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**Pleasant Hill Becomes Bravo Greater Des Moines Partner**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – The City of Pleasant Hill will officially become a partner with Bravo Greater Des Moines on July 1, 2016, becoming the 17th municipality to support arts, culture and heritage in this regional collaboration. Bravo provides funding and support to participating cities and arts organizations to elevate the arts as vital contributors to the region’s vibrant quality of life.

“I am pleased the City of Pleasant Hill is now partnering with Bravo Greater Des Moines to foster and grow the arts within our community and throughout the Des Moines Metropolitan area. Art is a great way for community members to make connections and provides an essential element as our City continues to develop. The arts and culture is a key driver in quality of life and as our community attracts more residents who choose to live, work, and play in our City; it’s important we have the arts to keep them in our own backyard. Doanes Park and Copper Creek Lake Park offer great amenities, but our new park located South of Four Mile Elementary is a great opportunity to display art for visitors to enjoy,” said Mayor Sara Kurovski.

The Pleasant Hill City Council is in the process of creating a Public Arts Committee, to grow the arts in Pleasant Hill. This will enhance the quality of life for citizens within our community by creating life-long learning and enjoyment.

Bravo Greater Des Moines receives a portion of participating cities’ hotel and motel tax and distributes these funds through a competitive and accountable grantmaking process. The City of Pleasant Hill will contribute \$15,000 in fiscal year 2017, then \$30,000 in fiscal year 2018, and will become a full contributing partner in 2019.

Pleasant Hill joins Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Norwalk, Polk City, Polk County, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights in providing funding to Bravo Greater Des Moines.

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**Bravo Greater Des Moines**

*Bravo Greater Des Moines works to strengthen arts, culture and heritage organizations across Greater Des Moines using an accountable, regional and collaborative model to provide funding and support. Using funds contributed by local government partners, Bravo invests in arts, culture and heritage organizations that contribute to and enhance the quality of life in Central Iowa for residents and visitors.*