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Photo caption: The United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA) is making its final appeal for 2016. Contributors to the UAA's 2016 Fund Drive by the end of the August will be acknowledged throughout the 2016-2017 season for their support of the arts. The Jamestown Concert Association's presentation of the Seraph Brass Quintet (pictured) on Friday, October 21, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church is an example of the quality of programs offered by members of the UAA.

There's Still Time to Get United Arts Appeal Recognitions

Jamestown, NY – Businesses and individuals still have time to show their support for the arts and be recognized during the 2016-2017 season by the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County (UAA).

The UAA concludes its 2016 Fund Drive at the end of the month.

"We acknowledge our donors in printed programs, on our website, and in other ways," said President Elizabeth Bush. "This is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to receive a lot of positive exposure, and we're happy to accept contributions from individuals as well."

Bush said that with tens of thousands of people enjoying programs presented by UAA member organizations over the course of a year, that's a lot of recognition.

The United Arts Appeal provides operating support for seven of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. The UAA also awards grants for arts projects to individual artists and other organizations through its Projects Pool Grants Program. Bush noted that with its wealth of arts opportunities -- concerts, plays, orchestras, dance, films, galleries, festivals, lessons, workshops, and more, "Chautauqua County has so much to offer compared to many communities our size. These strengthen our economic well-being in addition to having a positive impact on our children's academic success."

The United Arts Appeal is supported by Chautauqua County, the Jesse Smith Darrah Fund, and the Hultquist Foundation.

Major contributors to date to the UAA's 2016 fund drive are Lyndon and Melanie Gritters and Terry and Rick Turner.

Other significant contributors include M. L. Feather, John and Margie Fuchs, Mark and Donna Hampton, Hope's Windows, Inc., KeyBank, Dr. Bruce Rockwell, and Wegmans; as well as Everyday's True Value, Betsy and David Shepherd, William Smith and Carol Lorenc, Lissa and Sherwood VanDewark, and Weinberg Financial Group.

To receive recognition for the 2016-2017 arts season, contributions can be made by the end of the month with checks payable to the United Arts Appeal and mailed to 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

For all the benefits available to contributors to the United Arts Appeal, see "Support UAA" at <u>www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org</u>. For a complete list of contributors, see "BRAVO!" at the website.

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