

# Recognizing Leadership & Success

United Arts honors Jerry Hilbrich and receives grant renewal from Dr. Phillips Charities.

Central Floridians' devotion to giving back fuels United Arts' support of more than 70 arts and cultural nonprofits. Two recent initiatives exemplify that spirit.

## Leading by Serving

In recognition of his 30-plus years of dedication to the community, United Arts has presented Gerald "Jerry" Hilbrich with the inaugural **Jerry Hilbrich Arts Leadership Award**. This award is funded by a gift from Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation.

"We are honored to not only create this annual award in Jerry's name, but to make him the first recipient," United Arts President & CEO Flora Maria Garcia says. "He has contributed much to United Arts — and continues to contribute to Central Florida in a beautiful, meaningful way."

The award comes with a \$5,000 gift to a United Arts-funded cultural nonprofit of his choice; Hilbrich selected Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Hilbrich's contributions to Central Florida are many, including serving as president of United Arts, chief financial officer of Catholic Diocese of Orlando, and chair of organizations including Central Florida Foundation, Edyth Bush

Charitable Foundation, Florida Symphony Orchestra, Heart of Florida United Way, Junior Achievement of Central Florida and UCF Foundation.

Hilbrich accepted the award at United Arts' June 28 annual meeting at Enzian.

"The quality of life of any community is a function of a variety of variables, and one of the most important of them is the quality and quantity of each community's arts and cultural activities and experiences," Hilbrich says.

## Building on Success

From group violin lessons to college-application assistance, the School District of Osceola County **Arts Enrichment Program** reached more than 11,000 students in the 2016-17 school year. The program's success prompted Dr. Phillips Charities to renew its



Pre-kindergarten violinists perform at the Osceola County Principals' Arts Appreciation Breakfast.

support for the program by donating \$100,000 for the 2017-18 school year. These funds will be matched by \$100,000 from sources including Osceola Arts, Osceola School District, Osceola County Commissioners and Tupperware Brands.

Plans for 2017-18 include:

- String Literacy Program: up to 176 prekindergarten students
- Osceola Arts Behind the Scenes field trip: 3,200 second-graders
- Center for Contemporary Dance performances: 3,450 third-graders
- Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra Young People's Concert: 4,200 fifth-graders
- Central Florida Community Arts musical-theater production: 3,550 eighth-graders
- Orlando Shakespeare Theater in-class presentations: 640 middle- and high-school students
- stART Summer Arts Intensive: 550 high-schoolers

"Dr. Phillips Charities is honored to be a part of United Arts' commitment to the Osceola School District Arts Enrichment Program," Dr. Phillips Charities President Ken Robinson says. "Our board of directors values the effort to increase exposure and access to the arts, and particularly to music."



Gerald "Jerry" Hilbrich