

# Facilitate Inclusion Develop Student Leaders



and Promote Arts Accessibility at the



## SPOTLIGHT SUMMIT

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Aetna Conference Center

151 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT

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### OUR MODEL:

Founded in 2002, by teens for teens, Unified Theater has served 4,000 students of all abilities from coast to coast. Using an entirely student-led model, Unified Theater brings students with and without disabilities together as equals through performance. The production is entirely organized, written, and directed by the students themselves. All students find a place to belong, a creative outlet, and a way to make positive change in their communities. We teach students to respect, value, and embrace all people regardless of ability, interest, background, or lifestyle - a perspective they carry into adulthood that helps them bridge differences throughout their lives.

### WHY UNIFIED THEATER?

- **Facilitates Inclusion:** Unified Theater provided the first inclusive experience for 47% of participants (33% had minimal inclusion prior). It directly aligns with the goals of the PJ settlement.
- **Effects off the Stage:** 64% of parents said they saw improvements in their child's home or school behavior as a result of Unified Theater. 84% of participants said Unified Theater improved their self-confidence. 65% of participants said Unified Theater influenced their educational and career aspirations.
- **Bringing Schools Together:** 87% of participants agreed Unified Theater promotes tolerance in their school.

**We can assure you nothing will make you prouder than seeing students in your district put on a Unified Theater show!**

For more information about Unified Theater visit [www.unifiedtheater.org](http://www.unifiedtheater.org).

### JOIN THE MOVEMENT:

To join the Unified Theater movement, register today for the 4th annual Connecticut Spotlight Summit (2nd CT Spotlight Summit this school year). Student leaders of all abilities and their faculty advisors are invited to attend. At this day-long training in Hartford, attendees will be trained in everything from inclusion to team-building, arts accessibility to leadership. It will be an action-filled day with lots of valuable information, opportunities to collaborate and network, and fun activities and give-aways!

Annual Unified Theater group registration is \$500 and includes registration for 5 attendees at the Spotlight Summit (schools may send single and additional attendees as well). **To make Unified Theater available to all, we offer a number of scholarships: contact Roz @ Unified Theater for more information on available scholarships.**

For more Spotlight Summit information and registration, visit <http://www.unifiedtheater.org/summitreg/>

