

CAPE COD HARWICH CHEATRE JUNIOR COMPANY

"Watching children perform, it's as if they instinctively know that creativity is the currency of the future."

Anonymous

For so many adults like Amanda Sevak who were once children in our performances or classes, **Cape Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre (CCTC/HJT)** "is like a family friend that knew me before I was born, helped me grow, and has now welcomed my own children." Now in our 68th year, CCTC/HJT continues to provide the children entrusted to us with a "magical world of respect and kindness, filled with acceptance and smiles."

Today, I write to you about the future; the future of CCTC/HJT as well as the future of the children and families who are, and have been through our nearly seven decades, inextricably woven into the fabric of our work. And truly, is there anything much more significant to invest in than the future of our children...especially as the world becomes more intense and intrusive?

Many worthy organizations will ask for your help as the year comes to an end, but as a donor, it is exceptionally rare to be able to show your support for a nonprofit that will provide a lifetime of dividends to you for your vision. CCTC/HJT asks you to help us provide a confident, successful, joyous future for the children, families, and schools we serve. In doing so, you invest in the very best part of each of us... our children, our grandchildren, and their stewardship of the future.

Education has always been fundamental to our misson, but our programs have evolved and expanded while remaining simple. At their essence, they are about "the smell of face paints, the warmth of lights, and the sound of children giggling onstage and off."

Throughout the year, and intensively during the summers, we focus our energies on providing an entertaining <u>and educational</u> forum for children from Pre-K to High School, helping them to learn more about who they are and who they want to be, while providing lifetime memories.

As a result, the adults who were once children in our programs, as well as the parents of today's students, tell us how CCTC/HJT has changed their lives and the lives of their children with comments like:



- CCTC/HJT provided me with a chance to share my child's dreams.
- The programs build confidence, and my children come home each day feeling special.
- My children's social skills have grown, and I see in them a maturing work ethic.
- CCTC/HJT's programs have provided a real sense of community, patience and respect.

In all that we do, our dream at CCTC/HJT has always been to never stop growing, and to never stop reaching for all that we can be as artists and mentors. And yet, the simple reality that we have faced for each of the last 68 years is that we cannot succeed without your support for us and for our programs.

But the good news is that you CAN make a difference. Right now. Today.

Your gift will connect you to the irrepressible power of the arts, where thousands of Cape Cod children can stage their own dreams...thanks to you.

The one thing I can absolutely promise you is that your gift to **Cape Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre** ... no matter what the amount ... will change the lives of families you may never meet, but who will be forever grateful for your generosity.

With many thanks,

Nina K. Schuessler

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