



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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Lucie Arnaz

Lucie Arnaz is a major star in the Coachella Valley firmament, not just for her artistry and beauty, but for her generous heart. A soft touch for worthy causes, Lucie has given her time and talent to numerous charities throughout the desert community.

She began her career at 15, opposite her mother, Lucille Ball on *The Lucie Show*. Developing into a show business icon in her own right, this multi-talented artist starred in her own television series *The Lucie Arnaz Show* and in the critically acclaimed *Sons and Daughters* on CBS, has starred in numerous movies, television films and on the New York stage, produced and recorded albums. She has earned countless awards, a Golden Globe and won an Emmy for *Lucy and Desi: A Home Movie*. Lucie has performed the opening number at the Academy Awards and more than once performed at the White House. To think she once said, "I was the kid who thought I didn't have any talent."

Married 38 years to actor Laurence Luckinbill, Lucie and he have three children between them and two that she shares from his first marriage. All their progeny have gone into some aspect of the creative arts.

Tools For Tomorrow is honored to acknowledge the life and contributions of this outstanding woman with the Vision for the Future Award, Sunday January 27, 2019 at the Helene Galen Auditorium at Annenberg Health Sciences Building, Eisenhower Health.

TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING.....

When Tools For Tomorrow's (TFT) office was my guest room, I was told that two out of three nonprofits fold within three years. Here we are, twenty years later. Started in four Desert Hot Springs elementary schools, TFT has grown to eighteen programs in sixteen schools throughout the Coachella Valley.

TFT is recognized as one of the most financially responsible charities in the desert, with a substantial reserve and income from an endowment that covers a portion of the overhead. TFT provides teachers, supplies, snacks, musical instruments, costumes and sets for our musical theater programs. Business continues in a modest office with three part-time staff: Program Director, Operations Manager and Office Assistant and operates under a Board of Directors with the financial support of the VISIONARIES, grants and donations.

This integrated arts program continues to fill a unique niche, introducing children to the joys and opportunities of engaging in the arts, as they develop self-esteem, character, cooperation, kindness and a vision of what their lives can become.



Rachel Druten
Founder

VISIONARIES
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Tools For Tomorrow
The Golden Age of
HOLLYWOOD

A TRIBUTE
IN SONG & COSTUME
Sunday, January 27, 2019
3:30 to 7 pm



HONORING
Lucie Arnaz

Tools For Tomorrow provides 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 THE CHAIRMAN



Jim Reed

Thank you, on behalf of the Tools For Tomorrow Board of Directors, for supporting our unique program that reaches, teaches and inspires children through the arts. With your support we will endeavor to grow the program to serve more of the Coachella Valley children who are waiting to be part of it.

And special thanks go to the VISIONARIES, the Board, the teachers and staff of Tools For Tomorrow for their tireless efforts. What a great team!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Timothy Martin

The **Who, What** and **How** that make the Tools For Tomorrow after school program stand out.

Who is delivering the program. All of our instructors are teaching artists and inspired instructors. Instruction in the classrooms comes from the teachers' own background and expertise.

What is taught. Tools For Tomorrow is an "arts literacy" program which means that lessons go beyond just doing arts and crafts. The experiences and skills the children learn are based on ARTS standards that will help them later when they pursue music, art, writing and drama in other settings. And it's fun to create and perform.

How is this possible? With a quality board of directors, the VISIONARIES, the generous support of donors and corporate grants, we continue to be one of the best after school experiences for kids in the Coachella Valley.



NEW TFT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Irma Smith



Business owner, Irma Smith coordinated an ESL program for valley farmworkers and was special events liaison for a foreign ambassador; has served on the Board of Friends of the Indian Canyons, mentored teens on the Ophelia Project, Indio Youth

Center and Safe House. Irma has been a VISIONARIES Board member since 2013.

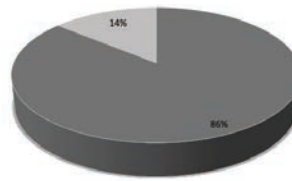
Dennis Gilmore



Producer Dennis Gilmore, Executive Director for Henderson County Performing Arts Center, Athens, TX, until retirement in 2014, has served on the board of the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) as

Vice President of Education and as National Resource Administrator in an area that includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam.

