



The United Arts Appeal

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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is making its final appeal for 2015. Contributors to the UAA's 2015 Fund Drive by the end of the August will be acknowledged throughout the 2015-2016 season for their support of the arts. Presented by the Jamestown Concert Association, the performance by professional organist and Jamestown native Josh Stafford (pictured) planned for October 16 is an example of the quality of programs offered by members of the UAA.

United Arts Appeal 2015 Fund Drive Nearing Close

Jamestown, NY – With the closing of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's 2015 Fund Drive at the end of this month, there is still time for businesses and individuals to lend their support and be recognized during the 2015-2016 season.

“Our fund raising efforts are targeted to the business community,” said President Lynn Warner, “but we're happy to accept contributions from individuals as well.”

Warner said that it comes as a surprise to some that over the course of a year more than 65,000 people enjoy the programs offered by United Arts Appeal member organizations. “We recognize our contributors in printed programs, on our website, and in other ways. It really comes down to inexpensive promotion for local businesses while helping a great cause!”

The United Arts Appeal provides operating support for eight of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: 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, Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. The UAA also awards grants for arts projects to individual artists and other organizations through its Projects Pool Grants Program.

Warner pointed out that Chautauqua County has a remarkably high quality of arts opportunities, contributing substantially to the economic well-being of the local community as well as having a positive impact on children's academic success. "Funding the arts is truly a win-win for everyone!"

The United Arts Appeal is supported by Chautauqua County, the Jesse Smith Darrah Fund, the Hultquist Foundation, and the Holmberg Foundation.

Major contributors to the UAA's 2015 Fund Drive are Lyndon and Melanie Gritters, Matric Limited - Richard E. Turner, Jr., and Dr. Bruce Rockwell.

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Contributions can be made by check to the United Arts Appeal, 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

For all the benefits available to contributors to the United Arts Appeal, see "Support UAA" at www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org. For the complete list of contributors, see "BRAVO!" at the website.

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