

The Hengst Foundation Mission Statement

Specific Purposes. The primary objectives and purposes of this Foundation shall include the following:

- A** Promoting the arts by building and operating a performing arts center, amphitheater, and ancillary facilities, and making arts and cultural programs accessible to the local and regional residents of Central Illinois;
- B** Elevating the quality of life of residents in communities throughout the United States through artistic and cultural experiences and grants that enhance understanding and acceptance of multiple cultures and nationalities;
- C** Enhancing educational opportunities of all students through grants and assistance that will promote modernization of classrooms and technologically advanced learning materials;
- D** Working with local and regional partners to assist students realize a path to success in the careers they choose, with special emphasis on young students who face obstacles such as poverty, live in rural communities and race.
- E** Working with local and regional organizations to increase income, improve child nutrition, care for the earth, and ultimately end childhood hunger and poverty, ensuring students have access to a quality education, and providing safe places for all children to play, express themselves and be active in the local and regional area.
- F** Advancing medical research and education through grants and assistance; and
- G** The making of grants, donations, gifts and contributions, exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes that promote the well-being of mankind and shall include any other charitable, religious and educational activities as shall be determined by the Board of Directors to be appropriate.

