



Audiences Unlimited

IMPACT REPORT 2023

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

On With the Show!

50 years - what a milestone! We've had such a wonderful time celebrating half a century of Audiences Unlimited with you!

The July 2022 - June 2023 program year brought some significant firsts for AUI. We launched the Neurodiversity Theater Performances in partnership with the Fort Wayne Youtheater. This trail-blazing opportunity gave neurodivergent learners the chance to engage with neurotypical learners and really shine as they took to the stage in April 2023.

Students at L.I.F.E. Adult Day Academy (L.A.D.A.) participated in their first post-COVID return-to-live public performance during this program year as well. Their rendition of *Around the World in 80 Days* gave each performer a chance to share the spotlight as they spread tons of joy!

Speaking of firsts, who could forget AUI's Inclusion Mural, the perfect way to close out our year of celebrations. Thanks to a grant from AWS Foundation, we were thrilled to invite individuals with disabilities to play an integral role in the public arts process in Fort Wayne. AUI accomplished all this on top of our normally scheduled, in-person performances, where we touched thousands of people with limited access to the arts!

Of course, none of this would be possible without regular support from donors like you. We were delighted to welcome 30 new, first-time donors to AUI in the past year. These gifts, coupled with the consistent support from our long-time donors, brought us within \$5,000 of reaching our \$50,000 fundraising goal.

All these accomplishments have placed us in a really wonderful position, helping us start the new program year strong. Here's to bringing arts to unreached audiences in new and exciting ways in years to come!

Revenue

Foundations and grants. \$208,342

Earned. \$69,612

Individuals Memorials. \$43,232

Corporate \$7,865

Sponsorships. \$3,032

In-kind \$1,100

Investment gains. \$86,457

Total \$398,563



Expenses

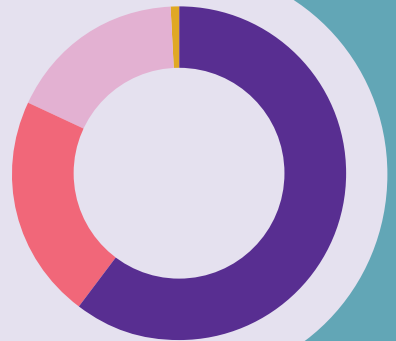
Programming \$243,275

Administration \$87,486

Fund development \$69,168

Depreciation \$2,500

Total \$399,929





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Our Programs

AUI currently serves several types of individuals who would otherwise have limited access to the arts. These groups range from people living in long-term care facilities and adults with disabilities to youth with neurodivergent learning pathways. We offered each of these community members access to safe, live entertainment tailored to their needs and preferences this year.

Whether it was live music performances at area health care facilities, interactive music experiences at L.A.D.A., or participatory adaptive theatre productions through the Fort Wayne Youtheater, we truly offered something for everyone. These interactions greatly enhanced the quality of life and increased feelings of self-worth for each of our audiences.

Additionally, AUI generates income for local musicians, entertainers, small performing ensembles, teaching artists, and a certified music therapist.



AUI Staff:

Anna Ross, Executive Director

Yusanda Blackmon, Development Director

Anne Lewellen, Administrative Program Coordinator

Sheila Nichols, Administrative Assistant

Suzanne Rhee, Administrative Assistant

44 facility partners plus LIFE Adult Day Academy

Additional programs:

- Fort Wayne Youtheatre The Neurodiversity Project
- Inclusion Mural with Suzanne Rhee and individuals with disabilities and agencies who serve them.
- Steuben County Messiah with the Festival Choir and Orchestra

6 Counties:

Allen, DeKalb, Noble, Steuben, Wells, Whitley

Programs:

In-Facility: 1,338

In-Community: 26

Music Expressions at LADA: 118 Music, Dance, and Theatre programs; 1 public performance of Around the World in 80 Days

FW Youtheatre: Aesop's Fables 15 rehearsals and 3 public productions

Steuben County Messiah performance at Trine University: 1

Total individuals served: 10,505

Audience members served: 34,640

Musicians: 46 AUI musicians

Fort Wayne Philharmonic small ensembles: 5