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ASPEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ART CARDS BY ASPEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON SALE NOW! 100% of Proceeds To Fund Service-Learning Expedition



November 24, 2014 (Woody Creek, CO) — Students of the Aspen Community School — an award-winning K-8 charter school that is known for its focus on art and academics — are putting creativity to work. To raise funds for a service-learning expedition, the thirteen 8th graders of Aspen Community School (ACS) set forth with pencil, brush and ink in hand to create seasonal images of life in the Roaring Fork Valley. Working with teachers Billy Miller and Hilary Forsyth and parent Elana Royer, their original works were digitally captured and transformed into gift sets of blank art cards that are on sale now in select local stores. Thanks to the generosity of a sponsor who has underwritten all printing costs, 100% of proceeds will go toward the students' \$3,000 fundraising goal. The monies will help underwrite the annual graduation trip to San Francisco where the students will volunteer each day serving free meals to the hungry and will learn first-hand about the history and culture of the city.

"This fundraiser is a win-win-win: students are using their artistic talents to fund a real life educational trip and volunteer their time to help others," said ACS teacher Billy Miller.

Sold in bundles of ten assorted blank cards for \$10, the large cards make timely holiday cards and timeless gifts. A gondola's ascent amid the backdrop of snow capped peaks, the dramatic plunge of Highland Bowl and an ink and watercolor interpretation of a suspended snowflake are a few of the scenes rendered by the students. The 5x7 cards have been digitally printed on eco-paper from the Sustainable Forest Initiative. Gift sets are available now at the Woody Creek Community Center, Aspen Community School and from members of the school's graduating class.

Since its inception in 1970, the Aspen Community School has been a leader in arts education in the Roaring Fork Valley. Students at ACS benefit from an integrated arts curriculum, high quality instruction in both visual and performing arts and at least four classes in the arts per week. The school's award-winning arts program was recognized

with the National School of Distinction Award from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

More information is available from the Aspen Community School at 970-923-4080.

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