



UNITED ARTS COUNCIL  
OF GASTON COUNTY

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### **United Arts Council of Gaston County Announces 2007-2008 Operating Support Grants**

**(GASTONIA, NC)** – The United Arts Council of Gaston County is pleased to announce that Operating Support Grants totaling \$60,000\* will be awarded to the following organizations for the 2007-2008 Season.

*Gaston Concert Association presents a series of concerts each year on a subscription basis, including a concert for elementary children. The GCA works in collaboration with the UAC to present the “Pops in the Park” series each summer.*

*Gaston Choral Society is an adult group that contributes to the musical and cultural atmosphere of the area by providing two concerts a year and community outreach programs. The GCS also collaborates with the UAC by performing at the annual Holiday Concert.*

*Gaston County Art Guild enables those interested in the arts to assemble and participate in community activities for the advancement of visual art through shows and exhibits at local venues. The Gaston County Art Guild has overseen production of several murals around our community.*

*Gaston Dance, Inc. is the governing body for Gaston Dance Theatre and The School of Gaston Dance Theatre. Gaston Dance creates and /or presents a repertoire of classical and contemporary dance works by various choreographers, including the annual presentation of the holiday favorite: The Nutcracker.*

*Gaston School of the Arts provides accessible, affordable visual and performing arts education opportunities for Greater Gaston residents of all ages.*

\*Subject to funds raised during the 2007 Arts Fund Drive.