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## **Ella Sharp Museum Receives Grant to Support Traveling Exhibit**

*The Hurst Foundation Awards \$30,000 to support exhibit from the Boston Children's Museum*

3225 Fourth Street, Jackson, MI – December 30, 2019– The Hurst Foundation has awarded Ella Sharp Museum a grant of \$30,000 to support the 2020 traveling exhibit, *My Sky*. This awarded grant is aimed at growing science based education and entertainment for the Jackson community.

"The Hurst Foundation is proud to support the effort to integrate science based learning within the Ella Sharp Museum campus, which includes the Hurst Planetarium," said Anthony P. Hurst, President of the Hurst Foundation. "With the hands on experiences this unique exhibit offers, we encourage everyone to learn about *My Sky* - allowing *My Sky* to teach us in return."

The *My Sky* exhibit is an immersive and inspiring traveling exhibit designed to engage adults and children, ages 5 – 10, in early investigations of astronomical science. It is accompanied by a website, [www.myskyexhibit.org](http://www.myskyexhibit.org) that includes a tour of the universe, interesting facts about the Moon, Sun and stars, and offers ideas and resources that parents can use to practice science at home with their children. *My Sky* is funded by NASA and created through a partnership between Boston Children's Museum and Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

The exhibit is set to open February 15, 2020 at Ella Sharp Museum.

### **About the Ella Sharp Museum**

The Ella Sharp Museum offers programs, exhibits and experiences by preserving history, advancing art appreciation, and connecting children with science. Our mission focuses on providing opportunities to connect our community with history, science, and the arts.

### **About the Hurst Foundation**

The Hurst Foundation has served the community since 1969 and has provided over \$10 million in grants. Our mission is to inspire lifelong learning, initiate investments in our community to stimulate economic and educational development and to innovate bold ideas for our future.

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