The Circle is a Vero Beach Museum of Art philanthropic giving organization to benefit VBMA art education and outreach programming. Our focus is on ensuring that visual art education remains accessible to residents of all ages in our extended community, especially for those who may not otherwise have access to art. We believe that the VBMA’s community outreach programs offer participants a much-needed window into a different, better world with choices for how to see and be.

By joining The Circle, you become part of a unique, engaged group of Museum supporters and friends. As a member, you will help determine which of the Museum’s community outreach initiatives The Circle will fund each year. We are committed to advance and expand the Museum’s programs, “Enhancing Lives, Through Art.”

Programs in the ArtZone
Building Bridges Through Art

The Circle was established in 2009 by a small group of friends who shared a passion for supporting increased access to art education programs for community residents of all ages. Today, the same spirit of friendship and focus on the mission has enabled the group to grow from a few dozen original members to over 126 women, and we continue to grow. Our goal is to preserve the special friendship bonds developed within The Circle while fueling our growth, to increase future funding for these programs.

The philanthropic women of The Circle magnify the impact of their giving by pooling their annual dues to fund selected Museum outreach programs each year. These programs benefit all age groups, particularly the underserved in our community, regardless of economic barriers. The Circle also serves as a gateway for women to get involved in philanthropy and to meet other like-minded women who share their same passions and interests. Our members, working together on a shared mission, realize the gift of lasting friendship and collective accomplishment.

“We have successfully funded 18 diverse Museum programs that have reached all community segments from Pre-K through seniors, impacting thousands of people in Indian River County every year”

- Circle Member

Circle Activities

November: Opening Afternoon Tea
Circle members kick off the season at the Museum to reconnect with friends, welcome new members, and learn about the selection of art education programs being proposed for funding consideration.

January: General Meeting
At this meeting we hear informative program presentations by the education staff. Site visit teams are then established, which are key to The Circle’s selection process.

February: Annual Breakfast Meeting
Conducted offsite at a private club, the meeting features an inspirational guest speaker from a program previously funded by The Circle.

March: Site Visit Team Presentations
The site visit teams provide insightful and moving reports of program visits, and a vote is taken to narrow down the programs to four finalists.

April: Closing Cocktail Reception
As we close the season, Members vote on which programs to fund. Often, individual members step up to financially support unfunded programs. This is the highlight of the year and is truly the heart of our commitment.

“I’ve met some of my best friends in The Circle. The Circle gives us all wonderful experiences that tap into our shared passions. For me, that led to special friendships for which I am very grateful.”

- Circle Member

Volunteer Opportunities

We encourage you to volunteer for one of our key committees:
- Membership
- Hospitality
- Site Visits
- Communications

Veterans Program

Museum Explorations

Memberships Form

☐ New Member  ☐ Renewal  ☐ Referred by __________

Name ________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City/ST/Zip ____________________________
Phone ___________ Email ________________________________
Preferred Address __________________________
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Preferred Phone ________________
Preferred method of contact ________________________________

I would like to join at the following level:
☐ $325 (minimum)  ☐ $500  ☐ $750  ☐ $1,000  ☐ $1,500  ☐ other

(Gifts to The Circle are 100% tax deductible)

$ ______ Additional gift to offset administrative costs
$_______ Total Enclosed

Payment Information

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