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“American Idol” Abi Carter presents \$20,000 check to Tools For Tomorrow

Tools For Tomorrow student Abi Carter (2010 – Washington Charter School) won our hearts when she returned to sing for our virtual gala in 2021 – **Keep Their Dreams Alive**. Abi also performed live at TFT’s 2022 Vision for the Future Award Gala – **Musical Extravaganza** and **Christmas in July** at The Roost Lounge.

During her hometown visit to Indio, CA, Abi expressed how lucky she was to have been a part of the TFT program. “It kind of helped keep me going and keep me thinking creatively outside of the classroom, in the real world and in life.” **Abi thanked TFT and on behalf of the CMA Foundation, ABC and American Idol, presented TFT with \$20,000.** Funding will be used to enhance our music curriculum.

2025 VISION for the FUTURE AWARD GALA TO HONOR PATRICK EVANS

Patrick Evans is News Channel 3’s chief meteorologist and host of *Eye on the Desert*. Patrick gives back tirelessly as a current board member of **Animal Samaritans, Read with Me,** and **Variety, the Children’s Charity of the Desert.** Previously he has served on the boards of the **Desert Symphony, the Family YMCA of the Desert, and Loma Linda Children’s Hospital Foundation.** His philanthropic work has earned him a Star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars, an Emmy, and induction into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences “Silver Circle”.

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Singing in the Rain
WITH TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

honoring
PATRICK EVANS

2025 VISION FOR THE FUTURE
AWARD GALA

Monday, February 24

Agua Caliente Resort Casino
Rancho Mirage

To Reach, Teach and Inspire Children through the ARTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



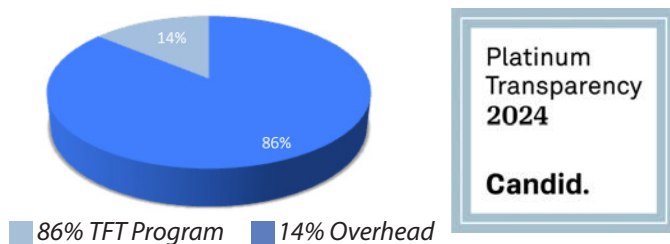
Robin Nugent

Thank you for your ongoing support of and dedication to Tools For Tomorrow.

Your commitment to transforming children's lives through the arts is why we make a difference in our community. We have a deeply committed Board of Directors and an incredibly cohesive, multi-talented Staff. Superb teaching artists and volunteers worked tirelessly in the classroom this year to serve more than 1,200 children in 27 schools. We have started new partnerships with the Boys and Girls Clubs in Cathedral City and Palm Springs, Hanson House, Olive Crest, Read With Me, and more. Our VISIONARIES are a group of dedicated supporters and fundraisers. Because of you, we have served over 22,000 students since our inception in 1999 by our founder, **Rachel Druten**. Your support ensures that TFT is strong and solvent.

Thank you to you, our generous supporters, including The Auen Foundation, Anderson Children's Foundation, La Quinta Art Celebration (SCOPE Events), David Bryant, BIGHORN Cares, The Roost Family Foundation, and the Houston Family Foundation. You make it possible for us to work every day to **Reach, Teach, and Inspire the Children of the Coachella Valley**.

TREASURER REPORT & TFT BUDGET ALLOCATION



Tools For Tomorrow is in a strong financial position. This is a result of grants from generous foundations across the valley, our fundraisers, wonderful donations from our VISIONAIRES, donors and supporters, and recent ELOP service fees.

Tools For Tomorrow also maintains an investment fund started by our Founder, Rachel Druten and her family. It is Rachel's dream that the investment fund will one day cover TFT's administrative expenses.

– Chris Metz

A REPORT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Andrea Hecht

In April, the TFT Board met again to update our strategic plan. Thank you to **Janice Lyle** and **Robin Nugent** for their leadership and guidance. We continue to work towards the realization of our Founder Rachel Druten's dream, "that all elementary school-age children have the opportunity to discover and develop their unique talents as they experience the joys of art, music, theatre and writing in an environment that offers not only the experience of success, but loving-kindness, sharing and responsibility."

