

Union County Arts Grant Programs

Kudos to Union County artists and arts organizations for being awarded funding for commendable cultural arts projects in Union County. The programs and services they provide are vital to the cultural accomplishments and opportunities available to residents of Union County.

GRASSROOTS ARTS PROGRAMS

Grants have been made available to qualified nonprofit organizations and individuals whose purpose is to promote and develop diverse cultural arts programming in Union County. Recipients include the Union Symphony Society, Union County Playmakers, Union County Youth Ballet, The Andrew Jackson Historical Foundation, Artists Music Guild, The Storefront Theatre and the Town of Wingate.

REGIONAL ARTIST GRANT PROGRAM

The Union County Community Arts Council joined with arts council throughout the region to sponsor the Regional Artist Grant Program. Administered by the Arts and Science Council in Charlotte, the grants provide an award for individuals and groups of unincorporated status to pursue projects that further enhance their artistic development.

Union County artists receiving grants include Tom Burch for the purchase of computer software and training to expand his theatre work into digital media arts for live performances and Josh Barkey for his participation in the 2016 Austin Film Festival.

Carolinas HealthCare System Community Giving Campaign

Carolinas HealthCare System recently announced that over \$42,000 was awarded to the Union County Community Arts Council as part of their Community Giving Campaign. Employees at CMC-Union and surrounding facilities donated these funds to support the council's Arts in Education programs for the 2015-16 year.

Over \$6 million was raised to support United Way, Children's Miracle Network and arts and culture in the areas served by CHS. The announcement was made in November during the Victory Celebration in Charlotte.

Central Academy of Technology and Arts Honored at 2015 NCTC High School Play Festival

Congratulations to Central Academy of Technology and Arts for bringing home honors at the 2015 High School Play Festival held in November. CATA performances of "The Diviners" and "Vietnam 101" garnered honors for superior ratings to outstanding achievement in acting by cast members of both productions.

The NCTC High School Play Festival was named one of the Top High School Theatre Festivals and is the largest high school theatre event in the Southeast. This year, 3,000 students from 90 schools performed 118 plays.