What is UPAF Notable Women?

UPAF Notable Women, sponsored by BMO, 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 $1,200 or more. Men may also show their support by contributing on behalf of a Notable Woman in their lives. UPAF Notable Women directly support participatory arts education programs with long-lasting impacts on students. With each UPAF Notable Women gift, $200 is designated to UPAF Bright Minds, a program delivering high-quality arts education programs that prepare students for success in work and life.

With your $1,200+ 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; UPAF Connect, presented by Northwestern Mutual; or Kasey’s Fund.

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 arts education events
- Special offers from UPAF Members

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