We expanded our office again to better support our programs with more space for trainings, building art kits, and hosting meetings. After mentoring TFT teaching artists, **Noella Lansen** joined the Board as Program Liaison. We are welcoming new volunteers. And we are so thankful for the hard work and dedication that **Suzanne Fromkin** gives to publicizing the work we do.

The highlight of my year was witnessing a dream come true for TFT Student Abi Carter when she won "American Idol".

A REPORT FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Emily Culhan

Tools For Tomorrow continues our partnership as an Expanded Learning Opportunity Program partner with Desert Sands and Palm Springs Unified School Districts. We have focused our branding as the Creative Club from Tools For Tomorrow to help students and families better understand our program. The Creative Club will be at nine Desert Sands schools and fifteen Palm Springs schools. In addition, we are excited to offer a unique theatre experience in both school districts this year. We have a Theatre Troupe at Rio Vista Elementary School in the Fall and at Harry S. Truman Elementary in the Spring. We have continued and expanded our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City with a summer program and now a full-year Creative Club. Our teaching artists continue to be engaged, innovative, and focused on helping students explore their creative potential.

I am so impressed by the energy and caring effort of all the staff, volunteers, board members, and VISIONARIES. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing team that works to bring the arts to children.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Volunteers for the Creative Club are an important part of our success. Volunteers help the teaching artist by working one-on-one with students as they create their projects and assisting with set-up and clean-up. Volunteers for the Theatre Troupe help students embrace acting by learning their lines and playing theatre games to develop their focus.

Classroom volunteers had an orientation and training on August 28, 2024, where we got to know each other, reviewed program logistics, discussed classroom management, talked about working with after-school students, and explored art and music supplies.

Volunteers help create a positive environment, encourage creativity, and ensure a smooth learning experience. Your help in the classroom is appreciated by the children and the teaching artists.

To learn more about volunteering:

Contact Emily Culhan, Program Director at 760.601.3954 or emily@toolsfortomorrow.org



THE STEADFAST PLASTIC SOLDIER



Theatre Troupe Performance by the students at Harry S. Truman Elementary School in La Quinta, CA

Students at Harry S. Truman Elementary School worked all year with Kieran Sala, teaching artist, and Deb Seles, classroom volunteer, to learn about theatre, acting, improv, and teamwork. They staged a production of *The Steadfast Plastic Soldier* by Gary L. Blackwood for classmates and family. A contemporary adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*, it tells the story of an odd assortment of action figures that are at loose ends now that their owner has discovered video games. The play also deals with issues such as fitting in, identity, and survival in a clever and funny way.

Director: **Kieran Sala** | Musical Director: **David Hirsch**

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON & SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Teaching Artists and Volunteers make Tools For Tomorrow possible! We celebrated the contributions of our amazing teachers and enthusiastic volunteers at an Appreciation Luncheon on May 31, 2024, at Mission Hills Country Club. TFT volunteers go above and beyond including assembling art kits, helping at the Gala, putting together notecards, assisting in the classroom, and so much more. Our teaching artists are dedicated to enriching children's lives through the arts. It is a tremendous group. We also recognized our outstanding Teacher of Year and Volunteer of the Year.



Sara Waters

*Rachel Bryant Drueten Founder
Teacher of the Year*



Mary Liedl

Volunteer of the Year



2024 VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD GALA

Honoring **JOE GIARRUSSO**

Dinner show directed by JOYCE BULIFANT
Performances by FRANCESCA AMARI ★ GILMORE RIZZO
BILLY MAKUTA ★ TOOLS FOR TOMORROW STUDENTS
Emceed by PATRICK EVANS

Monday, February 26, 2024



2025 VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD GALA

Singing in the Rain

with TOOLS FOR TOMORROW



honoring
PATRICK EVANS

DINNER SHOW

Featuring Guest Performers &
Tools For Tomorrow Students

Directed by Joyce Bulifant



**Master of
Ceremonies**
Karen Devine

Monday, February 24, 2025

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Agua Caliente Resort Casino - Rancho Mirage

Doors open at 4:30pm

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To Reach, Teach and Inspire Children through the ARTS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE ROOST LOUNGE, CATHEDRAL CITY

The Roost Foundation Raises \$32,000 for TFT Programs this Year



Suzanne Fromkin

Christmas in July at The Roost Lounge raised funds to support Creative Clubs and a Theatre Troupe in Cathedral City for a full year!

