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Liberty family gift an extension of life committed to arts

UNITY, ME – A family with a steadfast commitment to the arts in Waldo County has made a \$5,000 gift to the campaign for the 300-seat Mount View Performing Arts Center in Thorndike. With this gift, FUTURE MSAD 3 needs just \$85,000 to meet the Unity Foundation challenge grant and the overall campaign goal. The gift, from the Crichton family of Liberty, will be matched as part of a \$250,000 Unity Foundation challenge grant.

In 1999, Alan and Lorna Crichton founded the Arts Center at Kingdom Falls in Montville. The organization, now known as Waterfall Arts, offers arts education, exhibits and events both in Montville and at its new facility in Belfast. Both of the Crichton children have been active in the performing arts at Mount View: Willy graduated in 2004 and Harlan is now a junior there. “We feel the arts are essential to a well rounded education, and we’re happy to contribute to this new performance space which will be a great asset for the whole SAD 3 community. We look forward to attending many events there,” said the Crichtons.

Steve Bennett, chair of the FUTURE MSAD 3 board of directors, expressed gratitude for the Crichton’s significant gift to the campaign. “We’re tremendously grateful for the Crichton’s generous support of the Mt. View Performing Arts Center campaign and we applaud their lifelong commitment to the arts in Waldo County.”