

Founded in 2007, the Quad Cities Cultural Trust was created by three of the largest funders in the Quad Cities region – The Bechtel Trusts, the Hubbell-Waterman Foundation; and the John Deere Foundation – to support five, now six, cultural and educational institutions. The establishment of this endowment fund had as its initial basis \$5 Million of endowment principal from each the John Deere Foundation and the Hubbell-Waterman Foundation towards a goal of \$32 Million. The Bechtel Trusts committed \$7 Million to be distributed as operational grants to the 6 Quad Cities Cultural Trust supported organizations; grants to the supported organizations now exceed \$5 Million. Additional, substantial endowment principal contributions have been received from individuals including, Ms. Charlotte Capen Foster and Mary Rose & Gene Hawkinson. The endowment principal has increased to \$20 Million. The Trustors are confident that the generosity of the Quad Cities community will result in the achievement of the \$32 Million goal.

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