Vision Forward continues ahead!

As we come to the close of another year, we look back on the great accomplishments that your generous support has enabled our musicians to achieve. Because of you, the VSO is breaking new ground and becoming a leader in how orchestras serve their communities. In early November, we performed our first-ever sensory-friendly concert to expand access to people on the autism spectrum and others who may not feel comfortable in traditional concert settings. In addition, our October Classics concert featured Pulitzer-Prize winning composer, violinist, and vocalist Caroline Shaw, under the direction of guest conductor, Edwin Outwater. The energetic duo brought new energy to the performance halls and showcased the versatility of our world-class musicians.

One patron said, “The performance was exhilarating…My teens were enthralled…as a parent raising children to appreciate the arts, it was so deeply satisfying to know that they were hooked from the beginning.”

These highlights are just a few examples of the extent of the VSO’s reach within the community. Over the winter, our 24 Young People’s Concerts will be attended by elementary students in schools in every district throughout the region. And, in January, we will publicly announce the Vision Forward campaign. We are very proud to list your name amongst our early supporters - your lead investment has set us on a course for success in meeting our ambitious $12 million goal. Thank you for making our moving our Vision Forward!

Tim and Kelly Faulkner recently made a gift to the Vision Forward campaign. They believe that the VSO’s presence is important because of the VSO’s robust education programs in school districts throughout Hampton Roads. “As parents, we know how important it is that kids have access to high quality music education, for future success in work and in life. The more we learn about the VSO, the more we are impressed by the depth and breadth of their programming that directly benefits students and teachers in our community.” — Tim and Kelly Faulkner