



To: Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission

Please accept this donation on behalf of the Board of Directors of Grand Rapids Players. This donation is to support and further your mission of inclusivity, awareness, and action in our community, especially for those whose voices have so often been overlooked.

Grand Rapids Players is currently working towards creating a more equitable theatre community after realizing the error and hurt in our choice of Sister Act for our 2022 spring musical. The decision to cancel the show led to many conversations, from support and love to ignorance and division. Erasure and whitewashing are not acceptable, and we are committed to avoid these trends, moving forward. We want to be sure that we are using theatre to build community and not divide it. This is an ongoing conversation and we have formed a committee to focus on cultural sensitivity: CARES – Cultural Awareness, Responsiveness and Equity.

The donation is a small action step on our way to growing as an organization and as individuals. We welcome further dialogue with your organization to help expand this community into one that is accepting of all people and hearing the voices that have been marginalized for too long.

Thank you for all your work to help our community and all who live here.

Grand Rapids Players Board of Directors