

# 2023

## IMPACT REPORT

**CELEBRATING  
OUR ENCORE**



Starlight





# ENCORE:

## *A SECOND ACHIEVEMENT ESPECIALLY THAT SURPASSES THE FIRST*

2023 marked a year of achievements that brought change while celebrating the legacy of Starlight. We welcomed new President + C.E.O. Lindsey Rood-Clifford – the first woman to serve in this role in Starlight’s 75-year history. We launched a new strategic plan to guide our priorities; unveiled a new mission, vision, and organizational values to align our work; and publicly launched our first major capital campaign in nearly 20 years.

Alongside many achievements, Starlight also faced a significant financial impact. Due to inclement weather and a canceled national tour, Starlight saw an unrealized loss of 20% of its budgeted performances – resulting in an operating deficit of nearly \$1.7 million.

Our work of engaging the next person who would benefit from the Starlight tradition continues. We look forward to celebrating our encore with you!

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

Starlight’s new three-year strategic plan was unveiled with one overarching objective: to advance our organizational model to support sustainable growth. By March 2026, Starlight aims to improve Broadway utilization to 45%, strengthen stakeholder satisfaction, and achieve break-even annual operating results.

### UNIQUELY KC:

On October 16, Starlight publicly announced Uniquely KC, a \$40 million fundraising campaign to enhance the Starlight tradition and extend it to new, diverse participants of all ages. By the end of 2023, Starlight raised \$22.85 million.

Learn more: [kcstarlight.com/UniquelyKC](https://kcstarlight.com/UniquelyKC)

## EVENTS

218,051 guests

94 live events

6 Broadway shows /  
28 performances

21 concert events

42 concert  
season ticket holders

7,783 Broadway  
season ticket holders

134 groups attended a  
Broadway performance

## SUPPORT

5,044 hours served by  
volunteer Ambassadors

4,710 donors

## ENGAGEMENT

30,751 people  
engaged with  
community programs

142 community  
engagement events

146 Kansas City-area  
school partnerships

\$19,250 in scholarships  
provided to Kansas City  
students

9,710 FREE Broadway  
tickets distributed to  
147 community partner  
organizations

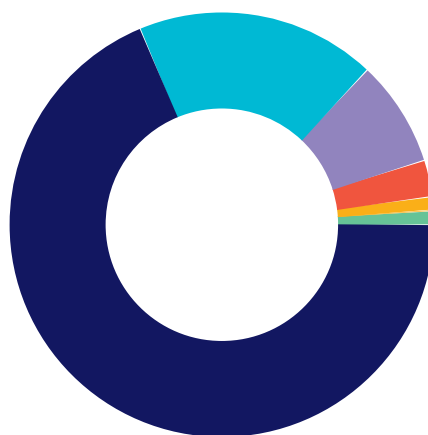
15 summer interns

6,667 workforce  
development  
internship hours

22 Just Imagine  
community  
performances



# BY THE NUMBERS



**2023 OPERATING REVENUE**  
**\$19,091,613**

- 69% - Ticket Sales
- 18% - Parking & Concessions
- 8% - Charitable Contributions
- 3% - Marketing Sponsorships
- 1% - Private Events
- 1% - Education Fees & Other



**2023 OPERATING EXPENSES**  
**\$22,146,943**

- 49% - Production Costs
- 13% - Front of House & Concessions
- 12% - Box Office & Marketing
- 7% - Admin & IT
- 6% - Depreciation
- 6% - Facility Maintenance
- 4% - Fundraising
- 3% - Community Engagement

*Categories less than 1% are not reflected in the above charts.*

*For a full list of Starlight 2023 performances and events, please refer to the digital 2023 Impact Report on our website at [www.kcstarlight.com](http://www.kcstarlight.com).*





## FROM BLUE STAR TO TOURING STAR

Starlight welcomed Elaine Watson back to Kansas City this summer as an ensemble member of *Jagged Little Pill*. Elaine first performed on Starlight's stage as a Blue Star Award and Raise Our Voices participant, and Starlight is proud to have been part of her theatrical career journey.



## VINCENT LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP GROWTH

Scholars, alumni, program founders, and the program itself saw unique growth in 2023. From recognition on the field at a Royals baseball game to featured performances at Starlight events, 2023 was a banner year for the Vincent Legacy Scholarship program.

*Gala attendees raised more than \$16,000 at this year's event – the equivalent of six Vincent Legacy Scholarships!*





## BETTER TOGETHER

In collaboration with Community Builders of Kansas City, Starlight once again welcomed thousands of guests for a free Community Movie Night screening of the Disney hit *Encanto*. Pre-show activities highlighted fellow Swope Park organizations and featured a live performance by the Kansas City Latin Jazz Orchestra.



## COMMUNI-TEES

Starlight and Charlie Hustle partnered to bring Kansas Citians and Starlight fans a first-of-its-kind glow in the dark t-shirt. The collection included two designs and a portion of the proceeds from sales of the tees were donated to Starlight.

