

Friendship Academy of the Arts students give back to the community

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The students of Friendship Academy of the Arts (FAA) shared in the spirit of giving this season by sharing the gift of art.

Although in the midst of testing, FAA students found it necessary – and were empowered –to give back to the community in a way they thought best, which was the giving of themselves in a musical performance along with some handcrafted gift items for the residents of Providence Place Senior Living located in south Minneapolis.

The seniors enjoyed the performances by singing along with the students and clapping their hands to the beat enthusiastically. The beat was provided by Daryl Boudreaux of the Grammy Award-winning Sounds of Blackness and Margaret Jordan (volunteer and grandparent of a FAA student).

Friendship Academy students take pride in their academic work, demonstrated in their test scores and the fact that FAA placed first in the state for during a recent testing.

A small Minneapolis public K-6 charter school is located in south Minneapolis, FAA has students from within the city and nearby suburbs. Friendship Academy provides a 15 to 1 student to teacher ratio. The students and families are not a mere number but known by their

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names and they know the teachers and staff by name as well. The curriculum provides a unique blend of core courses with the arts and additional enrichment courses of drum and drill, fine arts, dance, theater, music and Spanish.

Friendship Academy prepares students for success not only for career and college readiness but also to be confident, creative and competent leaders who know the value of serving others and not afraid to put it into action. For more information about Friendship Academy of the Arts, visit www.friendshipacademy.org or call 612-879-6703.