



Tools For Tomorrow

Free, on-site after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3 -5.

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MARY T. ROCHE, DOUGLAS MARTIN and MARILYN JANAS JOIN BOARD

Mary Roche: "I am honored and proud to be affiliated with this outstanding after school creative arts program for our young citizens. Rather than focusing on specific subject matter, the youngsters are given much needed support to unleash their sheltered creativity while moving forward at their own pace. All education should be so integrated!"

Mrs. Roche's experience includes two terms as Mayor and eight years as a Council Member for Indian Wells, and 21 years in education as professor and teacher. The recipient of numerous awards, she serves on the Board of Directors for many valley organizations including: College of the Desert, Shelter From the Storm, RAP, University of California Riverside Desert Lyceum, Women Leaders Forum, Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation; and is on the Steering Committee for CSUSB Palm Desert Campus and Advisory Board for CBS2 Local KPSP

Mr. Martin specializes in Estate Planning, Trust Administration, Probate, Corporate Law and Tax-



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ation Law. He also serves on The McCallum Theatre Board; The Community Foundation Planned Giving Advisory Board; The Loyola Marymount University Gift Planning Advisory Council; The University of Riverside Planned Giving Advisory Board and The Coachella Valley Fund Trustee of The Community Foundation.

Mrs. Janas is Vice President & Business Manager of the Frank & James Company. She brings over 25 years of experience in business-to-business sales, sales management, and staff development in the logistics industry and is currently developing a training and consulting business to provide business-to-business selling skills for service-oriented businesses, skills she expects to employ in expanding the financial resources of Tools For Tomorrow.

MADELINE KUHN INITIATES "PARTIES WITH A PURPOSE"



With her "Be A Kid Again" Bar-B-Q, Madeline Kuhn introduced her friends to her favorite charity, starting a trend to get the word out about one of the best-kept secrets in the desert.

As a former teacher, it's no wonder Madeline embraces **Tools For Tomorrow** and is pioneering the "**Parties with a Purpose**" project, hoping she will inspire others to do the same.

Always an independent spirit, the Oregon lumberman's daughter eschewed her parents' mandate to marry, got a degree in history from

Stanford University, worked in Special Services for the U.S. Army, returned to the University of Washington, earning her teaching credential in one semester. She taught first in Oxnard, California, moved to the Coachella Valley where she taught at Palm Springs, then Coachella High Schools, ending her career when she married a successful Imperial Valley farmer.

In addition to initiating "**Parties with a Purpose**," Madeline has generously underwritten this newsletter and the last.

Tools for Tomorrow provides free, on-site, integrated "hands-on" arts programs to "at risk" children. The program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, providing a coping mechanism for the future, and a vision of what their lives can become.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Executive Director, Ed DiNicola and Operations Manager, Andrea Hecht, have not only tackled the current economic problems but increased TFT visibility in the community.

Now, I challenge all of you to get involved by partnering with us in **PARTIES WITH A PURPOSE**. Your support is vital to the children of our valley.

Kimberly Klink

NOTE FROM A TEACHER

When I started my first year of teaching for Tools For Tomorrow, I thought I would be teaching children about art. After a few short weeks, I realized TFT was much more than that.

I found that in addition to art, music, writing and drama, I was teaching my students self-confidence. Many children started the class convinced that they could not draw or paint, and would rather not try. After much encouragement they began to understand that Tools For Tomorrow is a safe environment, free from criticism and ridicule. They started to explore and experiment with their own creativity, and surprised themselves. They learned to work through their mistakes to improve their skills. They took pride in their work so much that some even got their parents involved.

My proudest moment came when I saw that my students were complimenting and supporting each other, making my job much easier. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful program.

Pinky Babasa



Teacher Pinky Babasa and Students at Cahulla Elementary School

AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Letter from a Scholarship Student

Trinity Johnson was one of the four TFT students given a scholarship to the Idyllwild Arts Academy's summer program in music, art, drama and dance. It was a life-changing experience for dancer, Trinity. Following are excerpts from her thank you letter:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I was asked: "What does the Tools For Tomorrow Program provide beyond an integrated arts experience?"

The answer is easy, yet profound.

TOOLS FOR TOMORROW:

- Supports disenfranchised children
- Nurtures them in a safe environment
- Encourages their self expression and creativity through arts literacy
- Provides a means for children to feel successful
- Responds to the children's ideas, issues, triumphs and failures
- Provides teachers who are positive adult role models
- Praises the children's creative works
- Allows no space for failure – each child is truly successful
- Provides a cultural experience the children would not normally have
- Teaches children tolerance and the value of diversity
- Provides a practical education in self expression using the various art forms
- Provides a hands on arts experience
- Conforms to Erick Erickson's requirements for healthy child development
- Teaches the children how to take responsibility for their actions
- Fills the need for after school supervision in goal oriented activities
- Gives children the foundation for the development of critical thinking skills
- Fills the gap where budgets have cut the arts in schools and provides arts literacy and understanding of the arts



In Tools For Tomorrow no child is ever left behind.

