

Arts Connection is excited to announce its partnership with the international organization **Up with People** and their upcoming visit to Woodbury!

Up with People is a non-profit global education organization focused on bringing the world together through service and music. The current cast is made up of 100 young people from 19 different countries who range in age from 17-29 years old. They're arriving in Woodbury on September 12 for a one-week stay to take part in a variety of community service projects (including one with Arts Connection) get to know all of you and the great Midwestern culture!

As a friend of Arts Connection we would like to give you the first opportunity to get involved with the international cast that's arriving in September. There are a few ways that you and your family can get involved:

- **Host an Up with People Cast Member**...it's simple and FUN!
 - Provide a place to sleep, breakfast and dinner and limited transportation in the morning and evening from Sept. 12-18.
 - You'll receive 2 complimentary tickets to the show for hosting!
 - Contact Mariquit 'Kit' Palabyab at 303.638.0808 or mpalabyab@upwithpeople.org with questions or for more info.
- **Sponsor a meal**
 - Organize a community potluck and have lunch with the cast on one of their service or show days!
- **Attend the Backstage Tour**...meet the cast
 - Contact Chelsey Panchot at cpanchot@upwithpeople.org for details
- **See the Up with People Show: 'A Song for the World'**
 - Loft Stage, East Ridge High School on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 PM
 - Show proceeds benefit **Merrill Community Arts Center!**
 - Ticket information to follow
- **Apply to travel with a future Up with People Cast** (following the performance)
 - If you're between the ages of 18 and 29, have graduated high school and speak English!
 - Contact Chelsey Panchot at cpanchot@upwithpeople.org for details

We hope you will take advantage of this incredible cultural opportunity. I am personally hosting Chelsey, a member of the advance team and Minnesota native, and am having a great time sharing the mission and focus of Arts Connection with her. She and her colleagues are ready and excited about bringing their international performance to Woodbury to further our mission.

Please don't hesitate to contact Chelsey or Kit with any questions, we hope to see you at the show!