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Duke Energy Makes \$18,500 Donation for the Arts in Wake County

[Raleigh, N.C.]—Duke Energy has made a \$18,500 donation to the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County in support of arts education programming for Wake schools.

“At Duke Energy, we want to support and to be involved in our communities,” said Marty Clayton, Community Relations Manager at Duke Energy. “We are proud to invest in programs like the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County’s Artists in Schools to expand students’ access to arts.”

“Duke Energy has been a longtime supporter of arts education in Wake County” said United Arts President and CEO, Eleanor Oakley. “We are grateful for their generous investment as well as their endorsement of arts education programming.”

[Artists in Schools](#), one of the programs supported by Duke Energy, brings in teaching artists for performances and residencies that integrate the arts with core subjects. These artists work with faculty, students and cultural arts representatives to implement curriculum-based arts in education programs throughout the county.

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to address the needs of the communities where its customers live and work. The foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in charitable gifts. The foundation’s education focus spans kindergarten to career, particularly science, technology,

engineering and math (STEM), early childhood literacy and workforce development. It also supports the environment and community impact initiatives, including arts and culture.

Duke Energy employees and retirees actively contribute to their communities as volunteers and leaders at a wide variety of nonprofit organizations. Duke Energy is committed to building on its legacy of community service. For more information, visit www.duke-energy.com/foundation.

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The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2016/17 school year United Arts helped bring in teaching artists to 142 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.

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