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Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation Awards Grant to [Embracing Our Differences](#)

The \$5,000 grant will help fund the organization's rich tapestry of education initiatives.



The Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation awarded Embracing Our Differences a \$5,000 grant directed to empower EOD's celebrated educational outreach programs. Since 2004, EOD's international, juried exhibition celebrating the theme of "enriching lives through diversity," showcases the art and words of thousands of

artists and writers from around the world, including hundreds of area-based students and educators. Also crucial to the organization's mission are its ongoing education

initiatives. Presented in partnership with the regional school district and nationally recognized educators, these programs positively impact the lives of thousands of area teachers and students every year. These include annual workshops and retreats that provide arts and diversity curricula for area educators, bi-county reading initiatives, free bus transportation for students and teachers to visit area cultural venues, and student docent programs in high schools.

Sarah Wertheimer, Embracing Our Differences' executive director, says with 932 teachers and 39,211 students participating in the organization's exhibit and educational programs in 2018 alone, Embracing Our Differences continues to lead as one of the largest education programs in southwest Florida.

Embracing Our Differences' annual juried international art exhibit returns to Sarasota's Bayfront Park, January 19-March 15.