

Truity Credit Union's Board of Directors announced this week that they have donated \$25,000 to Children's Musical Theatre of Bartlesville's "Setting the Stage for Tomorrow" Campaign.

"As part of our on-going commitment to support Bartlesville area endeavors, we are excited to be a small part of the amazing success CMT has had over the years," said Truity CEO/President Kelly Diven. "Witnessing the results of the tireless work this organization has accomplished, is proof that perseverance and determination results in enriching lives and our community".

This marks Truity's second year of their new capital donation. In its inaugural year, Ray of Hope Advocacy Center was selected and funds were donated to the "Hope Floats" campaign.

"We feel very privileged to have been selected," said Children's Musical Theatre Development and Marketing Director, Troy Martin. "With so many great non-profit organizations in town, it great to see such a commitment to arts education in the Bartlesville and surrounding areas. Truity Credit Union continues to be an advocate for the Bartlesville community and we are so happy to have the opportunity to have their support."

Children's Musical Theatre was established in 2000 as a subsidiary program for the YWCA of Bartlesville, in response to an increased demand for arts education programs in our region specifically in musical theatre.

Children's Musical Theatre Executive Director Melinda Bellatti continues, "It's amazing to see the impact of this gift of on arts education for local students. CMT has benefitted the community for 18 years but having a fully developed facility and Black Box Theatre will allow us to increase the opportunities for area students by offering more classes, camps, and performance opportunities. "

The "Setting the Stage for Tomorrow" is an eight year integrated campaign that began in 2010. This campaign has allowed Children's Musical Theatre to provide year-round programming, camps and classes for the children of Bartlesville and the surrounding communities in their own building with expanded artistic staff starting in 2017. The overall visionary expansion included increased programs, a blackbox theatre, classrooms, rehearsal spaces, offices, a costume shop and scene shop as well.

"This gift from Truity Credit Union will allow us to close and complete Phase 1 of our 'Setting the Stage for Tomorrow' campaign," said Martin. "We are so thankful for the entire Bartlesville Community for the support of this campaign and ensuring the future generations of artists have a place to call home."

Find more information on CMT at www.cmtonstage.com and more about Truity Credit Union at www.truitycu.org.