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ChiArts RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT FROM THE EFROYMSON FAMILY FUND

Chicago, Illinois - [The Efroymsen Family Fund](#) has awarded a grant of \$1 million to [The Chicago High School for the Arts \(ChiArts\)®](#), the largest grant made yet in the school's history.

The Efroymsen Family Fund's gift will enable ChiArts to enhance its outreach efforts, provide unique academic experiences for students, and build the schools' visibility to prospective students and stakeholders. This gift represents ChiArts' progression from a start-up school to a successful and sustainable public school model serving students from throughout Chicago's diverse communities.

"We are extremely grateful for this transformative gift, which will help build sustainability and visibility for ChiArts at this critical time in our school's growth," said **José Ochoa, ChiArts Executive and Artistic Director**. *"With this support, the Efroymsen Family Fund will ensure that ChiArts can continue to provide talented Chicago students from all 50 wards with an excellent tuition-free academic and artistic education."*

The grant was made at the recommendation of **Elissa Hamid Efroymsen**, who has served on ChiArts' board of directors since its start-up years. *"The Efroymsen Family Fund has been inspired by donors and the arts community in Chicago who have generously helped ChiArts become nationally recognized for artistic and academic excellence, Elissa stated. Having a public high school dedicated to the arts is a natural complement to Chicago's vital cultural institutions. We are proud to make this gift and hope it inspires others to become involved with ChiArts, to help these talented students pursue their dreams, and become the next generation of artists and arts patrons."*

ChiArts looks forward to reaching even more talented and diverse Chicago students — especially those who might not otherwise have the opportunity for pre-professional training in the arts — by growing its profile and outreach throughout Chicago. Additionally, program support through the Efroymsen Family Fund will provide financial stability to sustain the school through its next phase of growth.

About ChiArts

ChiArts is Chicago's first and only public high school for the arts. With disciplines in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, ChiArts provides its students with a pre-professional arts training program paired with a college-preparatory academic curriculum. While Chicago Public Schools provides per-pupil support for the academic program, the arts conservatories at ChiArts are wholly funded by individual, corporate and foundation donors. For more information about ChiArts, visit chiarts.org.



About the Efroymsen Family Fund

The Efroymsen Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, continues a long legacy of charitable commitment by the Efroymsen family in central Indiana. The Efroymsen Family Fund was established in 1998 by Dan and Lori Efroymsen to promote the viability of communities and to date has awarded more than \$88 million in grants in central Indiana and beyond. For more information about the Efroymsen Family Fund, visit efroymsenfamilyfund.org.

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