E. DiNicola, Executive Director

*"All of the people were so welcoming and friendly ...I almost forgot about home.... I went to dance class every day...We worked hard...but we had rewards...rock time (when we would just sit on a rock and talk). It didn't matter what we talked about because we were all friends. (It was) a never forgetting experience. I will never forget my stay at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Thankfully,
Trinity*



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THE MAGIC BOX

I will put in the box
My black belt
Dragons' wings
White furry tigers

I will put in the box
The State of Texas
The Atlantic Ocean
The country of Ireland

I will put in the Box
The sound of the rain dripping in my pool
My dog barking at the birds
Me playing my drums

My box is made from
Dragon scales
Angel wings
Half moons and hawk's talons

In my box I will
play with tigers
fly with the dragons' wings
Visit my friends in Ireland and
See my grandma in Texas

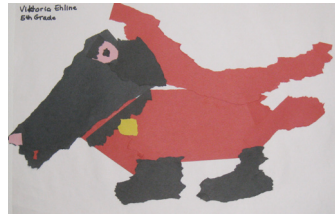
Ricky, age 9



I am the sadness of a crying baby
I am the sound of a scary monster
I am the music of a Mexican Fiesta
I am the teeth of a hungry T Rex
I am the stillness after the wind

Alimalay, age 9





Amazing, peaceful, historical house
 So many tourists milling about
 Loud and thrilling this big huge house
 It impressed me it did, this big old house
 More than the Mississippi Bridge
 It was beautiful this big old house
 That raised a man I'm proud of sure
 Martin Luther King Junior

KK, age 9

RAINBOW

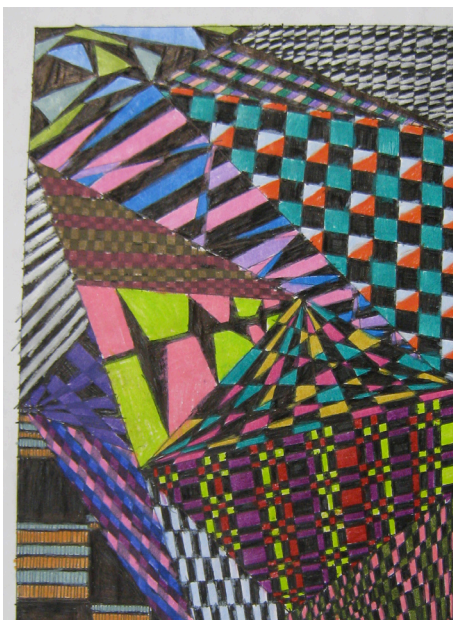
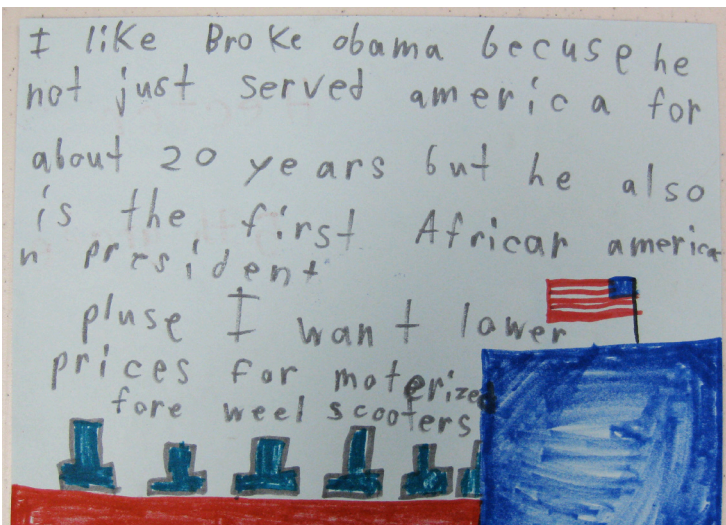
I am big and colorful
 I wonder if I am taller than everything
 I hear birds whistling in the wind
 I see birds flying all around me
 I want to be the tallest thing in the world

I am big and colorful
 I pretend I have arms
 I feel happy to be colorful
 I touch the water of the waterfall
 I worry someday it will not rain
 I cry when it doesn't rain

I am big and colorful
 I understand not every day it can rain
 I say I have all the colors
 I dream every day it can rain
 I try to be bright
 I hope I am very bright

I am big and colorful

Pedro, age 8



2009 - Honoring Dr. Steven Nash

Vision for the Future Awards



2008 - Honoring Jackie Lee Houston



Special thanks to Nancy Miller for doing the decorations for our Vision for the Future events.

SNIPS & SNAILS..... We are grateful for the following support

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cal muse of TFT and "tickling the ivories," at our "Parties with a Purpose".

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"The Social Life" by Gloria Greer, Photography by Sherri Breyer-Mardones - Palm Springs Life, July 2009



"Soiree Kicks Off Social Season" by Barbara Ady - The Desert Sun, November 8, 2008

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Jackie Doyle for becoming the musi-

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Tools For Tomorrow collaborates with: The Unified School Districts of Palm Springs, Desert Sands and Coachella; Palm Springs Art Museum; and Idyllwild Arts Academy.



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How do we operate?

We employ qualified instructors in each subject using a professionally designed curriculum.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held five days a week at individual schools, after regular school hours.

What is the cost to each child?

Classes are FREE! All supplies, musical equipment and snacks are provided by **Tools for Tomorrow**.

Which schools can we serve?

All Coachella Valley elementary schools are eligible. We are currently operating programs in Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage.

What are the program costs?

\$10,000 supports the full program in a school for one school year.



DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

FRIENDS' LUNCHEON MEETING.....JANUARY 9, 2010
FRIENDS' BRIDGE TOURNAMENT LUNCHEON.....APRIL 9, 2010
"VISION FOR THE FUTURE" AWARD LUNCHEON.....SPRING 2010

Tools For Tomorrow Programs are in the following schools:

Cathedral City:

Sunny Sands Elementary School

Coachella:

Peter Pendleton Elementary School

Desert Hot Springs:

Bubbling Wells Elementary School
Two Bunch Palms Elementary School
Edward L. Wenzlaff Elementary School
Julius Corsini Elementary School

Indian Wells:

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