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**ARTS EVERY DAY DISPLAYS STUDENT ART INSPIRED BY JACOB LAWRENCE AND JOAN GAITHER
Exhibition Reception on January 24, 2018**

December 15, 2017 (Baltimore, MD) – Arts Every Day will be hosting its second annual 10x10 Exhibit featuring over a hundred student and teacher artworks from Baltimore City Public Schools that respond to a culturally relevant body of work. The exhibition will be on view at the Motor House from January 8 – February 23, 2018 with a reception on January 24, 2018. Point Breeze Credit Union, which operates five Baltimore-area branches and serves more than 53,000 members, is the lead sponsor for the exhibition.

Inspired by painter Jacob Lawrence and Maryland story quilter Joan Gaither, students and teachers from Baltimore City Schools created 10 inch x 10 inch artworks that celebrate themes of identity, family heritage and culture. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum, an Arts Every Day cultural partner, brought over 1,500 students to see *Maryland Collects: Jacob Lawrence*, which is on display until January 7, 2018. Joan Gaither's work, *Freedom: Emancipation Quilted and Stitched* is on view until February 28, 2018.

Arts Every Day believes in the power of art to build community, provide an avenue for youth expression, and introduce new lessons and concepts in the classroom. Arts Every Day chose Lawrence and Gaither as its featured artists because of their unique perspectives in visualizing history and community traditions. Students and teachers alike have been captivated by how Lawrence invites the viewer into African-American domestic scenes and how Gaither portrays the legacies of people of color in Maryland.

Part of Arts Every Day's mission is to connect Baltimore's thriving art community to the creative youth in the city. Gary Mullen, the curator for the 2018 10x10 Exhibit, is a muralist and Art@Work artist, where he leads team of ten youth apprentices 14-21 years old and an artist assistant to create highly visible murals around Baltimore City. When invited to be the curator, Mullen was honored to be a part of the show, saying, "I wanted to be the curator because I wanted to see, up close, all of the young artists' creativity and talents. I look forward to seeing many of the youths' different styles and perspectives."

The exhibition reception will be on Wednesday, January 24 from 4-7 PM at the Motor House on 120 W. North Ave.

About Arts Every Day

Arts Every Day (AED) is proud to be a driving force in building and sustaining a Baltimore City that values public education through creativity, art, and culture. A 501(c) 3 founded in 2006 as one in only eight organizations originally funded by the Ford Foundation, AED works to ensure all Baltimore City Public Schools students have access to the arts every day through arts education, arts programming, and arts-integrated instruction. Arts Every Day works toward this goal through the forging of partnerships with schools and the arts and cultural community over the long-term to inspire lasting change. For more information visit www.artseveryday.com/anniversary.

About Reginald F. Lewis Museum

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum is Maryland's largest museum dedicated to the State's African American experience. A Smithsonian affiliate, the museum engages visitors through its permanent and special exhibitions, resource center, as well as programs such as its film series, live music performances, and family programming. For more information visit www.lewismuseum.org.

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