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## TROLLWOOD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING

(Moorhead, Minnesota) - Trollwood Performing Arts School is grateful to receive grant funding from a number of organizations that will support its arts education and performance programming and fund the Trollwood Students at Risk (STAR) program.

Trollwood is incredibly grateful to each of the following organizations for supporting its 2022 programming through grant funding:

- The Arts Partnership: \$5,000 for general operations
- The FM Area Foundation: \$3,000 for general operations
- Fargo-Moorhead Sertoma Club: \$2,500 for the STAR program
- The Kiwanis Club of Fargo: \$2,500 for the STAR program
- Shiloh Masonic Lodge #1: \$500 for the STAR program
- Xcel Energy Foundation: \$3,500 for the STAR program

**The Arts Partnership** is a nonprofit organization that aims to support, advocate, and promote artists and arts organizations through programs and financial support that elevate the arts in the Fargo-Moorhead metro area. Founded in 1970 as the Lake Agassiz Arts Council, it changed its name to The Arts Partnership in 2009 to symbolize its partnership with arts institution, business, and local government.

**The FM Area Foundation** is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota. The FM Area Foundation helps people give back to the causes they care about and ensures the needs of the community are addressed now and in perpetuity. Working in partnership with individuals, families, businesses and professional advisors, the FM Area Foundation manages more than 440 charitable funds and provides grants to qualified nonprofit organizations and causes.

**The Fargo-Moorhead Sertoma Club** is part of the North Dakota/Manitoba district of Sertoma International as well as the Great Plains Region. Sertoma International is a volunteer civic service organization with 835 Clubs in the United States, Canada and Mexico and a membership of over 27,000 professional men and women. Sertoma stands for the high and noble SERVICE TO MANKIND through communication of thoughts, ideas and concepts to accelerate human progress in health, education, freedom and democracy.

**The Kiwanis Club of Fargo** has been dedicated to serving youth in the Fargo-Moorhead community for more than 100 years. Helping youth grow and succeed is at the heart of everything it does. Proceeds from its world record breaking Annual Pancake Karnival along with additional fundraising activities is used to sponsor Kiwanis family clubs such as K-Kids (elementary school students), Builders Clubs (middle school students), Key Clubs (high school students), Circle K Clubs (college students), and Aktion Clubs (adults living with disabilities). It also provides grant opportunities, totaling tens of thousands of dollars annually, to local youth programs.

**Shiloh Masonic Lodge #1's** objective as a lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is to admit good men who will strive to, "make good men better." The Shiloh Lodge No. 1 was founded in 1872. One of the many missions of Freemasons is to invest in programs and services to make life better for all Masons, their families, and their communities. The Freemasons continuously donate funds to a number of community organizations to help build the community. With more than 200 jurisdictions worldwide, the Freemasons build stronger communities around the globe by helping to build better men at every aspect of life.

**Xcel Energy Foundation's** mission is to use the collective knowledge, resources, and skills of its staff and colleagues to make a positive impact. Through the Focus Area Grant program, Energizing the Future, it supports nonprofit organizations that perform in one of three focus areas to ensure communities are highly desirable places for everyone to live, work, and learn. Its three focus areas, STEM Career Pathways, Environmental Sustainability, and Community Vitality, align with the company's business priorities, reflect diversity, equity and inclusion commitments, and lay the groundwork for strong community impact.

**STAR** is a nationally recognized program that supports at-risk youth by using the arts to help them build life skills. Students who benefit from this program often face extraordinary challenges including poverty, physical/social/emotional disabilities, cultural disparity, low academic standings, substance abuse, and/or legal problems. Youth in the STAR program receive free arts training, transportation, class supplies, and meals. More importantly, these students receive guidance from caring adults who offer instruction and motivation. The program teaches them to take charge of their lives and empowers them to find success in their academics, personal lives, and future professional lives. STAR directly aligns with the Trollwood mission to "...inspire those we serve through the arts to realize their full potential and be a positive influence in the global community." Each year, the STAR program supports more than 75 students, providing more than 300 meals, and around 500 rides to and from Trollwood programming.

**Trollwood Performing Arts School**, located at Bluestem Center for the Arts, is a unique organization committed to providing high quality arts education and exceptional community entertainment while serving as a community events and exposition center. The TPAS mission is "...to inspire those we serve through the arts to realize their full potential and be a positive influence in the global community." Founded in 1978, Trollwood is a program of the Fargo Public Schools.

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