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Dear Friends,

As the new year begins, we ask for your continued financial support for TrueNorth Cultural Arts as we prepare for 2020. Your financial support ensures continuation of our education in the visual arts, dance, theatre and music, intergenerational from the novice to the professional, and our on-going performances in theatre, faith-based concerts, the classics, patriotic, and Big Band!

2019 brought collaboration opportunities with Choral Spectrum, St. Peter Parish of Lorain, Avon United Methodist Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Amherst, Stocker Center, and the Church Choirs of Avon Lake celebrating Avon Lake's Bicentennial. A major highlight was the ***Sweeney Todd – In Concert*** we performed at Stocker Center in October where the TrueNorth Chorale, Chamber Orchestra and Actors all worked together bringing this magnificent Sondheim score to life! We look forward to celebrating Rodgers and Hammerstein's ***Carousel – In Concert*** on May 30 at the Elyria Performing Arts Center, Elyria High School.

TrueNorth also offers an **Irish Arts Program** dedicated to building community with artists and audiences of all backgrounds, forging and strengthening cross-cultural partnerships, and preserving the stories, music, dance and traditions of Irish culture. The program is centered around three core areas: **performance / music** - dance and storytelling; **visual arts** - including presentations and cultural exhibitions; and **education** – with classes focusing on Irish language, history, music and dance.

TrueNorth continues in 2020 to offer classes, private lessons in all applied areas, and performances! We look forward to offering Summer Camps in the Visual Arts, Music and Theatre.

Thank you sincerely for your friendship, consideration, and support of the arts through TrueNorth. May the New Year bring Peace, Health and Happiness to You and Yours!

Most Sincerely,

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**TrueNorth Cultural Arts 2020 Patron Drive** has begun! If you have already given toward the 2019-2020 season, thank you, if not here is a formal request. Thank you for your consideration and on-going support.

TrueNorth, a multidisciplinary arts organization, continues to build and strengthen individuals and communities through the performing, visual and the literary arts. Our vision is two-fold: To educate, equip, and empower individuals so each can embrace and succeed in the creative arts; and to envision and encourage communities where creative arts and art appreciation flourish. TrueNorth accomplishes our mission and vision, while fostering shared values of inclusiveness, community-responsiveness, integrity in operations, and advocacy of the creative arts.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts Purpose is to transform lives through engagement in the arts ... by Encouraging multi-disciplinary art forms and their integration; Educating, equipping, and empowering artists and audiences; Celebrating the gifts of the novice through the professional; Fostering mentoring relationships; Developing new works, artists, and expressions; Collaborating with other arts organizations; Being a safe, respectful, faith-encouraging arts community; and Expecting excellence in all things. As a result: We enrich and strengthen our communities by our presence.

Share the power of the arts today by making a tax-deductible contribution to TrueNorth Cultural Arts! While the most common gifts to TrueNorth are in the form of personal checks or credit cards, there are several other ways one can support our work:

- **Matching Gift Program:** Check to see if your place of employment has a matching gift program. Increase the impact of your donation!
- **Monthly Payments:** Automatic, monthly credit card payments provide ongoing support to TrueNorth Cultural Arts.
- **Stock Transfer**
- **Planned Giving**  
(Contact Rick Fortney, Executive Director ([rfortney@TNCArts.org](mailto:rfortney@TNCArts.org) / 440.724.7189) for account information and Planned Giving Options.)
- And of-course ... the gift of **Volunteering!**



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