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Pi Beta Phi Foundation Awards \$130,582 to Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts Award is Second Fully Funded Foundation Grant to Arrowmont since 2009

ST. LOUIS, MO – February 18, 2010 – For the second consecutive year, Pi Beta Phi Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, has announced a significant grant to Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The grant award for 2010 is \$130,582; the 2009 grant award was \$150,000. Both grants fully fund the requests submitted by Arrowmont. This year's grant continues to support the school's development and marketing capacity, as well as funding updates to technology, studios and housing at Arrowmont, and for personal and professional services.

“This award exemplifies the role of Pi Beta Phi Foundation as a trustworthy steward of gifts for Arrowmont, while supporting the school as it works to meet its goals and objectives,” said Foundation Board President Peggy Lawrence.

“I am pleased that many wonderful things have been accomplished and set into motion because of the funding received last year,” said Arrowmont Executive Director David Willard. “We know we could not have taken these important steps without the Foundation's help.”

The grant was made possible through a bequest to Pi Beta Phi Foundation from Mrs. Aileen Aylsworth Welgan, a loyal member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity and long-standing supporter of the Foundation. Her devotion to both Pi Beta Phi and Arrowmont motivated Mrs. Welgan to bequeath a gift to the Foundation restricted for Arrowmont use.

“The real impact of support from Pi Beta Phi Foundation will be long term,” Willard continued. “I am very pleased with the tremendous amount of work we were able to achieve in our efforts to create a stronger internal foundation while building independence and sustainability for our future.”

The grant was unanimously approved by all members of Pi Beta Phi Foundation's Board of Trustees, which includes two members of the Fraternity's Grand Council. Since fiscal year 2000-01, Pi Beta Phi Foundation has awarded \$554,500 in grants and an additional \$19,700 in scholarships and gifts to Arrowmont.

About Pi Beta Phi Foundation: Pi Beta Phi Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Its goal is to enrich lives of Fraternity members and the community at large through education, leadership and philanthropy. Acting as the fundraising arm for Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, the Foundation awards grants and supports programs to benefit Pi Beta Phi and its philanthropies, including Arrowmont. For more information about Pi Beta Phi Foundation, please call (636) 256-0680 or visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org.

About Arrowmont: Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is a nationally renowned arts center that offers one week, two week and weekend workshops in ceramics, fiber, metals, glass, painting, mixed media, and woodworking for the beginner to advanced artist. Students learn in professionally equipped studios on a 14-acre residential campus in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Five galleries, an art supply store, and artist resource center are open visitors year round. Arrowmont was founded in 1912 as the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School. For more information about Arrowmont's programs, visit www.arrowmont.org or call (865) 436-5860.

About Pi Beta Phi Fraternity: Founded at Monmouth College in Illinois in 1867, Pi Beta Phi Fraternity was the first national secret society of women to be modeled after the Greek-letter fraternities of men. Today there are 134 active chapters and more than 330 alumnae groups in the United States and Canada. The Fraternity's partnership with First Book, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to giving children from low-income homes the opportunity to read and own books, solidifies the commitment to literacy that the Fraternity began when it founded the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in Gatlinburg. The Fraternity promotes friendship, develops women of intellect and integrity, cultivates leadership potential and enriches the lives of members and their communities.