

The United Arts Appeal
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News Release

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Photo caption: At their February meeting, United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County board members sent letters to businesses and individuals who contributed in the past, requesting their support for the arts in 2019. Participating members were (from left, seated) Shane Hawkins, Bob Ostrom, Julie Newell, (standing) Sally Ulrich, Rick Davis, Elizabeth Bush, and Joe Braeger.

United Arts Appeal Appreciates Fund Drive Contributors

Jamestown, N.Y. – To kick off their 2019 fund drive, this month United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) board members sent letters to previous donors. They requested support again for the hundreds of concerts, performances, classes, and exhibits UAA member organizations present that are enjoyed by thousands of people each year.

Those organizations include the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

As a group, this is the only request the UAA makes of the local community.

President Julie Newell noted, “We have such a wealth of opportunities in music, theater, dance, and more that sometimes we forget how few communities our size are so fortunate. In addition to enriching our lives and personal experiences, the arts contribute to our economic well-being, bringing visitors from outside Chautauqua County, generating thousands of tax dollars, and increasing the appeal to prospective investors, professionals, and employees.”

In appreciation, the UAA recognizes its supporters in numerous ways.

All donors receive a range of benefits for their generosity. Regardless of the amount of their contribution, they are listed on the UAA's website and in the printed programs of UAA member organizations, giving them exposure to thousands of audience members.

Depending on the level of contribution, additional benefits include links to the donor's website, being featured on posters in the lobbies of the Lucille Ball Little Theatre in Jamestown and the 1891 Fredonia Opera House, free cinema admissions, and more. Details are on the Support UAA page at UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

In 2018 the United Arts Appeal received major support from Chautauqua County, the Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist Foundation.

Patrons in 2018 were Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Mark and Donna Hampton, the Holmberg Foundation, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Terry and Rick Turner. Special Gifts were received from M. L. Feather, Hope's Windows, KeyBank, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Thomas A. Turner, and Wegmans. Donors included Clark Patterson Lee, Everyday's True Value, Falconer Funeral Home, John and Margie Fuchs, John and Donna Ireland, LaBella Associates, Betsy and David Shepherd, Lois F. Strickler, Sherwood and Lissa VanDewark, and Weinberg Financial Group

Businesses and individuals who want to help fund the arts in Chautauqua County can send their contributions to the United Arts Appeal, 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

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