FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Doing Good in Our Neighborhood

Winter Park, Florida – Five Winter Park institutions received unexpected gifts in the mail this week from a neighbor in town – the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, which has been headquartered in Winter Park since it was founded by Edyth Bush in 1973.

These gifts were made in memory of H. Clifford Lee, Chairman Emeritus and Founding Director of the Foundation, and Richard J. Conlee, a longtime supporter of cultural organizations in Winter Park, and were directed to organizations that carry on their spirit of good works.

Grants of up to $5,000 each were awarded to the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, a program of the Crealdé School of Art, to advance the Center’s cultural education programs; Friends of Mead Botanical Garden for outdoor education programs; and Friends of Casa Feliz, supporting the Music in the Casa program.

Welbourne Day Nursery and Kindergarten and the Winter Park Day Nursery – founded respectively in 1927 and 1949 – received funds to support affordable, quality childcare for working families.
Phyllis Corkum, Grants Manager of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, reported that all of the organizations have previously received funding from the Foundation, which has awarded nearly one quarter of all grants, which total $112 million, to Winter Park-based organizations during its 45-year history.

“These organizations are pillars in our community and greatly contribute to the unique blend of arts, culture and education that make Winter Park such a special place to live, work and play,” she said. “The Foundation is honored to help advance their missions.”

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation creates innovative civic solutions to help people help themselves. Advancing philanthropy around the state of Florida, the Foundation builds caring networks and helps nonprofit organizations be better managed, governed and led. Board Members are Richard J. Walsh, Chairman; Matthew W. Certo, Vice Chairman & Corporate Secretary; David A. Odahowski, President & CEO; Elizabeth A. Dvorak; Anne B. Kerr, Ph.D.; Patricia J. Engfer; and John A. Riley. For more information on the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, please visit www.edythbush.org.

###