

Tools For Tomorrow

An on-site after school literacy enrichment program integrating writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3-5 at no cost to the children.

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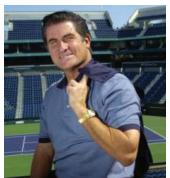
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TFT HONORS TENNIS GARDEN ENTREPRENEUR CHARLIE PASARELL



Charlie Pasarell

For his vision, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his humanitarian heart, Charlie Pasarell will be honored at the Tools For Tomorrow 2016 Vision For the Future Award Luncheon.

"Tennis Prince of the Desert," "Desert Fox," name it . . . Charlie Pasarell fits the bill. Among his scores of local accomplishments: building the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, his involvement with Tiempo de Los Ninos to build their pediatric, neonatal wing at Desert Medical Center, his support of the Barbara Sinatra Children's Foundation, and Tools For Tomorrow; and, nationally, the National Junior Tennis League that he founded in 1969 with his best friend and UCLA roommate, Arthur Ashe.

Ranked #1 in the U.S. in 1967 and in the "Top Ten" eleven times between 1962 to 1974, Charlie Pasarell's induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2013 established him as one of the most impactful figures in the world of tennis. His other numerous honors and awards are equally impressive.

But what makes Charlie Pasarell great is his amazing foresight, his creativity and his commitment to children and the community. It is for these reasons that the VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow honor him at the Vision for the Future Award Luncheon, on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel, Indian Wells Resort & Spa.

Google Charlie Pasarell to see how the man surpasses the myth.



TFT ADDS SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS

Eighteen special needs students at Bubbling Wells Elementary in Desert Hot Springs have the advantage of the regular TFT curriculum, modified to meet their needs. A specially trained teacher has been hired, as well as an assistant and support staff assigned to the individual child. This pilot program is the first of its kind in the Coachella Valley. A grant from the Anderson Children's Foundation underwrites this class.

TFT ADDS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The new TFT board members bring a breadth of unique skills, experience in working with nonprofits, and a passion for children: Judith Antonio, fashion consultant and businesswoman, Chairman of the Visionaries; Mary Perry, Public Information Officer for the Desert Sands Unified School District and a marketing communications professional; and Tim Martin, educator and school administrator with a background in musical theater production for children, active in community service organizations.



Mary Perry



Tim Martin



Judith Antonio

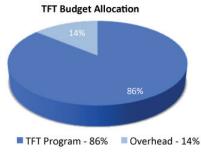
Tools For Tomorrow provides an on-site, integrated "hands-on" arts literacy programs to "at risk" children at no cost to the children. The program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, providing them with a coping mechanism for the future and a vision of what their lives can become.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN & CEO



It is my pleasure to welcome our three new Tools For Tomorrow Board Members, Mary Perry, Tim Martin and VISIONARIES Chairman, Judith Antonio. These strong additions to our board bode well for the future of Tools For Tomorrow.

Jim Reed On another positive note, we will be bringing the Tools For Tomorrow experience to a class of mildly to moderately learning disabled children this year. Your continued support for this and other TFT programs is sincerely appreciated. Our Vice President and CFO Bob Hopkins wants to add that 86% of your donations go directly to support these programs.



A portion of the overhead is covered by the income from the Noël Bryant Endowment Fund.

TFT MEETS THE PRINCIPALS

Tools for Tomorrow recently held an open house at their offices in Palm Desert. In addition to an opportunity for principals to provide feedback about the program, certificates of appreciation were presented. There are currently 15 schools providing Tools for Tomorrow programs across the valley.



Among those accepting their certificates were principals (from left to right) Melissa Pizano-Grunnet, Martin Van Buren Elementary School; Vicki Barber, Andrew Jackson Elementary School; Maryalice Owings, Abraham Lincoln Elementary School; and Carol Bishop, Harry Truman Elementary School.



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ARTISTS & WRITERS GALLERY

Fall 2015



Lizbeth, age 9

OBSERVING THE MONA LISA I think Mona Lisa is insane She looks happy, but what's deep behind that smile? She can be mad, sad, broken inside.

Or is she just happy? She does have to stay there... so she may be mad or sad. Jordan T., age 10

THE FLY

My little sister saw a fly It flew past her eye and she began to cry Mean old fly you made my sister cry

Gaby P., age 9



Abigail, age 10



On my island I will have a hut to live in with a memory foam bed. On my island I catch wild pigs and I would smoke the pig. I could surf on my island.

The water would be crystal blue. The water would be at the perfect temperature.

There would be a stream leading from the ocean that I could bathe in.

On the island a volcano that looks about to erupt. On my island I will feel white sand in my toes. I will have a blanket and an umbrella next to a coconut tree and a strawberry bush.

Salisa S., age 10

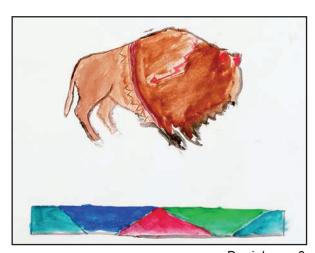


Mercedes, age 9



Stephanie, age 9

FAST Fast is a dream that never has a speed limit No one can ever slow you down When you're fast the world seems very small Juan O., age 9



Daniel, age 9

VISIONARIES CONTINUE TO SOAR!!



