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February 26, 2025

Re: Update on "Be the SPARK!" 5-year campaign - Over \$2.3 Million against \$3 Million Goal

We are immensely grateful to you for your support of FAB's 'Be the Spark!' campaign that is igniting positive change in Broward's creative arts community. Your gift is making a remarkable difference in support for the arts and the impact that FAB can make.

As co-chairs of the campaign, we'd like to provide a brief update on the campaign that so far you have helped raise over \$2.3 million since 2022. The Spark campaign has allowed us to significantly expand FAB's impact and reach in our community.

As part of this initiative, we released the "Enriching the Arts | Opportunities in Broward County's Arts Community" in October of 2024 that outlined key needs and areas of focus for FAB to undertake. We are proud to share some of the key achievements and initiatives made possible by your generous contributions:

**Expand Existing Grant Funding:**

- Spark donors have added \$500,000 to FAB's performance, exhibition, and education grant funds which supported over 20 arts education programs and over 40 visual and performing arts programs across the county.

**Build a New Grant/Initiative:**

- Introduced a new "Arts Access" Education Grant in collaboration with funding from the Community Foundation of Broward. In October, two groups – Art Prevails Project and South Florida Symphony Orchestra - were awarded grants of \$150,000 over the next three years for a total of \$300,000 to expand existing arts education programs in Title 1 schools within the Broward County School District.
- FAB launched a new pilot project called "FAB Goes Public" to respond to the desire for more public art and signature events as outlined in the "Enriching the Arts" report. The project focuses on the intersection of art and technology. Partners in the project are the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, The Parker and Mad Arts. The first artist introduction was held January 8<sup>th</sup> at The Parker and second artist will be showcased on March 11 combined with FAB's annual membership meeting also at The Parker.

**Invest in FAB's Infrastructure:**

- FAB is launching a new website in March to showcase our grantees, build and support FAB's membership, and provide tools to help arts organizations grow their audiences.

**Endow for the Future:**

- Spark donors made it possible for FAB to start a \$1 million endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Broward with \$461,000 donated to date.

We hope to see you at FAB's annual meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at The Parker to learn about these exciting initiatives. Also, save the date for FAB's Grant Awards Ceremony on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM at the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens.

Thank you for being the Spark that is igniting the arts in our community. **We hope you will encourage others to help us meet our \$3 Million goal.** Please feel free to reach out to us via our personal emails or phone numbers below to help us meet with potential new donors.

Best Regards,

Nancy Bryant and Cindy Eden,

Co-Chairs, "Be the SPARK!" Campaign

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Attachments: NEW "Arts Access" Education Grant Spotlight – awarded Fall 2024  
Be the SPARK! Donor List

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## It Began with A SPARK!



- ✚ One of the key findings coming out of the Enriching the Arts report was the glaring gaps and need for more arts education in our K-12 public schools in Broward.

- ✚ In October, two special multiyear grants of \$150,000 each were made to two local organizations – Arts Prevails Project and South Florida Symphony Orchestra – to expand already established and impactful art education programs in Broward County’s schools.

- ✚ Funding was made possible through the Spark campaign and a matching grant from the Community Foundation of Broward.

## “WRITE IT OUT”

- ✚ Pairs resident teaching artists with a group of students for the semester.
- ✚ Creative writing activities with a primary focus on poetry and prose, occurring weekly for 10 weeks.
- ✚ Supplement teacher’s instructional focus calendar and creates a unique learning experience through collaboration with the teacher that engages students
- ✚ Culminates in a poetry reading and published chapbook of the students’ work.



## “SPEAK YOUR PEACE”

- ✚ A Theatre project that uses creative expression and performance workshop series to explore topics and issues that matter to them.
- ✚ Facilitated by Art Prevails Project performers and educators, Speak Your Peace guides students through the process of self-discovery and provides amplification for student voices.
- ✚ The project culminates with a multidisciplinary performance created by workshop participants in partnership with Art Prevails Project staff.



# “Symphony in the Schools”

## Summer/Fall 2024 Semester

- ✚ Engaging 2,090 students
- ✚ 235 Artist Teacher hours of contact
- ✚ 15 schools across Broward County

## South Florida Symphony Orchestra’s Teaching Artists Are Providing:

- ✚ ‘Instrument Fittings’ at multiple middle schools
- ✚ Immersive introductory music sessions via ‘Jump Start Camps’ at Indian Ridge, Coral Springs, and Driftwood Middle Schools.
- ✚ ‘After-School Strings Program’ at Sea Castle Elementary where a 25-piece student orchestra was formed.
- ✚ ‘Sectionals’ and ‘Master Classes’, refining students’ technical skills
- ✚ Live performance opportunities.



Instrument Fittings Day



## It Began With YOU!

Thank you to our “Be the SPARK!” donors.

Support for these impactful grants was also made possible by the following funds at the Community Foundation of Broward that together matched \$150,000 of FAB’s “Be the Spark!” campaign funds:

- ✚ Drial Foundation Fund
- ✚ Mildred H Fagen Charitable Fund
- ✚ Stearns Weaver Miller Fund for the Arts
- ✚ The Frederick A DeLuca Foundation Broward Community Fund.



“Be the SPARK!”