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Nurturing Future Generations Through Arts Education

What Is UPAF Notable Women?

UPAF Notable Women, sponsored by BMO Harris Bank, is a program designed to help fulfill the critical need for arts education to support our next generation in reaching its full potential. Members are committed to ensuring that all our region’s children have access to high-quality arts education.

Women may join UPAF Notable Women and provide direct support for arts education by making a new or increased donation of \$1,000 to UPAF. Men may also show their support by contributing on behalf of a Notable Woman in their lives.



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

The Impact of Your Gift



Dollars raised through UPAF Notable Women are awarded annually through **UPAF Bright Minds**, an arts education grant program that distributes funding to UPAF Member Groups for specific arts education projects. This grant program enables UPAF to report back to UPAF Notable Women members on the impact of their contribution. To read more on the impact of this programming, visit upaf.org/community-impact/upaf-bright-minds.

UPAF’s comprehensive arts education program evaluation measures student growth across five skills deemed essential to future success:





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As a UPAF Notable Women Member, You Will Receive:

- Opportunities to visit UPAF Member Groups to see your support in action
- Access to speakers on the state of arts education and invitations to other exclusive events
- Complimentary tickets to UPAF Member Group performances
- Annual update on the quantifiable impact of your dollars
- Quarterly e-newsletter



In addition, BMO Harris Bank will match any new UPAF Notable Women gift (up to \$40,000).

Just for 2020, any leadership donor of \$1,000+ can become a new Notable Woman with an increased gift of \$500+ to Kasey's Fund. Kasey's Fund is a one-year initiative to raise funds for arts accessibility and dollars will directly support arts education programming.

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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