

# Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation



Winter 2013 Newsletter

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## A letter from Jamie's family ...

All of us at the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation send out a big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our \$10,000 Match Challenge. We did it! We exceeded our goal. We raised \$15,375 to secure the \$10K match. We are most grateful to the generous anonymous donor offering the match who has been such a major force in the growth of Jamie's foundation. Most touching was the support from Jamie's Amity High School and Wesleyan University friends. Jamie had a talent for seeing the best in people but when it came to her Amity and Wesleyan friends she certainly did not have to look very far!



MC David Raffauf

Our 10th anniversary *Evening for the Arts* was a great success thanks to the musical talents of the Broadway Boys who wowed the crowd with their unique renditions of Broadway's favorite show stoppers including RENT's *Seasons of Love* which was dedicated to Jamie. Act 1 showcased foundation-sponsored projects including performances by Square Foot Theatre's adult and children's companies, Amity High School's Creative Theatre, and Race Brook School's *Dancing with the Racebrook Stars* latin-ballroom dance troupe. As always, guests enjoyed a spectacular pre-show silent auction and reception with fine wine and yummy appetizers. Our featured dessert, a 3-dimensional cake by Carlos Bakery-TLC's Cake Boss was devoured in record time! The evening's shocker was Master of Ceremonies, David Raffauf's announcement that he will be stepping down as MC after a decade of entertaining the audience with his wit and silver-tongued auctioneering. And so, going out in style, David donned white tux and tails and gave an unforgettable rendition of George M. Cohen's *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy*. David and his wife Pat Raffauf helped create the foundation in 2002 – thank you does not even begin to describe the depth of our gratitude.

~ Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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## A Decade in Review

**W**hat would I want with small dreams? That was Jamie's motto and it is clearly her foundation's anthem. Back in 2002 when a small group of family and friends gathered to create the foundation we never dreamed that ten years later we would be saying that we gave away over \$300,000 in grants and scholarships and had touched the lives of over 10,000 young people ... but that indeed is what has happened!



St Francis-St Rose School

Our largest endeavor is our grants to schools program where \$1,000 grants are awarded to area teachers seeking to enhance the traditional curriculum through the visual, performing, and literary arts by engaging students in hands-on workshops with local experts in the fine arts, theater, dance, music, creative writing, etc. This program

is open to all Connecticut schools and, to date, 88 grants have been awarded to schools in Ansonia, Bethany, Bridgeport, East Haven, Fairfield, Hartford, Orange, Manchester, New Haven, North Haven, Stratford, West Haven, Willimantic, and Woodbridge.

Through the foundation's community outreach efforts we partnered with a wide variety of groups including Square Foot Theatre, Orange Arts & Culture Council, Orange Players, Orange Historical Society, New England Ballet Company, Theatre Fairfield's Independent



Amity's Sweeney Todd

Project, Milford Boys & Girls Club, the Literacy Center of Milford, Center Stage Theatre, the former Fairfield Arts Center, Connecticut Women's Caucus for Art, Ronald McDonald House's Trees of Hope and Action for Bridgeport Community Development's Early Learning Program.. To date, we have sponsored 35 theater productions, 7 art exhibits, and a host of special projects.



Ilyana Schwartz' Art Thesis

Through our scholarship program young people are given an opportunity to hone their talents in the arts. Thus far 15 students have pursued their own dreams in Studio Art and Theater with the help of our four-year partial college scholarships. At Wesleyan University, 20 students have been awarded art thesis stipends and 32 received travel stipends to enhance their studies in Italy. Eighty-one

children have received full tuition summer theater camp scholarships. The newly created Maria & Stanley Gellis Music Scholarship program provided a year of vocal and instrument instruction to two teens.

Jamie's legacy is truly a rich one. Thank you to all of our supporters for making it all possible.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Jamie A Hulley Arts Foundation's  
ELEVENTH annual gala benefit ...

*An Evening for the Arts*

Saturday, September 7, 2013  
Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University  
*featuring*



back by popular demand with a new set of show tunes  
Master of Ceremonies ???  
*it's a surprise - come and see who it will be*  
6 p.m. pre-show reception & silent auction; 7:30 p.m performance  
\$40 in advance \$45 at the door  
For information: 203-891-8869, [jamicart@snet.net](mailto:jamicart@snet.net)

## Community Grants on Exhibit



The Milford Westshore Boys and Girls Club offered a 8-week afterschool art program taught by local artist Janet Zamparo. These were not your ordinary art activities; each art project included educational content related to history, geography, math and language arts. The children learned about prehistoric cave painting; they explored the artistic treasures of their local community through the creation of townscapes collages; they were introduced to foreign cultures through a world mask project; they delighted in the wacky world of Lichtenstein-inspired cartooning; and, as a tribute to Jamie, they designed butterfly mosaics. Best of all, the children had the experience of exhibiting their work at the Milford Library and hosting the opening reception. According to one young artist, "I felt so proud. People were looking at my painting and they liked it! Maybe I am good in art after all."

"The first time her laughter unfurled its wings in the wind, we knew that the world would never be the same."

## School Grants with Meaning



A total of twenty \$1,000 grants to area schools for the 2012-2013 year. All were innovative and inspiring; however, grants at two schools in particular struck a chord near and dear to our hearts with their special Jamie-

connection. December 5, 2012 was "Jamie's day" at her alma mater, Amity Middle School in Orange. Every student in the school - all 412 of them - were touched by Jamie's artistic legacy. The 8th graders had a field trip to Amity High School where they enjoyed Amity Creative Theatre perform *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* - a production supported by one of our foundation grants. The 7th graders all took part in foundation sponsored projects that day as well. Half participated in a dance showcase to mark the end of a 6-week Latin dance program designed to enhance their study of the Spanish culture led by ballroom dance instructor Kristie Entwistle ([www.ballroomexp.com](http://www.ballroomexp.com)). The other half enjoyed a visiting artist's presentation of the stories, the dances, and the music of Ghana to begin their arts-enriched study of African culture.



*Hannah Rappaport & friends*

Seventh graders at St. Aedan-St. Brendan School in New Haven explored the art of storytelling and the personal narrative for 6 weeks with author-illustrator Sanna Stanley. Ms Stanley energized the students by sharing her personal life experiences growing up in "the bush" with her missionary parents in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her message to the students was that "everyone has a story to tell; everyone's experiences are important." The students wrote and illustrated a memoir which was presented to an audience of parents, faculty and administrators. As a special treat, 13-year-old Orange resident and author, Hannah Rappaport, spent an afternoon with the 7th graders sharing her experiences as a teenage author. Hannah donated a copy of her book, *Bug*, to every student so they could read it her visit. The students had many questions for Hannah - where do you get your ideas? Where do you do your writing? How do you find the time with all your school work? This day was very special not only because the students were inspired by meeting someone their own age who actually wrote a book but also because Hannah is a part of our foundation family! She was the 2012 recipient of the Jamie Hulley Creative Arts Award at Racebrook School in Orange.

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