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Celebrating the Life of Christel DeHaan

The Indianapolis arts and cultural community mourn the passing of Christel DeHaan, a remarkable businesswoman, philanthropist, and devoted advocate for Indy arts, culture, and education. We extend our deepest condolences to her family.

The vision and innovation that Christel demonstrated in business translated to her social impact through her work with many Indianapolis arts, cultural, and youth-serving organizations. She was an avid champion for equity, diversity, access, and inclusion. And she was a constant inspiration to artists through her support of initiatives that promoted the highest levels of excellence and exploration. Her legacy will live on in so many ways.

The Arts Council is honored and grateful to have partnered with Christel and the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation to create the annual DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award Program in 2017 which exemplifies her values so beautifully. We will miss her and we will continue to honor her life and legacy by supporting artists and advancing our work to ensure “A Full Creative Life for All” through Indy arts and culture, which she so dearly loved.