Guests in festive gear started the day with a soul food brunch catered by Lulu's and featuring the fabulous Keisha D and her big band.

Jeff McDonald, Roost co-owner, and Robin Nugent, TFT board president, auctioned off a cocktail party at Karen and Tony Barone's home/studio, tickets for Dezart Performs and Revolution Stage, gift certificates to Willie's and Foxy's, an Ethylina Canne Tupperware party, and much more. The dinner show, catered by Trilusa Ristorante with cheesecake from Capezzi's, featured renowned Barbra Streisand impersonator Rebecca Clark. Holiday wreaths were auctioned off including a CV Repertory Theatre wreath with tickets for their entire season!

Thank you, Nancy Nevil, VISIONARIES founding member, who connected TFT and The Roost five years ago, leading to over \$170,000 in support! Many thanks also to The Roost's customers, staff, and volunteers.



VISIONARIES MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025



Linda Rider

Have you joined the VISIONARIES or renewed your membership? If not, now is the moment! You wouldn't want to miss the wonderful events planned for this coming season.

Two membership levels are available:

Picasso: \$250 pp/Couples \$500
(Includes invitation to a private membership party)

General: \$150 pp/Couples \$300

Thank you all for your generous support and advocacy. You are partners with Tools For Tomorrow in making a difference in our Valley: one child at a time.

*Linda Rider & Claire Smith,
2024-2025 Membership Chairs*



Claire Smith
VISIONARIES Founder

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



Noella Larsen

New York native, Noella taught in Wisconsin and New York public elementary schools. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Read with Me.

As a TFT Board Member and Program Liaison, Noella mentors our teaching artists. Noella graduated from Marquette University and has her

Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from Fordham University in NY.

Noella says her "best, happiest days are in the classroom with the children."

THANK YOU, DOUG MARTIN

Retired lawyer Doug Martin is known for his dedication to the needs of his clients and colleagues, and his community involvement.

He joined the TFT Board in 2009. For 14 years, Doug shared his time, talent and expertise making a difference in the lives of the children and their families in the Coachella Valley.



Doug Martin

Thank you, Doug!

Picasso Circle VISIONARIES Celebrate TFT 25th Anniversary and Founder's 90th Birthday

Picasso Circle supporters gathered at the stunning BIGHORN Golf Club home of Barbara Rogers and Gary Geske to celebrate TFT's 25th anniversary. Founder Rachel Druten's 90th birthday was commemorated with cake, a celebratory speech by Joyce Bulifant, and a serenade by Picasso Circle member Michael Gennet.

Guests enjoyed music by Idyllwild Arts Academy's Jazz Ensemble and hors d'oeuvres by Lulu's Catering and Events. Many thanks to VISIONARIES Membership Chair Terri Neuman, Picasso Party Chair Linda Rider, and the gracious homeowners.



**WELCOME EMILY CHELEY,
DEVELOPMENT / EVENTS COORDINATOR**



Emily is a proud Coachella Valley native and has a long history of both paid and unpaid service in the desert nonprofit community, including over a decade of employment at Betty Ford Center, Past-President

of CV Chapter of National Charity League, longtime troop leader, Gold Award Committee Chair and Regional Delegate at Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council, and Fundraising Committee member at Alzheimers Coachella Valley. She is also an alum of Leadership CV class of 2015 (best class ever). Emily holds an MBA in Human Resources and is currently enrolled in the UCR Extension Certificate in Nonprofit Management.

