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TRINITY REP RAISES RECORD AMOUNT FOR RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

PROVIDENCE, RI: Trinity Rep is pleased to announce that its 2017 collection of donations for the the Rhode Island Community Food Bank surpassed its previous record, raising a total of **\$65,395.21**. Since 2006, Trinity Rep has collected donations from audience members during its annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. This tradition is part of the theater's commitment to its community and a reminder to audiences to bring the spirit of Dickens' story into their lives and the rest of Rhode Island. This year's collection brings the total raised over the past twelve years to over \$450,000.

More than 35,000 audience members attended this year's 40th anniversary production of *A Christmas Carol*, which was the highest grossing production in all of Trinity Rep's 54-year history, exceeding the previous record by more than 10%. The production featured Resident Acting Company member Joe Wilson, Jr. in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge and 18 different community non-profit groups were featured on stage over the course of the run, providing them the opportunity to perform alongside professional actors and showcase their organizations' missions. Audiences delighted at what many called one of the best productions of the show they'd seen, with trap doors, tap dancing, zip lines, flying beds, and falling snow.

TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY

Rhode Island's Tony Award-winning theater, Trinity Rep has created unparalleled professional theater for and with its community since its founding in 1963. Trinity Rep strives to facilitate human connection and has been a driving force behind the creativity that fuels and defines the region for more than 50 years.

Trinity Rep is committed to reinventing the public square and inspiring dialogue by creating emotionally-stimulating live productions that range from classical to contemporary and innovative education



programs for all ages and abilities. Its annual production of *A Christmas Carol* has brought families together for 40 years and made memories for over a million audience members.

Subscriptions for the 2017-18 season are now on sale. The season includes *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller, *Skeleton Crew* by Dominique Morisseau, *Into the Breeches!* by George Brant, *Othello* by William Shakespeare, *Native Gardens* by Karen Zacarías, and *Ragtime* by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow. **For more information and to purchase tickets, call the box office at (401) 351-4242 or visit Trinity Rep's website at www.TrinityRep.com.**

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