Get your t-shirt today at [charliehustle.com/collections/communittees](https://charliehustle.com/collections/communittees)

# STARLIGHT DONORS

Support from donors enhances the Starlight experience for everyone. Charitable gifts make the magic of Starlight possible and ensures that Kansas City's most unique outdoor venue will be around for future generations to experience the arts. We appreciate your support!

*This list is reflective of any gift made to Starlight's Annual Fund, Community Engagement programs, Annual Benefit Gala, and Starry Night at Starlight.*

## LEGEND (\$25,000+)



In Honor of Greg & Rebecca Reid

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FOUNDATION

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J. VAN WINKLE, JR.

DON & JEAN WAGNER  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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Enterprise Bank & Trust  
GastingerWalker  
& Kenneth & Marilyn Hager  
David & Laura Hall  
Hallmark  
Rick Halstead  
  
Katrina + Tom Henke

Charitable Fund GKCCF  
Joan Horan  
Ingram Family Foundation  
KPMG  
Tondée & Shawn Lutterman  
Mark One Electric Co., Inc.  
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Monarch Build  
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Central States Beverage  
Company  
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Kansas City Testing &  
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William McDaniel  
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Cynthia Wymore

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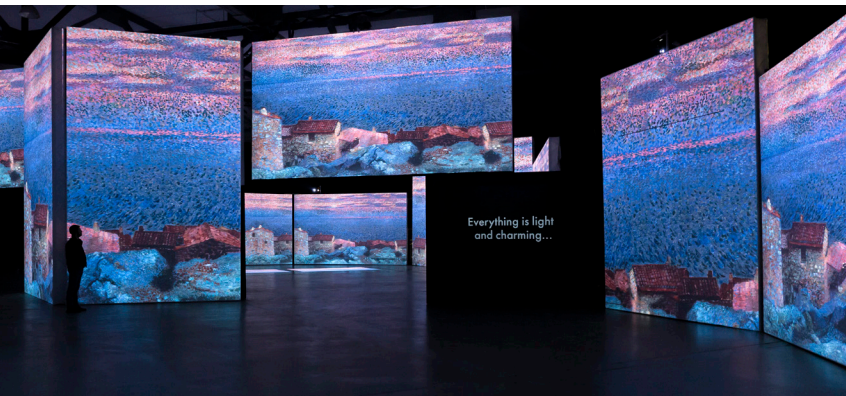
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Aviva Ajmera & Wayne Strickland  
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Denise & Bill Bade  
Bob Baker  
Rich & Peggy Baker  
Matt & Kate Beem  
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Russ & Debbie Welsh  
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Matt & Sabrina Wiewel  
Rob & Amy Wolf  
Mandi & Kevin Wright  
Cynthia Wymore

This list reflects gifts made between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

We apologize for any errors or omissions.

# 2023 PROGRAMMING



## 2023 AdventHealth Broadway Series

Jesus Christ Superstar  
Legally Blonde The Musical  
1776  
Jagged Little Pill

### Weekend Specials

Tootsie  
Rain – A Tribute to the Beatles

## 2023 Creative Programming

Dixie Longate: Cherry Bombs & Bottle Rockets  
The Second City Hits Home  
Forbidden Broadway: The Next Generation

## 2023 Capitol Federal Concert Series

Robert Plant + Alison Krauss  
Tenacious D  
Whiskey Myers  
Chicago  
Louis Tomlinson  
Barenaked Ladies  
The Doobie Brothers  
Tyler Childers  
Matchbox Twenty  
The Revivalists + The Head and The Heart  
Young The Giant  
Tears for Fears  
Foreigner  
Culture Club  
ZZ Top  
KidzBop  
The Black Keys  
Goo Goo Dolls with OAR  
3 Doors Down  
Fantasia  
Queens of the Stone Age





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**^Denotes ex-officio status. Board Chair is an ex-officio member of all committees.**

**\*Denotes a community volunteer.**

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**Jenna Hauschild**  
FORVIS

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**Doug Jones**  
Filmmaker (Retired)

**Jonathan Klem**  
UMB

**Tiffany Owens**  
Bank of America

**Todd Randol**  
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Lathrop GPM

**Jonathan Staton**  
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# VISION STATEMENT

**Be the home for accessible live arts experiences  
for all generations.**

# MISSION STATEMENT

**Connect our community through live arts experiences that  
entertain, inspire, and engage.**

## VALUES

### Accountability

**We deliver quality, value, and consistency in our programs and services; and accept and transparently share the results of our decisions and actions.**

### Collaboration

**We communicate and cooperate in order to build strong relationships, cultivate diverse perspectives, and achieve our shared goals.**

### Creativity

**We celebrate the positive impact of the live arts by committing to continual learning, improvement, and innovation that strengthens our work, and our legacy.**

### IDEA

**We take a holistic view and approach to embracing the importance and significance of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.**

### Service

**We apply a people-first mentality of empathy, kindness, helpfulness, and respect in all our interactions.**



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