"I love working at TFT because I enjoy helping to inspire the next generation of artists and creatives."

**EMILY CULHAN PRESENTS MUSIC-BASED UNIT
AT CAEA CURRICULUM SLAM**

After attending the National Art Education Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN, Emily was invited to present "The Planets" at the California State Conference. Inspired by Gustav Holst's seven-movement orchestral suite, the lesson integrates the visual arts, music, and science in a multi-sensory arts experience. Students listen and respond to the music and learn about the solar system while creating an outer space background using oil pastels. They then draw a rocket ship incorporating pattern and color, cut it out, and glue their ship to their background. Being an astronaut is a top-five dream career for children 8-12 years old. Learning about space inspires ideas about adventure and mystery.



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TEACHER FEATURE - Jessica Macias, Visual Artist, Educator, Teaching Artist



Jessica was born and raised in the Coachella Valley and has been involved in the arts since she was in high school. She is active in the local art community and has exhibited her work throughout the desert. Jessica has worked as an educator at the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, the Palm Springs Art Museum, and is currently at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum.

Jessica has been a Teaching Artist at TFT for almost two years. She has also mentored several new teachers, helping them develop lessons, learn classroom management, and gain confidence.

Half Self-Portrait and Poetry



Portrait by Arianna, Grade 4 | Poem by Clarisa, Grade 5

My real name is Clarisa.
Yesterday my name was calm.
Today my name is clumsy.
Tomorrow my name will be good.
Secretly I know my name is deep.
In my dreams my name is glossy.

I AM by Melody

I am a beautiful girl.
I wonder what it feels like to be an adult.
I hear rain outside.
I see the ocean waves.
I want a house cat.
I am a beautiful girl.
I pretend to be in a show.
I feel like I'm vibing.
I touch my bed.
I worry about kidnapppers.
I cry when I'm hurt.
I am a beautiful girl.
I understand that I can't have everything.
I say monkey.
I dream to have infinite dollars.
I try to do my homework correct.
I hope to have a good life.
I am a beautiful girl.

Poem by Melody, Grade 4

Watercolor Landscape



Mateo, Grade 3



Alexavier, Grade 4



Alondra, Grade 5



Matt, Grade 3

Contour Drawing



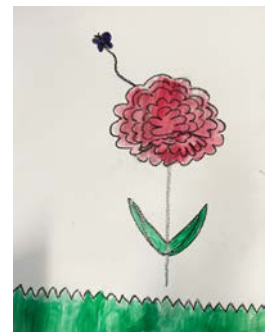
Arianna, Grade 5



Mia, Grade 4



Alanis, Grade 3



Allison, Grade 4

"I love bringing art to the students in the Valley. As a kid, I wanted more ways to learn about and make art, so being a Teaching Artist is amazing and very rewarding."

– Jessica Macias

CV WATERCOLOR SOCIETY PROVIDES PAPER, PAINT, PENCILS & BRUSHES



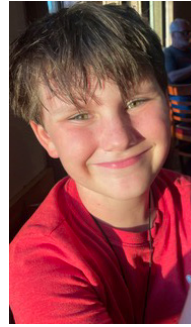
Teaching Artist Sara Waters led students in an abstract art activity based on Wassily Kandinsky. Students listened to a story about him, looked at his works of art, and created a painting in his style. Students discussed

how colors can reflect our feelings and elicit an emotional response to a work of art. They used their watercolor pan paints to add color to their abstract drawing thinking about how they felt and who they wanted the painting to be about. They learned how to mix colors and use their paints.

Teaching Artist Piper Scott introduced students to watercolor pencils and their versatility by drawing and painting a bird. Students were so excited by the unique way to create art. They are so proud of their paintings!



IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY SUMMER THEATRE PROGRAM



Cooper Dunnington from Harry S. Truman Elementary in La Quinta was one of the lead actors in *The Steadfast Plastic Soldier*. He won a scholarship to attend the Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Theatre Program. He had this to say about his experience:

"I had such an amazing time at The Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Theatre Program. The staff is super nice and caring and I made so many new friends. There were kids from all over and they all did different things. I feel I learned so much.