TFT BUDGET ALLOCATION



TFT Program - 86%
Overhead - 14%

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

A REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



David Hirsch

In my nearly four decades working with children I have seen first hand the positive outcomes from arts education. I have particularly noted the transformational effect on young people who participate in live theater. Participating in theater enhances student's life skills by teaching dedication, teamwork, creativity,

confidence, and the desire to give something back to the community. One of my first goals as Program Director was to create the opportunity to experience the magic of theater for children who would otherwise not have this chance. So with the help of many people in our organization we were able to create a theater specialty class for the 2017-2018 school year.

We chose Rancho Mirage Elementary School for our pilot program. With the help of our wonderful theater teacher Gilmore Rizzo, his assistants and volunteers, the children were able to create, produce, and stage a charming play they called "The Rehearsal". There were three delightful performances. It was such a thrill for me to see the energy and joy of the performers, their parents, and the audience. The success of our first program has led to the creation of a second theater group beginning this September at Herbert Hoover Elementary in Indio, CA. I invite all of you to attend one of our performances and see for yourself the result of your support for Tools For Tomorrow. Together we can

bring the joy of arts education to all of the young people of our community.



"Miss Pussy"
Artist: Danali

Suzanne Fromkin



With a career in fashion, Suzanne Fromkin, volunteered to tutor teen mothers for their GED, was social worker for Planned Parenthood, coordinated after-school activities for teens at Sacramento Settlement House, was Fundraising Chair and Drama/Dance Liaison for OLLI at UC Irvine; served on the boards of AAUW, and the Scottsdale Cultural Council. Currently Publicity Chair for Palm Spring Art Museum's Artists Council. Sue has been on the VISIONARIES Board since 2016.



ARTISTS & WRITERS GALLERY

Fall 2018

Teacher: KATHY OLEARNICK

Writing assignment: "I AM"

"I Am" by Stephanie

I am a quirky person
 I wonder how I can help others
 I hear the bees buzz
 I see many stars like Canis Major and Sirius
 I want to achieve my dreams
 I am a quirky person
 I pretend I am a better ice skater than I am
 I feel the cold breeze hit my face
 I touch the heart of others
 I worry I may fail my goals
 I cry when my friends cry
 I am a quirky person
 I understand when I have to wait
 I say to myself "Don't give up!"
 I dream to become an astronomer
 I hope to achieve my dreams
 I am a quirky person



"I Am" by Yara

I am kind and silly
 I wonder what is the meaning of life
 I hear new words every day
 I see new things every day
 I want the world to be a better place
 I am a student
 I pretend that Pokemon are with me
 I feel silly I touch my feelings
 I worry when bad things happen
 I cry when something bad happens to my family
 I am a student
 I understand how I can't get what I want
 I say what makes me feel good
 I dream random dreams
 I hope we all get better luck
 I am a student

"I Am" by Aurelia

I am a cool girl
 I wonder if I am loved
 I hear people laughing
 I see my class
 I want to be a doctor
 I am a cool girl
 I pretend to be a superhero
 I feel sad when I am hurt
 I touch my hair when I am afraid
 I worry about my mom
 I cry when my parents fight
 I am a cool girl
 I understand my mom's
 point of view
 I say "whatever" a lot
 I dream of unicorns
 I hope to be really smart
 I am a cool girl



TEACHER FEATURE



KATHY OLEARNICK

Kathy Olearnick grew up in Sacramento in a multicultural community, her mother Thai, her father, English/German. Immersing herself in the many cultures of her friends developed a love of art and a rich background of life experiences that have made her one of Tools For Tomorrow's most imaginative, exciting and beloved teachers.

Kathy earned a BA from St. Mary's College in California, a Multi-subject Teaching Credential from CSUSB and an MA in Education from Chapman University. Married 25 years, with two daughters, Kathy especially loves teaching creative writing and art, which she says allows her to really see what students know and observe. "I feel more like a student than a teacher. I learn so much from my students," Kathy says.

