Bowers Museum Receives a Million Dollar Donation from Mary and John Tu Foundation to Support Education and Exhibition Programs

Santa Ana, California, August 1, 2023 — The Bowers Museum is thrilled to announce a generous donation of one million dollars from philanthropic Mary and John Tu Foundation. This significant contribution will support the expansion and improvement of various education and exhibition programs, enriching the experiences of the museum's visitors and the wider community.

One such program, Anne’s Treasures, empowers seniors in the community through engagement in art and culture, providing a platform for lifelong learning and connection. The program offers interactive workshops and exhibition tours, promoting the value and creativity of our senior community.

The Tus, recognized for their philanthropic endeavors, have decided to invest in the transformative power of art and culture through this generous donation to the Bowers Museum.

"We are incredibly grateful to John and Mary Tu for their extraordinary gift," said Anne Shih, Chairwoman of the Board of Governors at the Bowers Museum. "Their generosity will enable us to enhance our mission of enriching lives through the world's finest arts and cultures."

Part of the Tu's contribution will quickly be seen in action in a special installation at South Coast Plaza Mall. From July 29 to August 28, 2023, a remarkable installation being held in Jewel Court aims to make art and culture accessible to a broader audience, providing an opportunity for mall visitors to engage with art in an everyday setting. The Bowers Museum extends its deepest gratitude to the Mary and John Tu Foundation for their substantial contribution, which reinforces the museum’s commitment to making art education accessible for all ages.