



December 5, 2008

Dear

The Board of the Oxford Community Arts Center thanks you for your past support of the Center. We invite you to continue that support in 2009. The Center's programming has expanded enormously in the past year because of your generous support and the talented work of Caroline Crowell, the Executive Director. In 2007, the number of people served by the OCAC doubled. By June of this year, the Center's staff has already welcomed as many people into the building as in 2007.

This year, the OCAC added:

- KinderMusik, a music program for pre-school children
- Art Classes by Rebekah Powers and Chrissy Collopy
- Summer Music Camp
- The Family Performance Series (formerly Sundays@Seven)
- Youth Writing Workshop
- Afterschool Art
- The Independent Film Series, a bi-monthly screenings of the best films from the Oxford International Film Festival

The Center continues popular established programs, such as:

- art classes by Jean Vance
- Second Fridays Open Studios, combined with monthly art openings in the new Art Gallery and live music
- Children's Gardeneering Camp
- Oxford Youth Theater Camp
- OxACT performances
- The Oxford International Film Festival
- A Flowing Grace School of Dance
- Ballroom Dancing
- Tai Chi and Yoga classes

Caroline now has Miami University interns. This fall, Social Service and Education majors worked with the After School Art program. These interns and other volunteers are invaluable in keeping the office open, hosting evening events and helping with programs.

The Arts Center receives funds from Oxford Community Foundation, Oxford Kiwanis, the City of Oxford, the Ohio Arts Council, Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, The Dewald Family Foundation, Elizabeth Wakeman Henderson Charitable Foundation, the Fine Arts Fund, the Lane Public Library, and the Miami Partnership Office. Cooperation with the Miami University Art Museum and the MU Performing Arts Series, the Talawanda Public School teachers, WMUB and other local business sponsors enable the OCAC to offer increased programming. Many thanks are due all these organizations and the many individuals, like you, who support the Arts Center.

Priority projects for the building this year include: **Preventing water damage to the building.** This will require soffit and gutter repair all around the building. **Construction of an exterior theater exit, to enhance building safety.** And, of course, heating and general maintenance to keep the building open are a huge expense. The Ohio General Assembly allocated \$174,000 through Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission to help restore the building. **We can only claim that money if we match it 2 for 1.** Please consider increasing your donation to meet this match for needed repairs to the building while continuing to meet operational expenses. Please help us today!

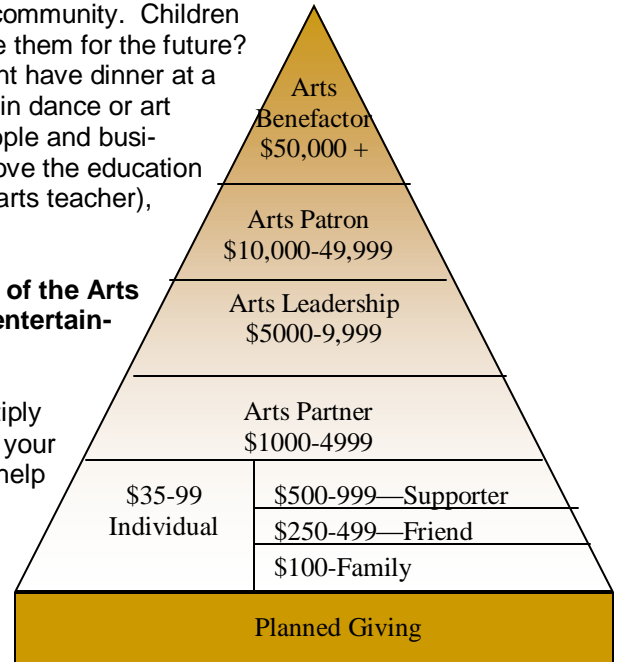
As a former donor, you know how much the arts benefit you and the community. Children benefit from creative problem solving activities. How better to prepare them for the future? The Oxford economy benefits when people attending an evening event have dinner at a local restaurant, stay in a local hotel or go to the store while a child is in dance or art class. The activities at the OCAC make Oxford more attractive to people and businesses looking to relocate. Where else can you be entertained, improve the education of area children, support the ultimate small business owner (an artist/arts teacher), and support local businesses for one contribution?

Your dollars benefit the community by helping to keep the doors of the Arts Center open to individuals and organizations who promote arts entertainment and education.

Contributions come in many ways. First, **Please write a check.** Multiply your contribution by asking your company to match it. Finally contact your financial advisor about planned giving options. Your contribution will help keep the arts in Oxford! Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,
Jack Williams

Jack Williams, President



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