2016 Campaign Closes With $500,000 for the Arts!

ArtsKC is happy to announce that Kansas City raised more than $500,000 for the 2016 ArtsKC Fund Campaign! While this was short of our $550,000 goal, it was still one of the largest campaigns since the inception of the Fund. Special thanks to our Leadership Circle donors and outstanding workplace giving companies listed below, as well as the hundreds of donors who invested this past year. Your contributions will help ArtsKC make grants to the artists, arts organizations, and arts programs that keep our region vibrant. To learn more about the ArtsKC Fund and our amazing grant recipients, visit artskc.org/grantrecipients.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2016’S OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE GIVING COMPANIES:

- **Most Improved Campaign**
  UMB Financial Corporation

- **Most Creatively-Executed Campaign**
  VML, Inc.

- **Outstanding Employee Engagement**
  Lathrop & Gage, LLP

- **Most Dollars Raised, Nonprofit Organization**
  (100+ Employees)
  Starlight Theatre

- **Most Dollars Raised, Small Company**
  (100-500 Employees)
  BNIM Architects

- **Most Dollars Raised, Mid-Sized Company**
  (500+ Employees)
  Stinson Leonard Street

- **Most Dollars Raised, Large Company**
  (500+ Employees)
  Johnson County Government

The Mission of ArtsKC is to Unleash the Power of the Arts.
The Nerman family ignites creativity, inspires the community

The Nermans are celebrated collectors of contemporary art, generous philanthropists, and valued leaders in the regional arts community. Jerome and Margaret Nerman, as well as son Lewis and daughter-in-law Sue, boast extensive internationally-recognized collections in their Leawood homes which they share with the community on a regular basis as part of their family philosophy: search, secure, share.

ArtsKC is thrilled to recognize the work of this inventive family during the 7th Annual Inspiration Breakfast on October 6th at the Overland Park Convention Center. In partnership with presenting sponsor, Spencer Fane LLP, and with the support of event Co-Chairs Siobhan McLaughlin Lesley and Julie Nelson Meers, ArtsKC plans to welcome 800 guests to the beautiful art-filled venue. The Inspiration Breakfast will be an opportunity to learn how ArtsKC’s mission and programs unleash the power of the arts for the benefit of the Kansas City region. The event is a fundraiser and guests will be encouraged to make a donation in support of ArtsKC programs.

“ArtsKC supports both sides as does the United Way,” Regnier explained. “ArtsKC is like a trampoline that makes life more fun and interesting and it helps elevate the richness of what’s available to do off hours,” said Regnier.

Encompassing the arts, business, and the community, this collaboration has had a lasting impact on the lives of Kansas City’s residents. Along with the United Way, ArtsKC supports a variety of programs and services to engage and inspire diverse audiences.

For more information about ArtsKC’s mission and programs, please visit artskc.org.

Above left: The Nerman family pictured with a sample of their collection, photo by Sarah Strnad. Above right: Siobhan McLaughlin Lesley and Julie Nelson Meers. Photo by Tom Styrkowicz.