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The Grainger Foundation Supports
Greater Pensacola Symphony Orchestra (PSO)

Pensacola, FL– The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation located in Lake Forest, Illinois, has donated $10,000 to the Greater Pensacola Symphony Orchestra in support of its new community engagement initiative "Music as Service."

"This grant will be used to support the engagement programming taking place at Nemours Children's Clinic and Sacred Heart Children's Hospital," said Bret Barrow, Executive Director, Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. "We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity."

These programs currently involve PSO musicians and ensembles performing for and interacting with hospitalized children and children awaiting treatment. The performances and interactions between patients, families, caregivers, and PSO musicians provide a positive experience in an otherwise stressful environment. The programs were developed in partnership with physicians and medical staff to alleviate patient anxiety and to promote closer connections to care.

This donation was recommended by Mike Guillory, Branch Network Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s, Pensacola location. Grainger has been a part of the Pensacola business community for more than 20 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products. "We are proud to recommend the programs offered by the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra," said Guillory. "This is a welcomed program for those going through a very challenging time."

The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc.

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