

# Dear Cultural Supporters:

In looking back over our last fiscal year, I wanted to share some important highlights of United Arts' accomplishments for our readers. Since inception in 1989, United Arts has invested more than \$145 million in Central Florida nonprofit cultural organizations and artists, and makes possible more than 2.7 million cultural experiences in Central Florida each year.

United Arts has developed important and high-impact partnerships with other funders, which I want to share with you.

This is the second year of support led by a \$100,000 gift from **Dr. Phillips Charities** and matched by Tupperware Brands, Osceola County, the School District of Osceola County and Osceola Arts for a total of **\$200,000** to infuse a wide range of cultural programs into Osceola schools. Every school in Osceola County is experiencing high-quality arts programs as a result of this generous partnership.

We are in the final year of a **\$300,000** multi-year grant from **JPMorgan Chase Foundation** in partnership with Valencia College and Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) that established the Career Pathways to Creative Sector Jobs program at Evans High School. This program has engaged 200 students thus far and propelled Evans to become an Arts & Entertainment Magnet School.

This is also the first year of a **\$350,000** two-year gift from JPMorgan Chase Foundation for the replication of the Evans program, with the School District of Osceola County, to evolve a new STEM high school into a STEAM high school. Because this is a new school, we were able to work with our partners, Valencia College and the School District of Osceola County's fine arts coordinators, to design the program from the ground up. We are thrilled with the career impact that these programs will have on high-school students.



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**Walt Disney World Resort** has awarded United Arts **\$200,000** per year for the past three years to commission a live theater production for OCPS eighth-graders produced by the Orlando Repertory Theatre at Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. This past year's production of *The Giver* brought to life an emotionally challenging, complex book that students read in their classrooms.

We continued our important partnership with **Duke Energy** on funding diversity initiatives; this year we saw remarkable new programming that drew in new audiences to many of the groups that received Diversity Grants. Over the past three years, Duke Energy has invested **\$150,000**

in making the arts accessible to the wide range of cultures in our region.

A new gift from the **Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation** created an annual award to a community leader who has long supported the arts. The award winner can "gift" **\$5,000** to the cultural organization of their choice — this year's Jerry Hilbrich Arts Leadership Award recognized its namesake, who presented the \$5,000 to the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

United Arts is thankful for all its cultural partners and donors who help us to enrich our communities by investing in arts, science and history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flora Maria Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Flora Maria Garcia  
President & CEO  
United Arts of Central Florida