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## NEWS

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## UPS FOUNDATION DONATES TO ALBANY INSTITUTE

ALBANY, NY— The Albany Institute of History & Art recently received a \$20,000 grant from the UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS. The grant will be used to pursue the Albany Institute’s Object Connections program, an outreach program for students who are unable to visit the museum.

The Object Connections program combines a traditional “traveling trunk” or “museum in a box” program—in which a traveling collection of replicas and educational tools are sent to participating schools—to a program that will bring museum educators into classrooms via a web-streaming lesson or videoconferencing technology. Object Connections will also employ a web-based exploration component to extend the experience and support independent learning skills. The program not only widens the Institute’s reach, but it also makes its programs more accessible by cutting the cost of school field trips in half.

“The support from the UPS Foundation will enable us to serve thousands of teachers and students who otherwise would not be able to experience the museum and its collections,” said Christine Miles, Director of the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, GA, the UPS Foundation identifies specific needs that clearly impact social issues. In support of this strategic approach, the UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: nonprofit effectiveness; economic and global literacy; encouraging diversity; community safety; and environmental sustainability. In 2008, the foundation oversaw more than \$100 million in philanthropy worldwide, including grants that provide support for building stronger communities.

“The UPS Foundation is committed to funding impactful programs that make a meaningful difference in our communities,” said Ken Sternad, president of foundation, “so we are proud to support the Albany Institute’s efforts to educate and to cultivate an interest and appreciation of history and art.”

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