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE).

Mobil's annual contribution to the operating budget helps make it possible for GRACE to continue services such as the celebrated Art-in-the-Schools program which reached over 11,000 children and fifteen area elementary schools this past academic year, Rau said.

In 1988-89, GRACE added a new program, Art Enrichment for Preschools and Day Care Centers, to their services. This program provided training for over 150 staff members and direct hands-on experience for over 2,000 children in Reston/Herndon preschools and day care centers.

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"Mobil's contribution, along with others, makes it possible for us to offer these services to all who desire them, regardless of the ability to pay. We are most grateful for the continued endorsement of our efforts to enrich the lives of residents of the greater Reston area," said Rau.

GRACE recently submitted plans to the county for the half million dollar renovation of an historic A. Smith Bowman Distillery warehouse as a multi-purpose arts center and headquarters. They are currently waiting for approval and the issuance of a building permit to start renovation.

As the only visual arts center in Western Fairfax County, GRACE relies totally on memberships, corporate donations and grants to continue its service to the schools, artists and art lovers. GRACE sponsors Northern Virginia fine arts education programs for children and adults including instruction in painting, drawing, clay, paper-making and fibers. It has been in existence since 1974 and currently has over 450 members.