

Enhancing Our Communities' Cultural Experiences

The School District of Osceola County Arts Enrichment Program grant from Dr. Phillips Charities will support expansion of existing and new arts programs for children.



ONE OF THE WAYS United Arts of Central Florida reaches underserved communities in Central Florida is through grants funding music education programs such as Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra's Instrument Petting Zoo.

Since 1989, United Arts of Central Florida has served communities in Lake, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. United Arts achieves its mission to enrich communities by investing in arts, science and history, and enhancing the quality and variety of cultural experiences available in Central Florida. Through a \$100,000 grant provided by Dr. Phillips Charities and support from Tupperware Brands, the Osceola County Commissioners and the School District of Osceola County, United Arts will work hand in hand with the Fine Arts Coordinator of the Osceola School District to develop the School District of Osceola County Arts Enrichment Program, which fulfills United Arts' key mission of making cultural experiences available to communities — particularly those that are underserved. The grant will support the expansion of successful existing arts programs and create new ones. These programs will be offered in every public elementary, middle and high school in

Osceola County. That is a total of 43 schools (24 elementary, eight middle schools, seven high schools and four multi-level schools). Additionally, the fifth-grade program would include 10 charter schools.



Cultural Programs Supported by Dr. Phillips Charities

Below is a list of programs that are to be supported by the Dr. Phillips Charities grant:

Pre-K String Literacy Program. This program is an expansion of the **successful** current program into additional school settings serving **140 more students**. Violin instruction will be provided to at-risk 4 year olds to help prepare them with better kindergarten readiness skills. The Pre-K students hold a violin from

the first day of instruction. The respect and care of the violin is one of the competencies that are part of the curriculum for this program. Those skills correlate with the kindergarten readiness skills that are being evaluated. By the end of the year, the children will perform for community events.

Second-Grade Osceola Arts Behind-the-Scenes Field Trip. This is an expansion of another successful and high-demand program consisting of a field trip to the Osceola Performing Arts Center, enhanced by curricular materials to be used by teachers before and after the field trip. The program is an interactive approach to immerse students in the arts. In merely an hour, the students will perform a theatrical production, visit an art gallery filled with local art and create a self-portrait. The short play, entitled *Morning at the Art Museum*, introduces the students to every aspect of a theater production. From lights and sound to acting and costuming, the students do it all with the guidance of highly trained staff. Hands-on experiences and having the opportunity to appreciate art is the goal of this program. This program will impact **4,752 new students** per year.

Third-Grade Orlando Ballet Performances. Approximately **5,165 third-graders** will be able to experience live performances of the Orlando Ballet. These experiences will include curriculum materials to be used by teachers before and after performances.

Fifth-Grade Additional Performances of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra's Concert. This program entails an expansion of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra's (OPO) Young People's Concerts to accommodate the charter schools and the new student growth at each elementary school. Fifth-graders will experience a live performance, enhanced by curriculum materials to be used by teachers before and after the field trip. The concert includes explanation of the classic pieces by the OPO educa-

tion director. This is an expansion of an existing program to accommodate the growth of the fifth-grade student population in Osceola public schools and will include the 10 charter schools. Performances will impact **5,791 new students**.

Eighth-Grade *The Giver* Performance by the Orlando Repertory Theatre. A live production of the book *The Giver* will be presented by the Orlando Repertory Theatre. The program will take place after the children read the book and will include curriculum materials for use by the teachers. The production will impact **4,956 eighth-graders**.

After-School Reader's Theatre Program Presented by Osceola Arts for Middle Schoolers. This program is an expansion of Osceola Arts' effective after-school

program that focuses on building literacy through theater experiences. It will impact **100 new students** per year.

Expansion of StART Summer Arts Intensive Program. The expansion of the program that is conducted in partnership with the Julliard School for middle school and high school students will entail ongoing master classes, college and audition coaching, etc., which will have a much greater impact on participating students. High-school StART Summer Arts Intensive is an expansion of an existing two-week summer program to evolve it into an ongoing support system for middle- and high-school arts students in need of master classes, college and career counseling, and audition coaching. StART summer cohort: **170 students; upcoming 11th graders, 400; upcoming 12th graders, 400.** **oam**



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