

Any Given Child is an initiative of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The goal of the initiative is to assist communities in developing a plan for expanded arts education. The Kennedy Center brings to this initiative more than three decades of work from across the country and internationally.

Currently, the Kennedy Center is working with seven communities in the Any Given Child Initiative. Through an application process, Southern Nevada was selected as the fourth community to participate in this initiative joining Sacramento, California, Springfield, Missouri, and Portland, Oregon. In each of these communities, one organization serves as the lead to convene a Community Arts Team comprised of leaders from local jurisdictions, the school district, arts organizations, businesses, and foundations.

The Kennedy Center education consultants meet with the local Community Arts Team over several months to collect data on the current status of arts education in and out of schools, and to evaluate resources provided by community artists and arts organizations. The data is then used for the purpose of making informed and realistic plans to achieve equity and access to arts experiences for all K-8 students in the local community. The Southern Nevada Community Arts Team has completed year one of its journey. It is the vision of the Southern Nevada Any Given Child Initiative to ensure equity and access to art experiences for all K-8 students so they can build similar life-long memories.

In the coming months, the Community Arts Team will be looking for support from businesses, philanthropy, parents, and individuals to create the infrastructure to sustain this initiative. The Southern Nevada Any Given Child Community Arts Team needs your help to ensure the success of this initiative. Please consider sharing your skills and time to:

- Serve as a community voice to supports arts education
- Provide much needed funding for school buses to attend arts events
- Underwrite artist-in-residence programs at schools
- Underwrite arts performances in schools
- Assist in developing additional arts resources in all disciplines
- Lend your artistic talents and expertise

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