

The President's Report:

3,000 Children Served by 15 Artists in 2 Years

Dear Friends,

I want to express my appreciation for your loyalty and willingness to support our mission, which has made us one of the fastest-growing independent arts education programs.

In less than two years, we hired 15 artist educators, presented hundreds of workshops, staff development training programs, and performances. Our efforts have served over 3,000 children and hundreds of elderly throughout the New York Metropolitan area and through its satellite program in the lower Saxony region of Germany.

Portals Of Wonder has been privileged to deliver hundreds of public and private programs for community based organizations ranging from **Beth Israel Medical Center, Singer Division- Pediatrics, Tolstoy Foundation for Russian Orphans, the Children's Incarnation Center** (a hospice for children born with HIV/AIDS), **the New York City Department of Homeless Services, New York and New Jersey public schools,**

The Thirteenth Street Theatre, The Art Lab at Snug Harbor National Cultural Center, The French Atelier, faith-based institutions such as the **Lincoln Square Synagogue,** residential centers for homeless elderly such as the **Bowery Residence Committee,** and educational learning communities such as the **City University of New York Graduate Center, Foundation for Mind Research** and the **Hunter College School of Social Work, City University of New York,** to name a few.

Often those who benefit from Portals Of Wonder programs are disenfranchised children and families facing enormous life challenges: AIDS, cancer, chemical addiction, and crises such as the World Trade Center tragedy, homelessness and poverty. Now we are developing an **Off-Broadway musical extravaganza** to bring hope, magic and wonder to over **4,000 disenfranchised children over the next two years.**

As Portals Of Wonder successfully moves into its fourth year since receiving our 501(c)(3), we remain dedicated to providing a warm, safe, creative and educational environment that encourages youth, professionals, artists and visionaries to delve into the depths of their work and participants' hearts. We strive to deepen the content and delivery of our programs in order to further strengthen community through the arts.

Included in this newsletter are recent improvements, short-term goals and developments. We remain proud of improvements in administrative efficiency and the delivery of programs designed to benefit the communities we serve.

Through your continued support, underprivileged individuals who would not have experienced the inspiration and hope that music, mime, myth, magic and wonder bring, can now enjoy a better quality of life. It has been our honor to fulfill the mission of Portals Of Wonder: to invoke hope, inspiration and wonder in the world.

Thank you.

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