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Dear Friend of the Arts:

The Friends of the Medford Cultural Arts Commission (FMCAC) is delighted to announce wonderful news for the residents of Medford. Mayor Lisa Post and Councilman Walter Urban, representing Medford Township Council, were both present at the January 2006 meeting of the Medford Cultural Arts Commission (MCAC) to share the news – that upon completion of the new municipal building/library the Council intends to convert the Pinelands Library on South Main Street at Allen Avenue into a **new Cultural Arts Center** for Medford!

While definite plans have yet to be laid out, this center is envisioned as a combination of gallery space, a small performance venue, and classroom/studio areas. A small informational area containing local and Pinelands tourism information is also being considered. Its central location within historic Medford Village, adjacent to Tomlinson Park and within walking distance of three schools, is seen as a strong asset. Needless to say, the members of both the MCAC and the FMCAC are thrilled at the prospect of a future home, and will be hard at work alongside the Township over the next couple of years to help bring the **Cultural Arts Center** to fruition.

Because of this wonderful news, the FMCAC anticipates launching some new fundraising initiatives in addition to our regular programs, including an exciting major township-wide arts project to be announced in April. As this **Cultural Arts Center** will be created to serve you, you are invited and encouraged to become involved in the process, whether through direct financial support, participation in fundraising projects, donation of professional in-kind services or other volunteer assistance.

While we commence planning for such a monumental event, however, the MCAC and the FMCAC are still hard at work to provide and improve the current level of services. Our schedule of events for the year 2006 will again offer such perennially-popular projects such as “Young Artists in Concert”, the “Paint Our Town Challenge” and other quality programs and events. Since our formation in 1998, we have been very excited to be a part of expanding the impact of creative arts within Medford and the surrounding areas of South Jersey. Now, in 2006, we have an unprecedented opportunity to help to shape the future of the arts in Medford, and we are most hopeful that you will join us in our efforts.

For questions or additional information regarding opportunities for involvement, please don't hesitate to contact me at 609-654-6485.

Sincerely,

Janet Jackson-Gould, President
FMCAC