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FRED'S FOOTSTEPS RECEIVES GIFT OF ART FROM RENOWNED ARTIST TREMAIN SMITH

April 4, 2017—Philadelphia, PA—Fred's Footsteps, a regional nonprofit that provides financial relief to families caring for critically ill or disabled children, announced today that it has received a gift of art from Tremain Smith, an artist whose work has been featured in galleries across the country, including four pieces in the permanent collection at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The piece, *Adonai Ha Eretz*, is 48 inches wide by 32 inches high; oil, wax and collage on wood panel; and can be seen in the organization's new office space at 110 Ardmore Avenue, Suite B.

"We are honored to receive this beautiful piece of artwork by Tremain Smith," said Christine DiBona Lobley, Fred's Footsteps Executive Director. "We offer great thanks to Lauren Anrig Addis and the LAA Art Collective for connecting us with Tremain Smith for this donation. It is the perfect addition to our new office space, and we are excited to show it off at events throughout the coming year."

Ms. Smith's work is in corporate and private collections across the country. She has had dozens of solo exhibitions in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Scottsdale, Maine, Delaware, Florida and Hawaii. Group exhibitions include SOFA Chicago, Art Miami, the Painted Bride, the Philadelphia Art Alliance, and the USArtists American Fine Art Show. She was an artist-in-residence at the McColl Center for Visual Art in 2004.

Smith has been reviewed extensively including coverage by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Chicago Tribune* and the *LA Weekly*. Her work is included in "Encaustic Art in the Twenty-First Century" by Anne Lee & E. Ashley Rooney published by Schiffer Publishing, "The Art of Encaustic Painting Contemporary Expression in the Ancient Medium of Pigmented Wax" published by Watson-Guptill, and in the art journal "New American Paintings". Smith studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Tyler School of Art, Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pennsylvania.

About Fred's Footsteps

Fred's Footsteps was created in 2005 in memory of Fred DiBona, Jr., who was President and CEO of Independence Blue Cross and a leading force among Philadelphia's business executives for more than three decades. In his name, the organization aims to follow in his footsteps of helping others and provides financial assistance to families in the Philadelphia area who find themselves in a financial crisis when a child is seriously ill, injured or disabled. Recognizing that caring for their children is the top priority, Fred's Footsteps identifies how to help hard-working families stay afloat during a difficult time. Funding has been used to offset a loss of wages, due to caring for a child, to pay household bills or to add home renovations or medical equipment needed for the child. For more information, visit www.fredsfootsteps.org.

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