

*Creative Heartwork, Inc.®  
President's 2008 Report of Activity*

*This is a summary of our agency's activities for 2008. My heartfelt thanks goes to all of you for your many contributions of time, effort, funds and moral support! It has been another year filled with many challenges, accomplishments and benchmarks reached. In November we enrolled our 1,000<sup>th</sup> child! This was no small feat!*

*In 2008 Creative Heartwork held 18 different Mending Arts® series which included 10-12 weekly workshops held for 90 minutes to two hours, both on and off site for children ages 4-17 from Newark, Morris County and parts of Somerset and Union counties. The children were grouped by age and stage of development with similar mental health, physical health or behavioral health problems or disabilities. All of our referrals came from behavioral health centers, foster and adoptive parents, pediatricians, school psychologists, group homes, shelters, social service agencies and a detention center. Our series included poetry, music, art, dance and culinary arts themes to engage the children in the process of their healing. Listed below are the 2008 project series as advertised. There was full enrollment in each series and we have a waiting list for 2009.*

***My Gifts***

*A photography series for teens who experienced trauma or loss. Discover your gift for taking black and white and color photos and create note cards as gifts to friends and family who have helped you along the way. Funded by the Arts Council of the Morris Area.*

***Train of Thought***

*A bilingual literary and visual art series about assimilating to the U.S. for Spanish speaking children from Morristown. The arts displayed in the Morristown Train Station. Funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the program was offered in conjunction with New Jersey Bridge Parent Center.*

***The Women's Resource Center for Children and Their Families (two series)***

*Summer 2008 Somerset County program for battered women and their children to design their own miniature shelters out of natural materials. A fall 2008 music series was also held with children who witnessed the violence.*

***Dragonflies, Fairies and Butterflies***

*Focus on nature and create tiny habitats in the woods and at our arts studio for real and mythical spirits in which to dwell. Funded by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.*

***Labeled***

*A fashion design series to create painted jeans, scarves, sneakers and jewelry. No sewing needed. Work with people "in the industry" to create your label and sense of style. For teens who experienced trauma or loss, Funded by the Arts Council of the Morris Area.*

***I Have a Dream***

*A 32 workshop Light of Day series for select children at Hubbard Middle School in Plainfield. This sampler series included the visual arts.*

### **Children's Hospital School Program**

*A Light of Day series for children ages 6-7 with multiple disabilities on site at their facility in Fanwood.*

### **Youth Shelter and Detention Center**

*Two healing arts series were offered in 2008 at each facility, one music and one art. Residents created their own songs and produced their own CDs!*

### **PG Chambers School**

*A series for children with disabilities onsite at our arts studio. The series includes arts, movement and music therapy that will result in a performance.*

### **AWE Inspiring**

*Arts and Wellness Experience. A half day summer camp program for St. Michael's Peter Ho Memorial Clinic for children infected with or affected by HIV. The projects included music and art.*

### **Celebake Like Duff**

*Be like the Ace of Cakes, Chef Duff from the Food Network! Celebrate everything by decorating a cake or cupcake like a professional under the direction of a real pastry chef! Designed for ages 11-14 who have experienced trauma or loss. Funded by the County of Morris.*

### **Music in Me**

*In 12 weeks, write and produce your own music. Children who can sing or play an instrument or want to learn to do so are invited! This series is funded by the County of Morris for children ages 9-12.*

### **Finding Your Center**

*This is a series that is designed to help teens manage their stress. Engage in yoga, learn to paint with watercolors and try the techniques of brush painting on rice paper! Listen to some soothing music and find your center. For teens who have experienced trauma or loss. Funded by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.*

### **Nature's Living Room**

*A 12 week series for 5-7 year olds from the Morristown area who suffered trauma or loss. Use natural materials to create environments that inspire imaginative storytelling along with fun art projects. Funded by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.*

*I am happy to report our annual holiday party had a record breaking attendance in 2008 with over 110 big and little people enjoying a luncheon, arts activities, entertainment and visit with Santa! Thanks goes to our co-chairs, Jan Miller and Gary Carbonello, for putting this all together.*

*All of these services for the children do not occur without a strong base of financial support from foundations, corporations, individuals and small businesses. In addition, with a full-time staff of just one person and a half-time staff of one assistant, we have had to heavily rely upon volunteers and 18 talented and dedicated contracted professionals to make this a reality!*

*Support from the Edward and Marie Matthews Foundation, Jockey Hollow Foundation, Curtis McGraw Foundation, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Layden Family Foundation, Starr Foundation and the East Tennessee Foundation provided the operational funds needed to serve children regardless of family income.*

*Generous funding from companies such as Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Ricoh Corporation, Prudential Financial Corporation, PSEG Resources LLC, and GlaxoSmithKlein was amplified by many of their employees assisting us in other hands-on activities as well, which makes them true partners in healing the children. Government funders included the County of Morris and the Arts Council of the Morris Area with local arts funds provided by the New Jersey State Arts Council. These grants have been a part of our stable basis of support for many years and we are grateful for their support of our mission and their recognition of the need for our services in our community.*

*We would be greatly remiss if we didn't thank our celebrity chefs, Corey Heyer, Bernards Inn; Cyril Renaud, Fleur de Sel; Jason Merrill, The Hanover Inn; Ryan DePersio, Fascino; Stefan Sabo, The Oregon Grill; Duff Goldman, Charm City Cakes; and wine sommelier John Osborne, Restaurant Latour for making our 2008 Dinner of Hope such a tremendous financial success. In one evening, our six course culinary extravaganza and silent auction raised over \$130,000 net profit for our children's programs. Thank you to all our black tie event attendees. In these hard economic times, your support was appreciated all the more this year.*

*Special thanks goes to each and every one of our 19 Heartworker volunteers who assisted in the children's workshops, worked behind the scenes to organize, decorate or clean the arts studio. Others worked on the Dinner of Hope, Beth Mahan and Carolyn Layden co-chaired our auction and did an excellent job! Special acknowledgement goes to our volunteer of the year, Kim Cornell, who volunteered and continues to volunteer ten hours per week! With our tiny staff, volunteers make all the difference.*

*A great big thanks to the additional 48 done-in-a-day project volunteers from Ricoh Corporation and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Each of these volunteers gave eight hours so that's 384 volunteer hours we received just from these companies! We are so glad you chose our organization and you are welcome back anytime!*

*Lastly, we want to acknowledge our greatest supporter, the 2008 World of Difference Award winner, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, for their longstanding support of our mission. From our earliest days of inception you believed in our agency and have been with us each step of the way. We couldn't have made this great progress in the last eight years without you!*

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