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## Unitex cuts ribbon on second facility; Dacon sponsors concert series for blind

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Lawrence, MA In honor of Unitex's phase two ribbon cutting, Dacon is funding a concert series for the blind via a partnership with the Talking Information Center (TIC). Unitex is the nation's largest family-owned linen and uniform service provider to the health industry. This second in-state expansion focuses on the ambulatory care and outpatient medical markets, bringing over 200 jobs to the city. To mark this new production facility congresswoman Lori Trahan and senator Barry Finegold were in attendance.

The president of Unitex, David Potack, said "Unitex is excited to expand our client service offerings which will focus on outpatient and ambulatory healthcare locations. This gift has particular

significance as we are sensitive to the challenges of individuals with medical conditions. TIC offers both access and uplifting experiences for those with visual impairments. Their work is uniquely impactful.”

The Talking Information Center is a radio reading service operating 24 hours a day for the blind and visually impaired. Listeners have access to live radio theater, music performances and national publications via 200 readers. Currently 30,000 people in the state rely on this media service streamed via radio, Alexa, Google, community television, the TIC app and website to engage with the outside world “Many of our listeners are low income with multiple medical conditions beyond low vision. We are thrilled to offer artistic programming to our listeners that they may not have access to otherwise,” said Anna Dunbar, executive director of TIC. This funding covers classical and pops programs within the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra’s (ASO) 2023 season. ASO began during WWII to provide symphonic repertoire to Boston’s South Shore. Today it is one of the most highly regarded in New England. An average of 5,000 listeners in 100 countries attend the ASO broadcasts.

Dacon’s Designed with Dignity philanthropy seeks to acknowledge, encourage and highlight the work of organizations that create a measurable difference on a local level. In less than 1 1/2 years since its inception, 16, 470 lives have been enhanced by DwD programs.

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