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Greater Seattle Area "Cranes for Peace" Campaign Donates \$1,0000 to Stop AAPI Hate in Support of Ending Violence Against Asian Americans Pacific Islanders (AAPI)

Partnership of local art establishments and Casion Jewelry successfully raised funds and will continue to do so

Bothell, Wash., October 7, 2021 – Using art for peace, the Schack Art Center in Everett, WA and the Bellevue Arts Museum in Bellevue, WA partnered with Casion Jewelry in Bothell, WA to promote awareness and end the continuing harassment and violence against Asian Americans Pacific Islanders (AAPI). The "Cranes for Peace" fundraising campaign successfully raised and donated \$1,000.00 to Stop AAPI Hate after five months.

"This fundraiser would not have been possible without our partner's support and all the individuals who believed in our mission to end the continuing violence against AAPI," Casion Jewelry founder and designer Fay Lim said. "I'm grateful for all the individuals in the Greater Seattle area and from as far away as New York, Louisiana, and Oregon for their purchase of Washi Origami Crane earrings in which a portion is donated to Stop AAPI Hate."

The <u>Stop AAPI Hate Center</u> is a coalition of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and the Asian American Studies Department at San Francisco State University. The organization tracks and reports incidents of hate, violence, harassment, and discrimination as well as provides translation services, advocacy, and more.

The "Cranes for Peace" fundraising campaign was kicked off in May 2021 in conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Plans are to continue fundraising into 2022.

The Asian tradition of 1,000 paper cranes represents granting a special wish, happiness, long life, and often used to symbolize peace. Using "Washi" or traditional Japanese paper that is processed by hand and made in the traditional manner; these cranes are also treated to prevent UV fading and are water resistant.

The Washi Origami Crane earrings are available at the Schack Art Center, 2921 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA 98201; or can be ordered online at the Bellevue Arts Museum by visiting https://shop.bellevuearts.org/collections/jewelry?sort by=title-ascending.

About Casion Jewelry

Casion Jewelry, based in Bothell, WA, offers contemporary, elegant, unique, and handmade jewelry as well as custom pieces. View Casion Jewelry's portfolio at https://casionjewelry.wixsite.com/casionjewelry or contact via email at casionjewelry@gmail.com or phone: (425) 770-8998.