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Dear Friends of Tools for Tomorrow:

Our challenge is simple. We are asking our friends and donors to help Tools for Tomorrow (TFT) to continue to fulfill its mission.

The mission of TFT is to provide free after-school integrated arts programs to the children of the Coachella Valley, but it is much more than that as past history has proven. TFT opens the creative spirit, hearts and minds of the children we serve. Ours is a multi-cultural, diverse population of children who would NEVER have the opportunities that TFT offers them. We have come to you in the past asking you to open your pocketbooks and help us in our mission, but now, we come to you asking you to open your hearts to assure that the children of Tools for Tomorrow may continue to receive those opportunities that we offer them:



The Faces of Tools for Tomorrow

This year, Tools for Tomorrow accomplishments include:

- 15 schools in the Coachella Valley with 26 unique programs
- 1300 students in grades three to five given the opportunity to achieve literacy in and to learn the fundamentals of art, music, creative writing and drama.
- Four two-week scholarships to the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program
- Five scholarships to the Palm Springs Art Museum Summer Art Camp

During this time of economic uncertainty, everyone is looking for value and satisfaction from where they choose to spend their money. Knowing that your money is going where it can best be used is crucial. The following words of one of our students, a ten-year old child should offer you that assurance.

"Tools for Tomorrow has done so much to make me feel more sure of my self and confident in my love of art, and has helped me to get along with other kids my age and not feel insecure. It has boosted my experience and helped me realize that the dream I have always had of being an artist can be realized."

~ Nadia Fuente, Ten years old

School Administrators all over the valley attest to the importance of TFT as a necessary and important element in their schools. One Principal, who has spoken to us and told us that not only the children but their families have gained a sense of positive self-esteem from the program has written:

"Each child has had the opportunity to tap into their own personal creativity in a risk-free environment in order to enhance self-esteem, build character and strengthen and expand their intelligence. You are definitely making a difference in the life of a child and positively enhancing their future."

~ Carol Bishop, Principal – Harry S Truman Elementary School

Everything you do now and have done for TFT is greatly appreciated and will offer you the opportunity to continue to touch the lives of our children, our future, in a special and meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Ed DiNicola
Executive Director

Kimberly Klink
President, Tools for Tomorrow



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We need your help to fill the gap created by a reduction in grant funding and the overall effects of the economic downturn so that we can continue our mission of “unlocking the creative spirit” in the children of the Coachella Valley. We have ongoing expenses necessary to provide this program for one class in one school.

Here’s how we hope you will help:

- \$ 25.00 for snacks for one school for one month
- \$ 56.25 pays a teacher to teach one session
- \$ 843.75 pays a teacher for one session per week for one semester
- \$1681.50 pays a teacher for one session per week for one year



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Self Portrait
by Ben G., Age 8



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Hands
by Fatima G., Age 9



Watercolor - Sunset
by Emily J., Age 9

Abigail Babasa
6th Grade
1-20-09

Tools for Tomorrow

I have been attending Tools for Tomorrow since the 3rd grade, and now I am in the sixth grade. Tools for tomorrow is a fun place for kids after school to express themselves in their work, make art, learn new art techniques and much, much more. Ms. Babasa's class has learned how to make paper collages, texture rubbing and other cool things. T.f.t is cool because it teaches kids Art, Creative Writing, Music, and Drama. I spend my time after school to help the other kids at the tools for tomorrow because I have dedicated my time to them.



Watercolor - Flowers
by Jeseie, Age 9



Giraffe
by Samuel C., Age 9



Lion by Omar H., Age 9



Hands
by Cassandra Z., Age 9

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Butterfly
by Ben B., Age 8



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Watercolor - Sunrise by Mylah W., Age 9



Eagle by Silvana G., Age 8



Colors, Lines & Shapes by Emma O., Age 9

Jasmine
Niner
4th
Grade
Age 9

This is a nut that doesn't have a family. My imaginary animal has a lot of texture. He was looking for food in the night. He wants a family because he doesn't want to be alone. He lives in a house alone.



Cut Paper Girl by Ehizogie I., Age 9



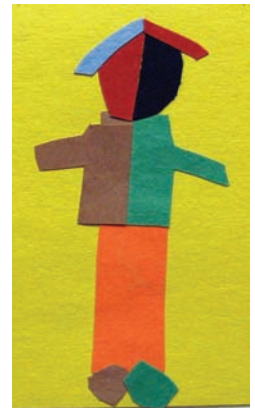
Colors, Lines & Shapes by Emily J., Age 9



Self Portrait by Claudia R., Age 8



Nut by Jasmine N., Age 9



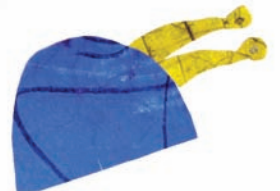
Cut Paper Boy by S. Kerer, Age 9



Bug by Kristian P., Age 9



Native American Gourd



Snail by Eduardo F., Age 8



Red Wing Paper Collage by Jose P., Age 8



Piggy by Alethea F., Age 10

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