Tools For Tomorrow has been blessed to have had Kathy Olearnick on our teaching staff since 2015.

VISIONARIES . . .



Judith Antonio

I am so excited about the new theatre troupe that began last fall and has expanded this year to a second school. By volunteering in the classroom I was able to see the children grow from an unruly group of 25 students to performing professionals. They not only performed, they wrote and acted their script, learned production skills, voice projection but most of all gained self-confidence and an ability to work with others.

I invite you to become members of The VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow. One hundred percent of your membership fee goes to support the program. Your benefit, the joy and satisfaction of helping the children of our valley expand their intellectual and cultural horizons and become the leaders of tomorrow. Just go to: www.toolsfortomorrow.org and click on "The VISIONARIES." And once you are a member, if you would like to become a volunteer with the theatre program like me, or any of the other 16 classroom art programs, contact Andrea @ 760.601.3954. I can promise you a rewarding experience.

Member or not, you can join us for another "fun raising" year. The first event will be January 27th "The Golden Age of Hollywood: A Tribute in Song and Costume" with our special honoree, **Lucie Arnaz**.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD



VISION FOR THE FUTURE LUNCHEON HONORING LINDA RIDER...



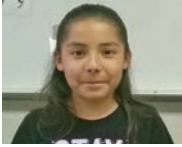
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SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Tools For Tomorrow is grateful to the Idyllwild Arts Academy for again awarding two, two week summer scholarships to Tools For Tomorrow students.

Susan Hernandez



Jade Roche



We also thank the Palm Springs Art Museum for providing TFT students scholarships to their summer program.

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Brandini Toffee, Rancho Mirage (760.200.1598)
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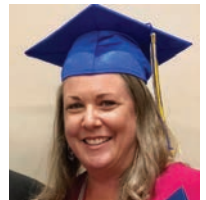
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BEHIND THE SCENES

ANDREA HECHT EARNS CERTIFICATION

Tools For Tomorrow Operations Manager, Andrea Hecht, has earned a certificate in Nonprofit Management through UC Riverside Extension and the RAP Foundation. This year long program included: Nonprofit Management, Fundraising Essentials, Grant Proposal Writing, Social Media Marketing, Current Issues and Case Studies in Nonprofit Management. "I have already started applying what I have learned to Tools For Tomorrow," she said. Congratulations, Andrea! Andrea has been with TFT since 2008.



Andrea Hecht

IN MEMORY



Roger Perry

When **Roger Perry** died, July 12, 2018, Tools For Tomorrow lost a dear friend, advocate and supporter. With his beloved wife, Joyce Bulifant, Roger gave generously of his time and talent to produce the children's yearly performance at the Vision for the Future Luncheon and various fundraising productions. We will miss his kindness, his charm and his disarming sense of humor.

June Michalove, an early supporter of Tools For Tomorrow, and an active member of the Friends of TFT, died in Winston-Salem on October 8, 2017 at the age of 93. A generous, loving woman, June initiated the first Vision For The Future Award in 2007.

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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.

Tools For Tomorrow Programs are in the following schools:

Cathedral City:

Rio Vista Elementary School

Coachella:

Palm View Elementary School

Cesar Chavez Elementary School

Desert Hot Springs:

Bella Vista Elementary School

Bubbling Wells Elementary School

Two Bunch Palms Elementary School

Julius Corsini Elementary School

Indio:

Andrew Jackson Elementary School

Herbert Hoover Elementary School

Martin Van Buren Elementary School

La Quinta:

Harry S. Truman Elementary School

Palm Desert:

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

Ronald Reagan Elementary School

Palm Springs:

Cahuilla Elementary School

Vista del Monte Elementary School

Rancho Mirage:

Rancho Mirage Elementary School

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to maintain the program and qualify for grants***

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The Golden Age of Hollywood
Honoring Lucie Arnaz

May 5, 2019

“Cinco De Mayo Fiesta”
at Old Town La Quinta Artisan Studio

April 2019

Member Appreciation Event