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**Subject Line: Your gift improves paves the way for success with our community’s youth**

Our 2024 [United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF)](https://upaf.org/) Campaign is underway — thank you to those who have already donated!

Something that people may not know about our region’s exceptional local performing arts organizations is that they educated more than 50,000 local kids in more than 200 schools last year!

Arts education programming teaches life skills like leadership, resourcefulness, teamwork and problem-solving, which help youth succeed in school and life. Arts education also increases engagement in the classroom, helps youth connect with themselves and others, offers new ways to engage with curriculum that suit different learning styles, and so much more.

Studies prove that students with access to arts experiences throughout their education achieve long-term, increased academic performance:

* They are 4x more likely to be recognized for their academic achievement.
* They have higher GPAs and SAT scores and are 3x more likely to pursue a bachelor’s degree.
* Low-income students with access to arts education are 2x more likely to graduate from college than peers without arts education.
* Students who participate in the arts are 5x less likely to drop out of school

Your donation to UPAF helps to ensure that countless students in our community have the arts as a part of their lives. Please donate today.