My favorite part was that we got to do a big production as our camp project. We did a play about pirates, and I got to be the pirate prince. My parents got to come see at the end and they liked it too. I also learned how to [do] improv, puppets, and project my voice all around. I can't wait to use what I learned in the next thing I do.

It was a life changing experience and I'm so grateful for the opportunity I was given. It was the best summer ever!"

All Children Deserve a **BRIGHT** Future

Variety Children's Charity of the Desert is dedicated to promoting the health, mobility, independence and social inclusion of special needs and underserved children throughout the Coachella Valley.

If you know a child who may not be meeting development milestones, Variety offers a free early childhood screening to help identify where that child might need support or resources. To take the assessment and learn more about Variety's programs and services which help local youth, go to

VarietyOfTheDesert.org.



English

*Learn More About
Development
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Spanish



WE ARE HONORED

Congratulations to:

Joyce Bulifant – BRAVO Children in Music, Steinway Society of Riverside County

Linda Rider – Champions for Children Lifetime Award, “Come Fly With Me, The Flight of Hope” Big Hearts for Little Hearts Desert Guild

Marge Dodge – County of Riverside 32nd Annual Senior Inspiration Awards

Andrea Hecht – Women of Wonder, Variety – the Children’s Charity of the Desert

Rachel Druten – Helene Galen Excellence in Education Award, Women Who Rule Awards Luncheon, Women Leaders Forum



Photo by Lani Garfield

DUSTY WINGS OF THE DESERT AWARDS FUNDS TO TFT



Dusty Wings incoming board president Diane Backovich led a standing ovation and champagne

toast to **Jean Carrus** for outstanding leadership during her presidency. Carrus then presented a check for \$15,000 to TFT, funded by proceeds from Dusty Wings’ April Fashion Show Luncheon honoring **Irma Smith**, co-chaired by Gayle Hodges and Felicity Binkow. In its 35 years as a nonprofit, Dusty Wings of the Desert’s fellowship of airline flight attendants has raised more than \$1 million for local charities.

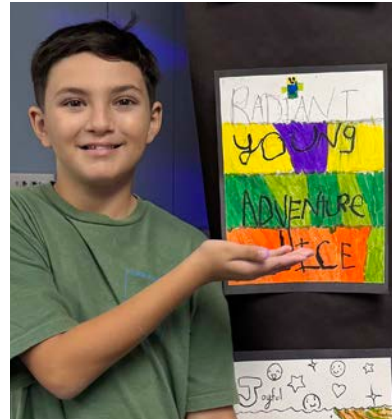
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CATHEDRAL CITY



BGCCC Community Outreach Award Youth & Community Awards Pasta Dinner

Funded by the Houston Family Foundation, our collaboration with the BGCCC has allowed TFT to serve students that are not able to participate at their schools. During the summer session, students explored a variety of materials and methods including sculpture with model magic, gel printmaking, writing comics, playing music with Boomwhackers, and learning about theatre.

Our school year program continues to be an effective multi-arts class. Students look forward to class each week and even asked Sara Waters, TFT Teaching Artist to attend their Halloween event.



VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Joe Giarrusso - 2024

Jeff McDonald & Charles Thomas - 2023

Sandra C. Woodson - 2022

Susan Stein - 2020

Lucie Arnaz - 2019

Linda Rider - 2018

Barbara & Jerry Keller - 2017

Charlie Pasarell - 2016

Harold Matzner - 2015

Donna MacMillan - 2014

Janice Lyle, Ph.D. - 2013

Michael Childers - 2012

Carol Channing - 2011

Mary T. Roche - 2010

Steven Nash - 2009

Jackie Lee Houston - 2008

Lee Appel - 2007

HONOREES

David W. Bryant
2023 - Picasso Party

Phyllis Eisenberg
2020 - Vision Event Honorary Chair
2013 - Fiddler on the Roof Sing Along

