



Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts

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Summer 2004 Newsletter

A letter from Jamie's family

The twelve months since our last newsletter can be best described as bittersweet. The reality of Jamie's absence from our daily lives is unavoidable. We miss the twinkle in her eye, her smile, her hugs, her crazy laugh, her "creative" messes, and even the crumpled kleenex scattered everywhere imaginable! However, in the midst of our sadness, we also feel so blessed to have in our lives such an amazing group of family and friends who continue to provide love and support. In our attempts to cope personally and in our efforts to build a "living legacy" to Jamie through her Fund for the Arts, we have been overwhelmed by people's kindness and generosity.

The success of our first fundraiser, An Evening of Music & Comedy, surpassed our expectations and has allowed us to greatly expand the work of Jamie's Fund for the Arts. We were able to continue to offer the seven award and scholarship programs established during our first year. Three new programs were developed in 2004: an art and music enrichment program for the preschoolers attending the Jamie Hulley Childcare Center in Bridgeport CT; a full tuition scholarship for a promising teenage thespian to attend the Shakespeare Ventures summer camp at Fairfield University; a gift certificate award for a dancer at the Lee Lund Studio in Milford, CT. Three additional programs are planned to begin in 2005: an artist-in-residence program that will provide "hands on" experiences with professional artists for students at Amity High School and in the Orange CT elementary schools; a summer internship stipend to subsidize a college student accepted for an unpaid internship in the performing arts; a "Musicians Unplugged" performance-interview series at Fairfield University. As you can see, we have started locally. Our eventual goal (our dream – Jamie never settled for small dreams) is to make Jamie's Fund for the Arts a resource to young artists beyond the geographical borders of Jamie's Connecticut-based experiences. Thank you for all of your support.

– Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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First Annual Benefit - An Artistic Delight!

On the evening of September 20th 2003 over 200 people gathered at the Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University for an Evening of Music and Comedy. The event had something for everyone – jazz, comedy, dancing, exciting auction items, good wine, and gourmet edibles. It was Jamie's 22nd birthday and in keeping with her self-initiated tradition that her special day be celebrated, the show began with rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday." Master of Ceremonies, Dave Raffauf, proved to be a genius of ad lib and an auctioneer adept at enticing the audience to make him an offer he couldn't refuse.



The silent auction was a crowd-pleaser.

The Lee Lund Studio of Dance's Teen Company opened the show with two energizing dance pieces, Flashdance and Street Beat. The crowd was reduced to tears of laughter by comedian Mike Morris' hilarious glimpses at the absurdity of everyday life. His mailman impression was truly unforgettable! The show concluded with a lively selection of jazz standards and original compositions by renowned jazz performers, bassist Brian Torff, pianist Florence Melnote, and drummer Thierry Arpino. An exciting array of auction items, including a Foxwoods weekend, original artwork, and NY Ranger box seats, incited bouts of spirited bidding. It was an event that truly captured Jamie's love of the arts and her talent for making people happy...a good time was had by all. Special thanks to the organizing committee, to the performers, to Tom Zingarelli and the Quick Center staff, and to our many friends and supporters who helped to make the evening a great success.

Thank you Wesleyan Class of 2003

We would like to express our gratitude to Jamie's friends - Wesleyan's class of 2003. Your outpouring of love and support to our family was and still is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the yearbook dedication. Thank you for remembering Jamie at graduation. Thank you for honoring Jamie by dedicating your class gift - Fisk Hall Classroom 210 – to her "vivacious spirit".

SAVE THE DATE

The Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts SECOND annual benefit concert ...

Saturday, September 18, 2004
"An Evening for the Arts"

Music by Melissa Mulligan Band
Comedy by Mike Morris
Dance by Lee Lund Studio Teen Company
Pre-show reception & silent auction

Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University
Ticket price \$35 For information call 203-891-8869

Update on Award Recipients

The goal of Jamie's Fund for the Arts is to provide opportunities for artists to pursue their dreams ... we seem to be doing just that! Wesleyan University student Jenni Conrad from Seattle WA used her 2003 Bologna Travel Stipend to extend her stay in Italy to do research for her senior thesis. Jenni joined the Perugia Women's Rugby team as a participant-observer ethnographer studying gender-related issues of identity, body image, and power. Jenni presented her research at the annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society in Atlanta in April 2004. At Wesleyan, she received high honors for her work and was awarded the Scott Prize for Romance Languages. The 2004 Studio Art Thesis Stipend was given to Wesleyan senior Juliana Romano from Santa Monica CA. Juliana's plan was to create a series of life size, colorful paintings of people in everyday clothing in realistic settings. The stipend helped her to hire models diverse in age so that her work truly reflected the world beyond a college campus. Juliana received high honors for her work and was awarded the Tischler Prize in Studio Art. Congratulations Jenni and Juliana!

Amity High School senior Louis Jefferson III was awarded the 2004 Jamie A. Hulley Studio Art Scholarship. Lou is the President of Amity's National Honors Art Society and he plays a mean sax in Amity's jazz band. Lou plans to study art next year at Southern Connecticut State University.

This year Jamie's Fund will double the number of scholarships to the Children's Summer Theater Program at Fairfield University by sponsoring 4 youngsters new to the program (Doreen Spears, Frank Gaines, Kahdeem & Raven Stewart) and 4 "veteran" actors (Carolyn Williams, Gernard Eaddy, Jordan Mathis, and Jasmine Bailey) who are looking forward to returning to the stage after having the time of their life in last summer's production of "Little Red Riding Hood". All recipients are affiliated with Action for Bridgeport Community Development. To all our budding thespians - break a leg!

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

Jamie Hulley Childcare Center News

In the large brick building at 460 Lafayette St. in Bridgeport CT a picture of Jamie's smiling face greets you when you enter and a feeling of her creative and loving energy fills the air. In a dedication ceremony held on Oct. 23, 2003, Action for Bridgeport Community Development named the site that provides Head Start & School Readiness services to 170 preschoolers the Jamie A. Hulley Childcare Center. The celebration included an exhibit of Jamie's artwork, music by the Council of Elders, a tribute from Congressman Christopher Shays and Bridgeport Mayor John Fabrizi. But it was the children who stole the show with their enthusiastic "welcome" songs and effervescent smiles.



In collaboration with ABCD administrators and teaching staff, Jamie's Fund has sponsored several enrichment projects this year. At the dedication, the children were given a "Jamie Hulley Center" tee-shirt with a butterfly logo drawn by Jamie and a new children's book with an art-related theme. For the holiday season, Jamie's Fund sponsored an "Adopt a Friend and Read" program. Every child received a new winter-themed book and, thanks to the generosity of Ruth Torony, a stuffed animal "friend" to share their story with. To celebrate spring (and Jamie's love of butterflies) each classroom was given a butterfly "growing kit" and the children witnessed the caterpillar-to-butterfly metamorphosis first hand. Also, each week "Jamie's Book Exchange" program provides "gently used" books for the children to bring home and enjoy.

An exciting music enrichment program organized by Fairfield University music-psychology major Maggie O'Connor took place this spring. Each week the children were introduced to a different musical instrument (piano, drums, guitar, violin, saxophone, trumpet, accordion, bagpipes, etc.) and a different musical style (classical, jazz, blues, reggae, rap, etc.). Each lesson was tied to some important aspect of school readiness (learning about letters, numbers, feelings, etc.). The experience culminated with a concert for the children and their families by the Fairfield University Jazz band led by Brian Torff.



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www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org

The homepage is up! Many thanks to Jodie Fitzpatrick.

