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Port Orange Target Volunteers Clean Up Tuscawilla Preserve

Daytona Beach, FL – On Friday, February 17, 2017, volunteers from the Port Orange Target arrived at the Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) to help clean up debris in Tuscawilla Preserve left over from Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Tuscawilla Preserve was the one area of the MOAS campus that saw the most damage from the 2016 Hurricane. Fallen trees, debris, and damage to the boardwalks have left the Preserve closed to the public since October 2016.

Thanks to the hard work of around 20 employees and upper management from the Port Orange Target, a portion of Tuscawilla Preserve has been reopened. The Target Volunteers spend their morning helping with tree cleanup and the removal of debris from the boardwalk, washing text panels, pressure washing the boardwalk, and painting picnic tables.

“We are so thankful to the Port Orange Target volunteers for the contribution of their time, energy, and skills. Tuscawilla Preserve is an area of the Museum of Arts & Sciences that is utilized by so many. We are happy to be able to have a portion opened back up for exploration and enjoyment,” said MOAS Executive Director, Andrew Sandall.

Continued debris removal and repairs in Tuscawilla Preserve will happen in stages throughout 2017.

Port Orange Target Volunteers

After looking for a service project for their Target Volunteer Group, the employees of the Port Orange Target have been an instrumental group of volunteers with the Museum of Arts & Sciences for the past three years. The Port Orange Target volunteers lend a helping hand one to two times per year, usually in the fall and spring time, at Gamble Place in Port Orange. Gamble Place is another location owned by the Museum of Arts & Sciences. The property contains historic homes along with nature trails. The Target volunteers help annually with painting, tree and brush trimming, debris cleanup, and the donation of plants and bench seating.

About Tuscawilla Preserve

Tuscawilla Preserve is a lush 90-acre virgin Florida coastal hydric hammock and a habitat for numerous endangered species of flora and fauna. Opened in 2005, the education complex contains over ½ mile of boardwalks and nature trails as well as an education center and interactive learning stations.

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About the Museum of Arts & Sciences - The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, science and history museum in Central Florida**. The area's largest museum, MOAS is nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the Dow Gallery of American Art, one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, the Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art, the Bouchelle Collection and Gallery of Decorative Arts, the largest and most comprehensive collection in the South, the Gillespy Gallery of Sub-Saharan African artifacts, the Cuban Foundation Museum showcasing one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings in the United States, the Prehistory of Florida gallery featuring Florida's Giant Ground Sloth skeleton and the Root Family Museum displaying restored railroad cars, antique automobiles and the largest collection of Coca-Cola® memorabilia in Florida. The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building exhibits thousands of objects from many donors which are owned by the Museum, while the Linda and Williams Children's Museum presents an interactive experience for children. A new state-of-the-art planetarium and the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art showcasing the largest collection of Florida-based art in the world, rounds out areas to explore inside the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Museum Hours are 10am-5pm (Monday-Saturday) and 11am-5pm (Sunday). Museum of Arts & Sciences admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Daily Planetarium shows and weekly laser shows. Museum of Arts & Sciences admission includes one Planetarium show. Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art admission is \$10.95 adults; \$4.95 children 6-17; \$8.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission is \$18.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-17; \$16.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission includes on Planetarium show. Additional Planetarium shows are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 17 and under. Parking is free. Admission is FREE for Volusia County residents the first Tuesday of each month (does not include Planetarium shows). MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the website www.moas.org.

MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the County of Volusia.

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