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## Alex Haunty's Theater & Arts Fund, Inc.

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**Hello,**

My name is Alex Haunty, Founder and Ex Officio Board Member of Alex Haunty's Theater and Art's Fund, Inc. (AHTAFI). I was inspired by a friend who started a scholarship fund and saw how much he was able to impact other's lives. Since I love the arts, I decided to make my own non-profit to share my love of the arts with individuals with disabilities. Alex Haunty's Theater and Art's Fund's mission is to promote access to the arts for young adults with disabilities.

### **WHY SHOULD PEOPLE GIVE**

You should give to AHTAFI because I think people with disabilities should have the same opportunities as people without disabilities. Growing up, I went to the theater with my family and noticed there were not many young people with disabilities there. I wondered why that was and realized there weren't options for young people with disabilities to learn about and attend the theater. Giving to AHTAFI provides young people access to the arts through education and taking groups to local theater performances in the Madison-area.

### **THE THEATER EXPERIENCE**

So much growth has happened to me from going to the theater, but most individuals haven't been able to see shows the way I have. Each time I have seen a Broadway show at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison, Wisconsin, I have always felt inspired to sing the songs and listen to the soundtracks. Seeing a show live makes it seem real and it gives me goosebumps. This has inspired me to help my friends and others experience the arts as well.

After going to a performance with my friends, I love learning about how the show inspired them. Who doesn't like to be inspired? Seeing a show live helps people with disabilities grow as individuals and learn new skills. The excitement of going to the theater encourages people to dream and think outside the box. Seeing a show with AHTAFI helps all of us feel special and included.

Thank you for reading my letter, I hope you consider making a difference in the lives of young adults with disabilities.

Gratefully,

Alex Haunty  
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