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RHOADES MCKEE ANNOUNCES ARTPRIZE VENUE SPONSORSHIP AT WEST MICHIGAN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

September 1, 2009 — Rhoades McKee is pleased to be the Title Sponsor of the *ArtPrize* venue at *West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology (WMCAT)*.

Located in downtown Grand Rapids for nearly 50 years, this sponsorship expresses our commitment to the arts, to innovative economic initiatives, and to the Grand Rapids community.

After careful review, WMCAT was selected because of their mission to help build lives in children and adults in Grand Rapids. WMCAT, a non-profit organization, provides opportunities for at-risk teenagers and under-employed adults to engage with the arts and technology at no cost to them. Offering after-school and summer arts programs, health care education and employment training to under- and unemployed community members, WMCAT students benefit from world-class facilities, can learn new, marketable skills and realize life-changing opportunities.

In addition to the ArtPrize public gallery hours, WMCAT will be hosting several events.

ArtPrize Bash – September 25, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Gallery Walk – September 27, 2009 from 1 – 4:00 PM

Art and Rock Party – Friday, October 9, 2009 from 7 – 11:00 PM

Further information on these events can be found on www.wmcat.org and www.rhoadesmckee.com

Rhoades McKee has selected this venue sponsorship as extension of their community involvement, referred to as the *Good Works Program*. Each year the Good Works Program covers a range of causes in education, health care and the arts. In the past year, Rhoades McKee sponsored The Hat Trick Series at One Trick Pony (a concert series launched by community radio station WYCE 88.1 FM) not only financing the performers but also offering matching contributions to area charities. This spring, donations for this concert venue officially reached the \$50,000 milestone in donations.

The upcoming Annual Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon event held September 15, 2009 in East Grand Rapids benefits St. John's Home/Kids First. With the triathlon just a few weeks away, the firm is also completed their Annual Back Pack and School Supplies Drive for the Children at St. John's Home. As a supporter of the art education, Rhoades McKee offers Kendall Art Students with scholarship opportunities through its annual Holiday Design Contest.

About Rhoades McKee:

Founded in 1960, Rhoades McKee is a 54-member, Grand Rapids-based law firm representing consumers and businesses in a wide range of legal matters, including business, tax and corporate law; real estate, construction and environmental law; labor and employment law; health care law; estate planning and probate law; family law; professional liability and insurance defense; bankruptcy law; and litigation and dispute resolution.

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