

March 14, 2006

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council,

Once again, thank you for your continued support of The ArtsCenter. I know that you are aware that The ArtsCenter serves more people from Chapel Hill than from any other single constituency. Last year, The ArtsCenter served almost 30,000 children, many from Chapel Hill. We will continue to do so during the coming years, as we work with the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Orange County, the Visitors Bureau and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to help make our community a destination.

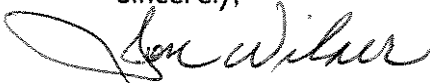
Over the next three to five years, The ArtsCenter will be planning, funding, and building a new facility as part of the development of the current site. This effort is going to require broad support from our community. During the coming fiscal year, The ArtsCenter must retain an architect to complete the first stage of our planning: architectural programming and schematic design. We have applied for a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. If the grant is successful, The ArtsCenter would be awarded up to \$10,000. The cost of the first phase will be approximately \$90,000. The ArtsCenter will need to find the additional \$80,000.

It is for this reason that I am requesting that the Town of Chapel Hill increase this year's funding for the ArtsCenter from \$10,000, which we received last year, to \$15,000 for the coming fiscal year. This will help us to narrow the gap and proceed with the project. We have made a similar request from the Town of Carrboro in the hope that they will increase their funding from \$15,000 to \$20,000. I intend to ask the County Commissioners for similar help.

Please know that The ArtsCenter is committed to the community in the broadest possible sense. Our programming helps sustain the community by offering residents a higher quality of life. Working together, we can also use the arts as an economic engine to bring people here from outside our community, thus assisting local business owners. Please help us continue and expand our current work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Wilner
Executive Director