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Lindenwood University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts recently hosted 200 guests from St. Charles County's Youth in Need to attend performances in the national tour of *Finding Neverland* on Jan. 25, 2020, at no cost.

"To fulfill the Scheidegger Center's mission of bringing arts, entertainment, and culture to our community, Lindenwood made it possible to welcome these very special guests," said Peter Colombatto, marketing director at the Scheidegger Center.

Youth In Need is a nonprofit child and family services agency that is dedicated to building positive futures for the community's most vulnerable children, teens, and families. These guests come from many different backgrounds and live throughout our area. With the university's support, and with the help of Youth In Need's Community Engagement Coordinator, the Scheidegger Center was able to offer these families the opportunity to see the story of playwright and novelist James M. Barrie and the inspiration behind his most storied character, Peter Pan.

“We are so excited to share something as special as a night at the theater with the children, youth, and families we work with at Youth In Need, as it is an experience they might not have had access to otherwise,” said Autumn Shepherd, community engagement coordinator at Youth In Need. “It is a chance not only to enjoy an acclaimed musical but to spark or support a youth's love for the arts. Opportunities like this are only possible through the incredible support of this community, and we are thankful to be a part of it!”

Colombatto said Lindenwood University has an intense focus on being a force for good in the community.

“Through this kind of engagement, the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts helps the university achieve this goal,” Colombatto said.