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## **The Zanesville Museum of Art Receives Facility Improvement Grant from J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation**

ZANESVILLE, Ohio—The Zanesville Museum of Art has received a facility improvement grant from the J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation. The funds will be used to upgrade the museum’s security system. Additional funds for the upgrade were provided by Dr. and Mrs. Victor and Kristy Szemetylo.

“We are so grateful for the Foundation’s support so that the museum can undertake much-needed facility improvements.” said Executive Director Laine Snyder. “The Foundation is an important asset in this region.”

Some of the upgraded security features the museum is planning with the funds include swipe-card door access in certain areas of the museum, new cameras and motion sensors, and asset sensors on artworks, among other upgrades. One of the key benefits to upgrading the security system is that it will allow the Zanesville Museum of Art to apply for accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). Accreditation from AAM is crucial to art museums because it increases standing with donors, insurance companies, and the art community, among other benefits.

The J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation has supported the ZMA in the past as well, including grants for the recent ZMA to Go initiative and a series of Concerts at the

# ZANESVILLE MUSEUM of ART

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