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**Salisbury House Foundation Awarded 2016 Annual Grant**

**Des Moines, Iowa (January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**- The Salisbury House Foundation is pleased to announce that it received a \$10,000 grant award from The Principal Financial Group Foundation in the last quarter of 2016. This grant signifies a 20-year mark in the partnership between Salisbury House Foundation and Principal Financial Group Foundation, Inc., highlighting both organizations' commitment to cultivating a strong and vibrant culture in the Greater Des Moines Area and ensuring all members of the community have access to meaningful arts and culture experiences.

Salisbury House is a 42-room historic house museum in Central Iowa, recognized by the Iowa chapter of the American Institute of Architects as "one of the fifty most significant Iowa buildings of the twentieth century". Built in the 1920's by Iowa native and cosmetics magnate Carl Weeks and his wife Edith, Salisbury House museum boasts extensive collections of culturally significant books, art, music, architecture, and antiquities.

Grant funds will support the Foundation in its mission to preserve, interpret, and share the Salisbury House and its collections as a historic house museum. Principal's longstanding support of Salisbury House Foundation has impacted thousands of Iowans and this grant will ensure current and future generations continue to have access to an important piece of Iowa heritage and history.

***About Salisbury House Foundation***

*In 1993, Salisbury House Foundation (SHF) was established with a mission to preserve, interpret and share the international significance of Salisbury House and its collections as a historic house museum for the educational, cultural benefit and enjoyment of the public. Today, SHF continues to manage one of Iowa's most significant cultural resources and offer it to the Greater Des Moines Area as a space for the confluence of art, culture, and community. To learn more, please visit [www.salisburyhouse.org](http://www.salisburyhouse.org).*

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