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Townsend Opera Players *All Access Program* partners with local human services organizations to offer cultural experiences for low-income and under-served adults and families

Townsend Opera Players is pleased its newly-developed *All Access Program*, an exciting new partnership with Salvation Army, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services, and Modesto Gospel Mission that provides cultural experiences to low-income and underserved adults, children, families, and the transitional living demographic.

Participants in the *All Access Program* will attend the final dress rehearsal of each major production this season, where they will take a backstage tour of the Gallo Center for the Arts, hear a presentation about the upcoming performance from the conductor and stage director, and watch the complete performance.

Matthew Buckman, Executive Director of Townsend Opera Players, said: “We are very pleased to be able to offer this program to our community. There are many people in our community that do not have the opportunity to experience the arts due to life circumstances, and the *All Access Program* gives them the chance to experience something special. We hope this experience gives the participants a glimpse into what life has to offer.”

Major Darvin Carpenter, Stanislaus County Coordinator of Salvation of Army, said: “Many of the men and women we work with have fallen so far down that they are uncertain they will ever be able to feel 'human' again. Being able to experience something like this helps our people began to have hope again. This is why we are interested in such experiences. It will be a part of the total rehab. God bless Townsend Opera Players for their part in ‘Changing the world - one life at time!’”

There is no cost to the participants or the partner organizations for this program.

Townsend Opera Players is interested in expanding this program, so any human services organization that would benefit from inclusion in this program is encouraged to contact Matthew Buckman, Executive Director of Townsend Opera Players.

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