Joyce Bulifant
2017 - Up Close & Personal Book Signing,
“My Four Hollywood Husbands”

Jennie Inch
2016 - Musical Memories Dance Party

Patty & Arthur Newman
2015 - Sunday in the Park

Rachel Druten
2023 - 90th Birthday Celebration
2014 - Founder Tools For Tomorrow’s
15th Anniversary Celebration

BEHIND THE SCENES

FREE Art Kits for TFT Students

Any time you stop by the Tools For Tomorrow office you are sure to see art supplies everywhere! Each student in our Creative Club receives their own set of art supplies to use during our program and keep at the end so they can continue their creativity at home. Art kits include oil pastels, watercolor paints, crayons, markers, a sketch book, and more!

We are constantly assembling art kits and could not do this without the wonderful dedication of our Board Members and Volunteers. For the fall session, 308 art kits were created. This means that volunteers organized 4,928 markers as well as 3,696 oil pastels and watercolor pencils! **THANK YOU to the TFT Board Members and Volunteers who help assemble art kits.**



Volunteers Assembling Art Kits in the TFT Office



Coachella Valley Community Trust Collaborative Meeting at the TFT Office



Non-Profit Summer Spotlight Mixer

IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME SUPPORTERS



Tim Martin

Tim Martin served as TFT President from 2015 to 2020, providing valuable insight from a community and educator perspective. Tim passed away on December 13, 2023.

Linda Thibault, an original Friends of TFT (2005) member served as corresponding secretary, historian, publicity chair and more. Linda passed away on April 10, 2023.



Linda Thibault



JoAnn McGrath

JoAnn McGrath was a supporter of TFT for more than 25 years. As a TFT Affiliate, we always knew she would be there when we needed her most. JoAnn passed away on February 19, 2024.



Desert Sands Unified School District ELOP Vendor Showcase



Bullying Prevention & Wellness Conference in Riverside, CA

Teaching Artists - Training and Team Building

We have an amazing group of 12 Teaching Artists and 2 Teaching Assistants for the fall session. All of our Teaching Artists and Assistants participated in at least one of the teacher training and orientation sessions that took place on August 13 and 20, 2024. We reviewed logistics and classroom management, went over new lessons, and experimented with new materials such as musical Boomwhackers and gel printmaking. Teaching Artists continue to meet in between sessions to share classroom experiences and collaborate on lesson plans.



Manny Rider (with Linda Rider)
Nov. 14, 1929 – Sep. 2, 2024



Donna Martin (with Doug Martin)
Mar. 5, 1941 – Sep. 3, 2024

CHILDREN'S BOOKS SPARK CREATIVITY AND PROMOTE LITERACY

This year, TFT introduced children's literature books into our curriculum. The books are read in TFT's Creative Clubs, the children create related art and music projects and then take the books home to share with siblings.

Children's books can engage a child, facilitating their wonder, curiosity and interests. Introducing children to books paired with music and hands-on art projects encourages them to become readers and storytellers, building skills, confidence and understanding for English Language Learners.

Children's books allow students to learn about important people, discover perseverance as they see themselves reflected in stories of overcoming adversity, feel empowered to express themselves and be inspired by the beautiful illustrations.



THE JOY OF MUSIC WITH BOOMWHACKERS

Boomwhackers promote fun and learning simultaneously with an engaging musical experience. Bright, lightweight, hollow, color-coded, plastic tubes, Boomwhackers are tuned to a musical pitch by length and are labeled with the musical note they produce. Boomwhackers can be used to teach melodies, chords, and rhythms. They are also a natural energizer and stress reliever. Playing Boomwhackers is a group activity, encouraging collaboration and listening skills. Hitting the tubes requires precision and timing, helping children develop fine and gross motor skills.



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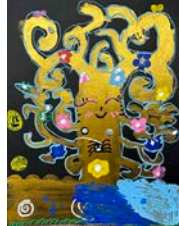
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