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Wing Haven Dedicated to Providing Garden Access for All

Wing Haven joins Museums for All to increase accessibility of high-quality museum and cultural center learning resources

Charlotte—Wing Haven is pleased to announce that it has joined Museums for All, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children’s Museums (ACM). Through this partnership, Wing Haven offers free garden admission to those receiving food assistance (SNAP and/or WIC) benefits, so all families can enjoy the magic and wonder of the natural world. Similar free and reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than 850 museums across the country. *Museums for All* is part of Wing Haven’s commitment to seek, include and welcome all audiences.

Museums for All helps expand access to museums and cultural centers and also raises public awareness about how these organizations in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 850 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children’s museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

About Wing Haven

Located in the heart of Charlotte, North Carolina, Wing Haven provides a natural oasis for reflection and study of its two historic gardens and the SEED Wildlife & Children’s Garden. Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary is rich in Southern horticulture and a habitat for birds and wildlife. The SEED Wildlife & Children’s Gardens, extensions of Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary, provide hands-on exploratory learning and a natural habitat for local wildlife. The Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden is the site of a world-renowned garden writer’s living laboratory. Together, these three gardens welcome visitors of all ages to discover and learn. Wing Haven also offers more than 40 programs and special events each year. Wing Haven is operated by the Wing Haven Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization supported by private donations, memberships, and income from special events and unique rental spaces.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Association of Children’s Museums (ACM)

The Association of Children’s Museums (ACM) champions children’s museums worldwide. With more than 460 members in 50 states and 16 countries, ACM leverages the collective knowledge of children’s museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at www.childrensmuseums.org.

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