



Episcopal Charities

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A commitment to caring: Our Programs Make a Difference



Summer 2007

I want to tell you of 3,314 wonderful reasons why I think you will want to support the programs of Episcopal Charities. Those reasons are all the wonderful children whose lives will be impacted this coming year by the work of over 1,077 staff members and volunteers working in 42 youth opportunity programs in local communities throughout the New York area.

For over a decade this network of local programs, meeting local needs, have provided children with a safe space and educationally and culturally enriching experiences that help them develop their potential in a creative and wholesome environment. From After School/Saturday Programs, Summer Camps, Mentor & Job Readiness programs, Social Justice, Teen Parenting, to Arts, Drama & Music Workshops, we are privileged to have shaped the lives of so many and to have helped write the success stories of these future leaders.

Why Episcopal Charities Can Help Our Programs Make a Difference

- 100% of the funds raised from the public is given directly to our youth opportunity programs;
- Over 3 million dollars awarded to 100 youth opportunity programs in the past eleven years;
- In 2006-2007 the average award for the 38 grant recipients was \$6,526; their collective annual budgets totaled \$2.1 million;
- Organized a series of youth oriented workshops to provide the programs with important state government regulatory information;
- Created a new resource guide and distributed it to after school programs listing child friendly websites & other curriculum development ideas for educators and program staff members;
- Collaborated with PASE to create a Summer Resource Guide that provided summer camp programs with educational materials and ideas on how to organize daily curriculum and offer other activity ideas;
- In Summer 2006 relaunched the Episcopal Charities website, a quick and effective means of bringing our supporters and the general public the most up-to-date and important news about our programs;
- Became a proud participant of the Better Business Bureau Charity Seal Program, indicating that we have met 20 rigorous Standards for Charity Accountability.

Thanks in great part to you and so many other generous friends, last year our Youth Opportunities Programs had a wonderful year. Our 38 programs accomplished very special and significant goals for thousands of local children from Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island, and in seven upstate counties. The lives of so many children have been enriched and will continue to improve because of people like you. Your kindness is vital to our efforts.

A Personal Note

On another note, I want to personally thank the thousands of our friends who, over the past 12 years, have made this wonderful venture a splendid reality. At the end of June I will retire as the first Executive Director of Episcopal Charities, concluding my career on a most fulfilling, rewarding, and upbeat note. I have met truly inspiring people during these years, people whose lives and examples have forever strengthened my own sense of purpose and given me a fresh understanding of my own faith. They are generous donors and volunteers, dedicated staff, committed clergy leaders, and most importantly, grateful recipients who give back immeasurably with wonderful smiles and new hope for a better life.

Respectfully,

David P. Shover, Executive Director

Please take a moment to review some of the compelling stories and program accomplishments during the past year; we have noted them on the reverse of this letter. Just a few of those 3,314 reasons.



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Yes! I want to make a difference.

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Success Stories

- With the help and guidance offered by his tutor at **St. Luke's Church Saturday School**, located in Harlem, Terence, an eight grade student who loves sharks was accepted into the marine biological program at the Acadia Institute of Oceanography in Seal Harbor Maine for a two week program attended by boys and girls from all over the United States as well as abroad. Terence and the other children studied biology, chemistry and geology of northern waters. He has been invited back to attend the advanced session in 2007.
- **The Peace Zone**, a youth outreach program of **Misión San Juan Bautista** located in the Bronx was one of twelve recipients of the annual Union Square Award, for its exceptional effort to provide young children between the ages of 8 to 18 a sanctuary from the pressure of joining gangs and the violence on the streets.
- **The Star Learning Center- of St. Matthew & St. Timothy** in Manhattan, created an academic star in Cristian, a young student participant in their after school program. For two years, Cristian and his mother have traveled the 40 minute commute from their home in the Bronx to allow Cristian to work with his tutor twice a week. As a result of the undivided attention of his Star tutor, both Cristian and his mother reported a significant and lasting impression. Cristian's mother noticed a surge in his confidence and newfound pleasure in academic activities, while Cristian beamed, "I don't know what my grade is yet on the science project ... but my teacher said he was proud of me."
- Reinaldo Martinez-Cubero, Executive and Artistic Director of the **Pied Piper Children's Theatre of New York City** was honored as NY 1 News New Yorker of the Week. Mr. Martinez- Cubero founded the company, one of the outreach program of **Holy Trinity Church, Inwood**, to provide arts programming for both children and the entire community living in the Upper regions of Manhattan.
- **Amazing Grace Circus! Inc.** was featured in the Life & Style section of The Journal News a publication covering the Lower Hudson region. Amazing Grace in an outreach program of **Grace Church, Nyack** and is open to all children but attracts mostly youth who 'do not fit' into some accepted social structure in school. Learning the circus arts involves more than how to juggle, walk on the low tight wire, spin plates on sticks, trust partners in human pyramids and many other circus routines during their annual summer camp it teaches the children some very important principles: confidence, imagination, respect, cooperation, understanding and success.