



Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts

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Winter 2006 Newsletter

A letter from Jamie's family ...

When we think of Jamie, we think of her love of people and how much she valued her friends. As the new year begins, we find ourselves filled with a sense of gratitude for the friends who remind us that even though our lives are not what we had planned, there is still so much in life to cherish and enjoy. So, borrowing a line from the Beatles, we "get by with a little help from our friends." Jamie's Art Fund has flourished because of friends – old friends, new friends, friends from school, friends from work, friends of friends. Here are just some of the ways our friends have helped Jamie's Fund grow:

Two of Judy's former Fairfield University students shared their wedding day with Jamie's Art Fund by making a donation in the name of their wedding guests (a new tradition in wedding planning). Congratulations and thank you to Lynn Hartigan (class of 2001) & Myke Nichols and to Leah Whynacht (class of 1999) & Marc Gaudet.

The children's theater camp scholarships have gotten a boost from donations from students at Fairfield Preparatory High School thanks to the work of three Fairfield University alums (and Prep employees), Andrew Martinez, Sandy Stock and Megan Hoover. Thus far Fairfield Prep's MITE box collection has raised nearly \$1,200 so that five children from Bridgeport CT could enjoy the excitement of performing on stage. Thanks to our many friends at the Prep.

Jamie's friend Sara Morrison (Wesleyan class of 2003) works for the Television Without Pity website (televisionwithoutpity.com) which sponsors "Tubey's Kids" online auctions for custom recaps of old TV show episodes. Proceeds go to non-profits and Sara arranged for Jamie's Fund to be a recipient. A total of \$700 was raised! Many thanks to Sara and to auction organizer David Cole.

We found this in Jamie's collection of favorite quotes: "Friends are angels that help us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly." Jamie's legacy truly takes flight with more than a little help from our friends.

– Judy Primavera, Fred Hulley, Kari Hulley



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2005 - Accomplishments and New Directions

Jamie's Art Fund definitely reflects her energy. In just three years, over 500 children, teens, and young adults have benefited from the Fund's many programs. The accomplishments for 2005 are: the RaceBrook School Creative Arts Award was presented to Kristina Karabinos. Katharine Poland received the Jamie Hulley Dance Award at the Lee Lund Studio; Summer Theater Scholarships were awarded to Jordan Mathis, Jaylan Mathis, Carolyn Williams, Gernard Eaddy, Doreen Spears, Matthew Burgos & Bianca Logos. The 170 preschoolers at the Jamie Hulley Childcare Center enjoyed an arts enrichment program including weekly book give-aways, butterfly growing projects, and a new under-the-sea mural. The Amity Middle School Art Award went to Kelly Cargos. At Amity High School, Alice Lee received the Studio Art Scholarship & Cathie McClellan received a special arts "spirit" award. The Amity HS Visiting Artists Program hosted workshops by four professional artists and Amity's Drama Club enjoyed a \$1,000 production grant. The Shakespeare Ventures Theatre scholarships went to Lenny Mainiero & Joshua Kalloo. At Wesleyan University, Studio Art Thesis Stipends were given to Carolyn Wachnicki & Andy "Vern" Vernon-Jones and Sarah Perry & Katie Reid received Bologna Travel Stipends. A \$1,000 grant supported Theatre Fairfield's independent student production "The Biggest and Brightest in Town." See our website for more information & photos.



New programs for 2005 included our first "Musicians Unplugged" event featuring Chris Franz & Tina Weymouth of "Talking Heads" and "Tom-Tom Club" fame. Our college scholarship program now includes the opportunity for renewal and Louis Jefferson III (Amity '04) received a second year of funding for his sophomore year at Southern Connecticut State University. Our first summer internship stipend was awarded to Katie McLaughlin, a theater major at Fairfield University, who interned as Stage/Road Manager for Lincoln NH's Papermill Theater's Children's Theater Company. Katie worked on eight original musicals performed twice daily in seven different locations. According to Katie, she learned invaluable lessons: how professional theater differed from college theater, the unique demands of a touring company venue, and the types of theaters and types of jobs she'd like in her future.

Finally, a new mini-grants program is in the planning stage for Fall 2006. The program will be open to all elementary school personnel in Orange CT. The goal is to enhance the curriculum through the visual and performing arts. Hopefully, this program will be a pilot for future expansion to additional school districts.

Jamie never had small dreams, so why should her Art Fund?