What an exciting second year for The VISIONARIES with two highly successful events. The first, a tribute to Tools For Tomorrow founder Rachel Druten at the Heather James gallery where 200+ people sipped champagne and enjoyed a special evening of art and entertainment. Our annual Vision for the Future Luncheon.

honoring Harold Matzner, was the biggest and best yet with almost 250 supporters attending.

Vicky's of Santa Fe generously donated \$2,500 to TFT from their Monday night Cabaret Series and through your generous support we raised \$138,000. A wonderful second year, ending with 90 members, a number we hope to double in 2015-2016. To achieve that goal our season kick-off event is a membership drive: Sunday in the Park with Patty and Arthur Newman. Mark your calendars for Sunday (of course), November 22. Expect food, entertainment and a live auction. Bring a friend, to support Tools for Tomorrow and enjoy a wonderful afternoon!

Our first dance party Musical Memories is on Sunday, January 31 at Spencers at the Mountain. Join us as we dance away the evening and pay tribute to our own Jennie Inch.

Finally, the Vision of The Future Luncheon honoring Charlie Pasarell, philanthropist and true visionary who developed the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Past honorees Donna MacMillian and Harold Matzner will be honorary chairmen. The luncheon will be held on Monday, March 21 at the Renaissance Hotel. We are especially happy to welcome back Joyce Bulifant as program director and Karen and Tony Barone with their wonderful art.

As you can see we have a fun-packed year. Many thanks to those attending last year's events, we hope to see you and your friends back this year. A big thank you to the VISIONARIES board members who have worked so hard over the summer to plan these fantastic events. Judith Antonio. VISIONARIES Chairman











HAROLD MATZNER HONORED . . .



Guests swarmed the red carpet of the Westin Mission Hills Resort between a pair of gigantic animal sculptures created by Karen and Tony Barone and entered a lobby teeming with color, festivity, art, and the throb of Broadway by TFT teacher David Hirsch at the piano.

Event chairman C.J. Westerick-Bomar's unique brand of imagination and dedication was evident in every aspect of the afternoon, from the music she chose, to the film she created, to the choice of food and flowers, and to the children's choreography. This spirit of generosity and joy continued with the animated remarks by MC Patrick Evans, banter between Honorary Chair, Donna MacMillan and her pal Honoree Harold Matzner, and finally the presentation of the elegant Vision for the Future Award created and donated by Karen and Tony Barone.

But without doubt, the most profoundly touching moments were those created by the man of the hour, Harold Matzner, sharing his heartfelt thoughts about children, about expanding their horizons and opportunities through the arts, and his gracious and generous support and appreciation of the Tools For Tomorrow program.

Among the over 250 guests were major sponsors: Rebecca Benaroya, Arlene Schnitzer, Sherrie & Ronald Auen, JoAnn McGrath, Jan Salta, Carol Curtis, Geof Kirsch, Barbara Fremont, Helene Galen, Jennie and Bob Inch, Janice Lyle, Judy Morley, Bob Williams, CJ Westrick-Bomar, Tom Bomar, Jerome Angel, Judith Antonio, Lee Appel, Mary Ellen Blanton, Susan DeNoewer, Richard Hedwall, Louise Escoe, Cheryl Fey, Suzanne and Michael Fromkin, Victory and Richard Grund, Kay Hanson, Anne and Bob Hopkins, James R. Houston, Donna and Douglas Martin, Charles and Nancy Nevil, Linda Rider, Irma and Bob Smith, Kathy Valentine and Kelly Dougherty.

Recognition Awards were presented prior to lunch to: Claire Smith, VISIONARIES of TFT Founder; David Hirsch, Rachel Bryant Druten Founders Award; Jazlyn Munoz, Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award.



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Founder of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden **Tennis Hall of Fame 2013**

Presented by The VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow

Produced by Joyce Bulifant Featuring an original presentation by the TFT children

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VISIONARIES Hard at Work



Teachers' Meeting

Tools For Tomorrow collaborates with: The Unified School Districts of Palm Springs, Desert Sands, and Coachella, Palm Springs Art Museum, Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Program, Old Town Artisan Studio

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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, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and Mecca.

What are the program costs?

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

! TFT KIDS NEED YOU!



SUSTAINABILITY IS CRITICAL to maintain the program and qualify for grants

Tools For Tomorrow Programs are in the following schools:

Cathedral City:

Rio Vista Elementary

Coachella:

Palm View Elementary

Desert Hot Springs:

Bubbling Wells Elementary School Two Bunch Palms Elementary School Julius Corsini Elementary School

Indio:

Andrew Jackson School Lyndon Johnson School Martin Van Buren School

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Palm Desert:

Abraham Lincoln School Ronald Reagan School

Palm Springs:

Cahuilla Elementary School Vista del Monte Elementary School

Rancho Mirage:

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November 22, 2015

Sunday in the Park

January 31, 2016

Musical Memories
Dance Party

March 21, 2016

Vision for the Future Award Luncheon

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