



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**To:** Denver City Council

**From:** Michael Chavez, Public Art Program Manager  
Denver Arts & Venues

**Date:** July 28, 2022

**Subject:** Proposed Public Art Donation, New Freedom Park  
District 5

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### Background:

The Trust for Public Land and Denver Urban Gardens, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts Art Works Grant, the Denver Foundation's Art Tank, the Gates Family Foundation, and individual supporters, commissioned Denver artist Robert Tully for a site-specific artwork for New Freedom Park, located at 8806 E 13th Ave. Denver Arts & Venues (A&V) Public Art Program administered the artist selection process.

### Current Request:

A&V is seeking City Council approval of a resolution to accept "For the Children," an artwork by Robert Tully, as a donation into the Denver Public Art Collection.

### Project Goal:

The project's goal was to create a one-of-a-kind artwork that would address the need for shade at New Freedom Park by engaging the community in designing a culturally appropriate solution that reflects the diverse community. The park serves a refugee community from around the world – the Congo, Somalia, Burundi, Thailand, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and other countries – who are resettled in nearby apartment buildings. The artwork was inspired by children's drawings from community events held by the artist.

The Art Selection Panel included neighborhood residents and representatives from Denver Parks and Recreation, the Trust for Public Land, Denver Urban Gardens, and the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs.