What is UPAF Notable Women?

UPAF Notable Women, sponsored by BMO Harris Bank, brings together a powerful group of women dedicated to improving our community through philanthropy, service and advocacy.

UPAF Notable Women make a difference through:
- Uplifting proactive arts education solutions
- Engaging in performing arts service
- Elevating women’s leadership in the community

Women may join UPAF Notable Women with a donation of $1,000 or more. Men may also show their support by contributing on behalf of a Notable Woman in their lives. With your $1,000+ donation to join this distinguished group, you may designate a portion of your gift to one of UPAF’s Community Impact Programs – UPAF Bright Minds, presented by We Energies Foundation; UPAF Connect, presented by Northwestern Mutual; or Kasey’s Fund, presented by MGIC.

Over the past several years, arts education resources in the classroom have seen a dramatic decline throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. For example, there are about 80 art and music specialists for the nearly 80,000 students in Milwaukee Public Schools. Yet studies like the one conducted by the Northwestern Mutual Foundation have proven that:
- Arts education significantly improves a child’s emotional intelligence
- Arts programming also increases confidence, academic performance, innovative and critical thinking, and discipline, particularly for at-risk students

As a UPAF Notable Women Member, You’ll Receive:

- Invitations to exclusive events
- Special offers from UPAF Members

UPAF Notable Women Founding Members

The founders of UPAF Notable Women engage members to ensure high-quality arts education programs continue to be available through UPAF Member Groups.

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