



Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts

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Summer 2006 Newsletter

A letter from Jamie's family ...

What those of us who knew and loved Jamie find most uplifting and energizing is the many positive ways in which Jamie is being remembered. Friends and family continue to participate in fundraising efforts to combat cancer in her name. Once again, Jamie's close friends Vicki Vinnitsky and Elyse Gottlieb raised money in Jamie's honor for *Relay for Life* and *Team in Training*. This year, one of Judy's former Fairfield University students, Sasha Hutchings, class of 2002, participated in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Hike for Discovery" at the Grand Canyon and raised \$3,000 to help find a cure. Thank you Sasha, Elyse & Vicki for remembering Jamie in such a meaningful way.

We would like to share a story that made us smile and hopefully will do the same for you. Jamie always said that she wanted to be famous so that people would "know her name." Recently Judy was giving a presentation about the Jamie's Art Fund to the teachers at Jamie's elementary school alma mater, RaceBrook School, when a student who was passing by looked up at Jamie's picture and said "That's Jamie Hulley. She was one of Ms Greenspan's favorite students." The girl continued to tell us that she participated in a 3rd grade classroom fundraiser selling craft items for charity and that they made a donation to Jamie's Art Fund. Indeed, Janet Greenspan's students donated \$10 of their proceeds to Jamie's Fund. Jamie's wish is coming true.

September 9, 2006 marks the date for our Fourth Annual Benefit *An Evening for the Arts* at the Regina A. Quick Center at Fairfield University featuring the fabulous female performance rock band "Housewives on Prozac" www.housewivesonprozac.com and the wry wit of comedian Mike Morris. Returning to host the show is the ever-entertaining David Raffauf. As usual, benefit attendees will enjoy a wine & hors d'oeuvre reception and chances to bring home amazing auction items including vacation getaways, sports tickets, Hollywood memorabilia, antiques, jewelry, and many other great surprises. Tickets are \$35, for information call 203-891-8869 or email jamiart@snet.net. Mark your calendars for the Saturday after Labor Day! Hope to see you there.

— Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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Highlights from 2006

2006 has been a very successful year for Jamie's Art Fund. Here are just a few of the many highlights: The Jamie Hulley Childcare Center in Bridgeport continues to thrive with an arts-rich curriculum, loads of Fairfield University volunteers to share their love of the visual and performing arts, the holiday book giveaway, and, of course, the annual springtime "growing butterflies" project. Once again this year Amity High School's art program enjoyed workshops with four visiting artists, including mixed media artist Matthew Farina



Is it a butterfly yet?

and painter Jane Sutherland. The visit from Dr. Katherine Schwab, professor of Art History at Fairfield University served as an inaugural event for Amity's new AP Art History program. Dr. Schwab shared her expertise



Prof. Schwab at Amity

in Greek art especially Periclean Athens and according to art teacher Brian Flinn, "It was incredibly beneficial for students to see how we learn about the art of the past and the techniques used by art historians to uncover the meanings and the forms of ancient art." In addition, 50 Amity students toured the galleries of NYC's Museum of Modern Art courtesy of Jamie's Art Fund. This year college scholarships were awarded to two of Amity's graduating seniors, Kaitlyn Jorje and Morgan Leykam. Kait participates in the studio art program at the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven CT and plans to continue her artistic career at the University of Connecticut in the fall. Morgan is the president of Amity's National Art Honor Society and will study art at Syracuse University. In March the annual Musician's Unplugged event at Fairfield University featured jazz pianist Florence Melnotte, jazz vocalist Catherine Depuis, and Broadway performer Kimberly JaJuan.



Torff & Depuis

Accompanied by the renowned jazz bassist Brian Torff, the performers shared their music and an insider's (and a woman's) look at the entertainment industry with the audience.

Visit the Jamie's Art Fund Website

www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts FOURTH annual benefit ...

"An Evening for the Arts"

Saturday, September 9, 2006

Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts
at Fairfield University

Music by Housewives on Prozac
Comedy by Mike Morris
Master of Ceremonies David Raffauf

Pre-show reception & silent auction

Ticket price \$35

For information: 203-891-8869, jamieart@snet.net

Sharing Jamie's Artwork

The month of February 2006 celebrated Jamie's artistic talent with a one-woman juried exhibit sponsored by the Art in the Library program at the Case Memorial Library in Orange CT. The collection reflected Jamie's love of artistic experimentation, her offbeat sense of humor, and her unique



perspectives on life, love, and illness. At the opening reception on February 6th a gathering of nearly 100 people enjoyed 48 pieces of Jamie's work including oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, pen & ink, and mixed media. It

was an event in true Jamie form – good art, good food, and lots of love and laughter. Positive reviews filled the gallery visitor guest book: "It's been a long time since I've been so touched." "Brilliant." "An incredible talent at such a young age. A moving experience to see her show." "Awesome beyond words!" "So talented and beautifully varied." "Wonderful! Uplifting!" "I wish I had known her." For those of us who did know Jamie, the positive energy in the room reflected the sentiments of one guest, "She lives in her art!" And today, even though the exhibit is down we take seriously the charge of Amity High School Art teacher Anne Eisner, "Keep the energy alive!"

Like her art, the Fund itself reflects Jamie's vibrant love of exploration and her ability to love and be loved by so many people. To date, over 500 children, teens and young adults have been able to enjoy and to experiment with the arts because of Jamie's Art Fund.



If you missed the show, check out our website. Prints of Jamie's artwork, Jamie art greeting cards, and our "Got Art" tee shirts are available for purchase via our website.

New for 2007 - School Art Grants

Jamie's Art Fund is adding a new annual program – the Elementary School Art Grant initiative. This spring, all grade 1-6 teachers and certified school personnel in Orange CT were invited to submit proposals to receive a \$1,000 grant for the 06-07 school year. The goal of this new Art Grant program is to enrich the existing curriculum through the integration of the visual and performing arts. There are many reasons for this new initiative. First, as a student at RaceBrook School, Jamie enjoyed learning through the arts and this grant initiative will provide similar hands-on learning opportunities to other school-age children. Second, the importance of the arts as a vehicle for learning and as a major contributor to the healthy development of the whole child seems to be somewhat lost in the wake of the No Child Left Behind Law's emphasis on standardized testing. We feel that the funding for the arts in education could use a helping hand.

We are pleased to announce the recipients for 2007: RaceBrook School's art teacher Erin Healy and Turkey Hill School's grade 2 teacher Kitty LaFrance. Ms Healy's idea is to have the 5th & 6th grade students create a permanent 8 foot tall "Tree of Life" sculpture. The project introduces the children to a new form of art (sculpture design) and provides connections to lessons on nature, literary expression, and social-emotional development. Kitty LaFrance's proposal will bring a visiting performing artist to work with a group of 40-60 students over a 2-3 month period mentoring them in art of improvisation, creative and expressive storytelling, voice projection, costume design, etc. Congratulations to Erin and Kitty, RaceBrook and Turkey Hill Schools. A special thank you to Superintendent Tim James for his enthusiastic and invaluable support of this initiative.

As Jamie's Art Fund grows, it is our plan is to extend the opportunity to apply for these annual grants to schools in other surrounding Connecticut towns.

Summer Internship Stipend Allows Students to Follow Their Dreams



As a college student, Jamie dreamed of spending a summer working in a New York City gallery or museum. Unfortunately since most internships in the arts are unpaid, Jamie spent her summers engaged in far less interesting employment. Because of this, Jamie's Art Fund provides a \$1,500 summer arts internship stipend to allow college students to follow their dreams. In 2005, Katie McLaughlin gained experience in stage management and working in a touring theater format by interning with a traveling children's theater company in New Hampshire. This year, we are happy to announce that Gabriel Rojas from Union NJ is the recipient of Jamie's summer intern stipend. Gabe is a new media major at Fairfield University. He will be working as a newsroom intern for 770 AM radio WABC in New York City. According to Gabe, he was 9 years old when he knew that he wanted to pursue a career in radio. This summer he will be one step closer to that dream by interning with Bruce Anderson, WABC's afternoon anchor. Gabe will be going on location with reporters, monitoring wire sources, and working on his journalism skills by editing reports and even writing a few new reports of his own. Best of luck Gabe!

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