Visit the Jamie's Art Fund Website

www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Exhibit

featuring the work of

Jamie Elaine Hulley

Feb. 2 – March 1, 2006

Opening Reception

Feb. 9, 2006 5-7 p.m.

Case Memorial Library

176 Tyler City Rd. Orange, CT

“Musicians Unplugged” – Women in Music

March 30, 2006 • 7 p.m.

featuring

Florence Melnotte (jazz piano),

Catherine Depuis (jazz vocals)

& Kimberly JaJuan (Broadway performer)

Both events are free and open to the public.

For information call (203) 891-8869 or email jamiart@snet.net

Somethin's Fishy at the Jamie Hulley Childcare Center

In four weeks time nearly 290 sq. ft of drab and dreary stairway leading to the second floor suite of classrooms was transformed into an underwater fantasyland thanks to the combined talents of Amity High School seniors (and best friends) Kaitlyn Jorge and Kari Hulley. Now when the preschoolers at Jamie's Center climb the stairs they walk through a vibrant coral reef inhabited by brightly colored fish, sea turtles, dolphins, anemones, sea skates, crabs, a pirate's chest of sunken treasure, a mermaid, and even a rendition of Jamie snorkeling as a preschooler! Each day the children watched as rough sketches were transformed into dazzling



Kait & Kari with friends

denizens of the deep. The children were bubbling with questions, “Ms Kait, what is that animal called? How do you do that?” “Ms. Kari, when I grow up, can I be an artist too?” Classroom teachers use the lively images to illustrate themes in their lesson plans. Site manger Hector Burgos sums it all up, “Now the Center looks like place for children, bright and inviting. It captures the children's imagination the minute they come into the building.” Wait until you see what Kait and Kari have planned for next year – butterflies! Jamie's Center, run by Action for Bridgeport Community Development, is located at 460 Lafayette St., Bridgeport CT.

Benefit 2005 ... Another Triumph!

On September 10, 2005 a crowd of over 300 delighted to the perfect harmonies of Aztec Two-Step, www.aztectwostep.com, the energetic grace of Lee Lund Dance Studio's Teen Company, & the taste of yummy food and fine wine. Once again, our artful master of ceremonies, David Raffauf, elicited belly laughs and cold hard cash from the audience as he auctioned off such treasures as Mohegan Sun & Foxwoods gift certificates, a Lake



Aztec Two-Step

Winnepesaukee Inn vacation, Yankee, Red Sox, Mets tickets, and seats for mens & ladies UConn Husky basketball. The fashions of new designer Natalie Messina were showcased. A treasure trove of outstanding silent auction items were available including weekend get-aways, unique sports memorabilia, a rare autographed photo of Bette Davis, overflowing baskets of goodies, scholarships



Teen Company

to an SAT prep course, computer camp, girls basketball camp, and much, much more. 100% of the proceeds go to support our many scholarships and arts educational programs. The evening was a great success! Many thanks to all Jamie's Art Fund supporters, especially Tom Zingarelli & Quick Center staff. Kudos

to the benefit committee: David & Pat Raffauf, Tom & Sue Hulley, Mari Sherman, Joann Scinto, Kathy & Pompeo Gatto, Vicki Vinitzky, Anthony Savignano, Lorri Cavaliere, Debbie Smith & Alida Begina.

Wesleyan Artist Update

The Studio Art Thesis Stipend helps to defray material costs thus helping Wesleyan University senior art majors to more fully explore their artistic vision for their thesis project. Here is what our recipients are up to: Josh Weeks '03 has been working and painting in New York City since graduation including a position as project assistant to world renowned artist Takashi Murakami. Josh's latest work features naked people in industrial city settings, hopefully to be shown in a Chelsea exhibit in the near future. After teaching art in a private school in Los Angeles, Juliana Romano '04 is now in the MFA program at UCLA. She continues to use both live models and photographs to create large colorful figure paintings. Juliana believes it was receiving Jamie's award that gave her the encouragement and the confidence she needed to keep making art. Carolyn Wachnicki '05 is waiting to hear about acceptance to MFA programs and is exploring avenues to exhibit her large-scale compositions that combine classic images from art history with objects common to contemporary culture. Andy “Vern” Vernon-Jones '05 is working towards his teacher certification in Art from UMass Amherst and is currently creating a series of photographs of immigrant teens. He believes that Jamie's award helped him to articulate his goals and who he was as an artist and a very important point in his life. Someday we will be able to say “We knew them when ...”

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