



# Campaign for the Arts

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## **David Morse Family Donates \$100,000 to Campaign for the Arts**

Bellingham – The David Morse Family who, through its past support has helped build many of the institutions and services in our area that we now take for granted, has made a gift of \$100,000 to the Campaign for the Arts to honor Joyce, the wife of the late David Morse Sr. The David Morse family was recognized this year by the Washington chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for three generations of community leadership, service and philanthropic support.

DC Morse stated, “Mom and dad’s long-standing leadership and participation in first saving the museum building after a disastrous fire in the 1960’s, and later in several campaigns to expand and improve the museum’s facilities, motivated the entire family to support mom’s request that we all join together and make a leadership gift.”

The Campaign for the Arts (CFA) is a non-profit headed by citizens committed to supporting efforts to enhance the Arts District’s historic icons: the Whatcom Museum and Mount Baker Theatre. The CFA will benefit the endowments of each organization, assist with capital costs not covered by the Bellingham Whatcom Public Facilities District (PFD) and cover all campaign costs. The CFA is raising \$8.6 million that will be matched by up to \$25 million of public investment from the PFD and the City of Bellingham in select Arts District projects, including streetscapes. The construction of Whatcom Museum’s new facilities for fine art and children’s exhibits as well as the final phase of improvements to the Mount Baker Theatre will solidify these two institutions as the cornerstones of the Arts District.

Many other families and individuals are contributing to what will become lasting legacies in our community. To date they have given \$5.1 million to help the Campaign for the Arts achieve its goal. The Arts District encompasses not only the museum and the theatre, but also the public library, the new Pickford Theatre and the American Museum of Radio and Electricity, as well as several art galleries, restaurants and the Upfront Theatre, located just outside the district’s official boundaries. To find out more information about leaving a legacy to enrich our community, visit the Campaign for the Arts online at [www.artsdistrictbellingham.com](http://www.artsdistrictbellingham.com).

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