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National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

FACT AWARDED 2010 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD BY FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA AND THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES!

For developing creativity and fostering academic success by engaging young people in the visual arts, FACT was recognized with a prestigious national award by First Lady Michelle Obama at a White House ceremony on Wednesday, October 20.

Chosen from a pool of more than 400 nominations and 50 finalists, FACT was one of 15 after-school and out-of-school programs across the country to receive the 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award (formerly, the Coming Up Taller Award), the highest honor such programs can receive in the United States. The award honors community-based arts and humanities programs that make a marked difference in the lives of their participants by improving academic scores and graduation rates, enhancing life skills, and developing positive relationships with peers and adults.

FACT was recognized by Mrs. Obama for using engagement in the visual arts through its ARTclub afterschool programs, focused on improving literacy, building

self-esteem & confidence, and strengthening knowledge & skills in the visual arts. Accepting the award from Mrs. Obama on behalf of FACT was Vianney Campos, an eleven-year-old ARTclub participant and 6th grade student at Salazar Elementary School, a Title One school based in Santa Fe. Vianney has participated in FACT programs for several years and was chosen

to accept the Award by FACT and Salazar Principal, Margo Shirley because of her dedication as an artist and for her academic accomplishments. Vianney was accompanied to the White House by Melinda Baker, a senior art instructor, who for the past ten years has worked in FACT's school-based and after-school programs. Said Baker of the award, contd...



FACT instructor, Melinda Baker stands with ARTclub student, Vianney Campos and First Lady Michelle Obama in the East Room of the White House during the National Arts and Humanities Youth Arts Award ceremony on October 20th.

"MEETING THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND ACCEPTING THIS AWARD WAS AN ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET," SAID VIANNIEY. "IT REMINDED ME THAT THE ARTS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME AND MAKE KIDS' LIVES BETTER."

"WE HOPE THIS AWARD WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO THE DOCUMENTED FACT THAT PROGRAMS LIKE OURS ARE ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS NOT JUST IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT IN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL," SAID JULIA BERGEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FACT.

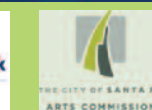
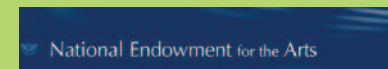
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Mission

FACT's visual arts education programs empower and transform lives by teaching art making, literacy, and life skills in an innovative learning environment.

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Indi McCassey, *Program Manager*
Tara Santini, *Program Coordinator*
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OUR SUCCESS IS YOUR SUCCESS! Contd...



Vianney's father, Marcos Campos, left, with FACT Director, Julia Bergen, Vianney and FACT instructor Melinda Baker in front of the Capitol.

"Being nationally recognized with this award for our vision and continued efforts over the past 20 years adds a new burst of inspiration and validation to our program."

When asked to comment on FACT's National Arts Award, Senator Udall wrote, "By engaging and inspiring young people, FACT is giving them the vision and skills to build a better life for themselves, their families, and community," said Senator Udall. "These young people are learning how to use creative thinking to work as a team, solve problems, and express themselves constructively. These are exactly the skills they need to succeed in school, in work, and in life. I commend FACT for the critical role it plays in our community, and send my heartfelt congratulations for receiving this well-deserved, national recognition."

In addition to the national recognition bestowed by receipt of the prestigious award, FACT will receive \$10,000 to support its programming and engage more young people from the community.

FACT's First Annual ART Creates COMMUNITY Youth Arts Festival

was held on August 14th at the Santa Fe Railyard Park. Participants included Wise Fool, Moving People Dance/Espanola, the Santa Fe Railyard Stewards, Santa Fe Children's Museum, Recycled Santa Fe, Warehouse 21, Perish Vargas, Outside In, and many eager artists of all ages. Many thanks to Roger Montoya, Mayor David Coss and FACT's board of directors and staff and volunteers for making it a fun and festive day!



FACT board member, Deborah Fritz and her Dad.

Artist, Art Educator and Advocate, Roger Montoya introduces Moving People Dance students during the Festival.

FACT Board Co-President (left) Page Allen with Interim Director, Patricia Cloud, and Mayor David Coss, making art during the FACT Festival.

SUMMER 2010 ACTIVITIES

Instructors Retreat

Every summer, FACT hosts a "staff retreat" for its instructional team to support their teaching and professional development. This year's session featured a focus on building cultural competency and sensitivity and on student and classroom safety. Working with staff from the Center for the Education and Study of Diverse Populations (CESDP) and led by FACT's Interim Program Director, Patricia Cloud, FACT staff participated in two days of training to address

ways of strengthening our understanding of diverse cultures and our work in communities. In addition, staff spent a day with the Red Cross receiving safety training and certification. Overall, it was a great three days spent sharing ideas, brainstorming and learning. While Patricia has moved on to work full time with CESDP, she and their team will continue to collaborate with FACT staff to refine program assessment processes and school and community based visual arts curriculum.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

– FACT is excited to announce the launch of a new partnership with the Santa Clara Pueblo Day School. Instructors Melinda Baker and Claire Comfort will work with fifty students ages 6-12 during the 2010-2011 school-year. We are honored to be working with Dolly Neikrug, Principal of Santa Clara Day School and her terrific staff and students.

– The Espanola School District's Art in the Schools Program, now entering its seventh year, is off to a great start. During 2010-2011, FACT will provide 28 weeks of visual arts learning for every second grade student at all eleven Espanola Schools. In addition, FACT will offer programming to kindergarten, first and third grade classes. A total of 758 students will be served. Many thanks to FACT's Interim Program Director, Patricia Cloud, FACT's Program Manager, Indi McCassey, Espanola Superintendent, Janette Archuleta and Espanola Arts Coordinator, Ruby Montoya, as well as FACT's stellar teaching team for launching a great new year of art programming in Espanola.

– FACT is honored to have been chosen by the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs, The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation to participate in the 2010 National Holiday Tree Ornament Event. Twenty-six FACT student artists, under the guidance of art instructors, Tara Santini and Clair Comfort, will design and create ornaments with a New Mexico theme, to be displayed on the New Mexico State Tree, that will surround the National Holiday Tree on the grounds of the White House.



US SENATOR TOM UDALL WITH HIS WIFE, JILL COOPER UDALL STAND WITH FACT STAFF, BOARD AND STUDENTS DURING THE SENATOR'S VISIT TO THE ARTBARN STUDIO. SENATOR UDALL VISITED THE ARTBARN TO RECOGNIZE FACT FOR RECEIVING A 2009 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT GRANT.

FUNDING UPDATE

Thank you ARTfeast for your generous grant in support of FACT's Santa Fe based programs. For information on the 2011 ARTfeast/Edible Art Tour, check out the ARTfeast website at www.artfeast.com. Thank you to the Buckaroo Ball for continuing to support FACT's ARTclub afterschool programs! Stay tuned for exciting information about the 2011 Buckaroo Ball, as always committed to raising much needed funding to support children and youth in Santa Fe County.



staff/board news

NEW MEMBERS

FACT welcomes art instructor Tara Santini to her new role as FACT's Program Coordinator. Tara works closely with art instructors and Program Manager Indi McCassey overseeing the day-to-day management of the ARTbarn studio while ensuring that all art materials and snacks are sufficiently supplied. We are delighted to have Tara working with us on the program administrative side of FACT while she continues teaching afterschool classes at local schools and at the Santa Fe County Youth Detention Center.

The board and staff welcome newest Board Member Michael Namingha. A celebrated artist, