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Olana Receives Stewart's Holiday Match Grant

The Olana Partnership announced that it received a grant of \$1,500 from the Stewart's Holiday Match program. The grant will be used to support children's programs and activities in the Wagon House Education Center at Olana State Historic Site during the 2014 season.

"We are thankful to Stewart's and their customers for their support of the Holiday Match program. This grant allows The Olana Partnership to continue to share the importance of Frederic Church's Olana, as a National Historic Landmark and a piece of American history, to our local school age children," said Sara Griffen, President of The Olana Partnership.

Olana's Wagon House Education Center is celebrating its sixth year. Programs are offered for children and adults of all ages, many of which are free or of minimal cost. The Olana Partnership also offers *Panorama*, a two-week long summer program for children ages 6-12 which will focus on Church's inspiration from eastern culture and using nature as the artists palette. Programs promote The Olana Partnership's mission: To inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Olana, Frederic Church's artistic masterpiece. To view a full listing of upcoming programs and events or to sign up visit www.olana.org or call 518.828.1872x109.

Since 1986, Stewart's Shops have collected and matched donation from Thanksgiving to Christmas. One half of the funds awarded come directly from Stewart's customers. This year Stewart's has allocated \$1,340,459 to more than 1,530 organizations serving children 18 years and under. Stewart's credits the success of this program to its customers, dedicated shop partners and media partners.

About Olana and The Olana Partnership

The eminent Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) designed Olana, his family home, studio, and estate as an integrated environment embracing architecture, art, landscape, and conservation ideals. Considered one of the most important artistic residences in the United States, Olana is a 250-acre artist-designed landscape with a Persian-inspired house at its summit, embracing unrivaled panoramic views of the vast Hudson Valley.

Olana State Historic Site, a historic site administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Taconic Region, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state. The Olana Partnership, a private not-for-profit education corporation, works cooperatively with New York State to support the restoration, development and improvement of Olana State Historic Site. To learn more about Olana and The Olana Partnership, please visit www.olana.org.