

## Exhibit A

### **“Our Town” Public Arts Grant - National Endowment for the Arts City of North Richland Hills, Texas**

*“The Wishing Spot,” a collaborative art project between  
the City of North Richland Hills, Social Transportation for Seniors & continued efforts of  
education of community services and resources*



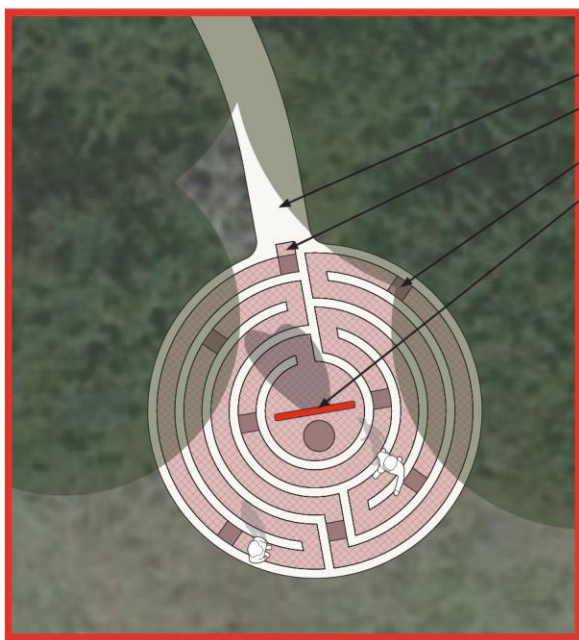
Proposed Installation Site – Linda Spurlock Park, 6400 Glenview Drive



Nestled within a shaded copse of oaks at the newly renovated Linda Spurlock Park, the proposed site for “The Wishing Spot” is situated away from the bustling playground area, but within easy access of the loop trail surrounding the park. The site is located on a natural rise within the park grounds and is designed to take advantage of a quieter area of the park and the calming southwest facing vista of the park pond.



**Merging Art and Nature:** “The Wishing Spot” is an intimate, meditative art installation that will stand as a safe place for individuals and small groups to visit for reflection, sanctuary and to request discreet assistance. “The Wishing Spot” is a place to uplift, inspire and confirm the power of ritual and good intention within our community. *Page 3 represents sample renderings of the site with art meditation maze and artwork structure. Design and materials have not yet been determined or finalized and will be part of the review process should the grant be awarded.*



- CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- MEDITATION MAZE
- PRECAST CONCRETE WITH INSCRIPTIONS
- ARTWORK



**Heart Sculpture:** A 20 ft. high aluminum or steel powder-coated red heart stands at the center of the installation, serving as a neighborhood landmark and a community celebration spot where people can stop for selfies and mark important celebrations. *Below: The attraction of love-themed artwork is undeniable with numerous examples across the country. The heart shape universally represents love, health, support, longevity and hope. The positivity represented by the vivid red color can stand in warm contrast to the surroundings almost wherever it is situated.*



*(Photos examples of love themed public art installations as place-making spots in communities)*

**Meditation Maze:** Sample inspiration photos.



The **Meditation Maze** at The Wishing Spot will designate a place of quiet and contemplative activity. The path will feature small inscribed plaques with words of hope and wisdom from the NRH Senior Community. At the center of the maze, in front of the heart sculpture, there will be a circular plaque...the actual "wishing spot," where people can stand and make wishes. "Stand Right Here and Wait to See if Your Wish is Meant to Be." Its fun to make wishes ... and we all have them. Just like when throwing pennies in a fountain or blowing out birthday candles, The Wishing Spot is a place where wishes are encouraged.

**Partnership with NRH Services or other Community Resources: The Help Station:** Sample inspiration photos.



*A design based on an oversized garden gazing ball with a highly reflective surface or brightly powder-coated surface and lock box mechanism is one possible idea.*

The **Wishing Spot Help Station** will be a unique installation where people are encouraged to drop handwritten notes for assistance, if needed. The Help Station is designed so that people who are in need of help or connection to community services can discreetly write down their problem, contact information, and drop their notes through the slot in the station. The notes will be collected weekly and distributed to the appropriate City department or community resource agency. The design of the Help Station will be light and whimsical but will be secure enough that the messages are kept safely until they can be collected.

Signage would be placed adjacent to the Help station with contact information for community resources and helpful services.



**Partnership with Social Transportation for Seniors: Programming.** A variety of healthy outdoor activities can be programmed within The Wishing Spot installation, including outdoor yoga classes, Parent and Me programs, Gentle Fitness classes, Walking Groups and meditation classes. “Our Past Builds Our Future” programming will specifically honor the Senior Citizens of North Richland Hills through a variety of music, dance and spoken word events. The neighborhood surrounding Linda Spurlock park is a diverse one, with people of many backgrounds and cultures, and first-generation immigrants with remarkable stories to tell. Additional programming at the site will bring seniors and young people together through a neighborhood dance celebration centered on traditions, history and the wisdom of the older residents living within our community. The Wishing Spot can also serve as a hub for assisting seniors in need. The NRH Senior Center would also participate in programming at this location as well as including Linda Spurlock Park within their seasonal park tour visits, which include walking to encourage the importance of daily movement at any age.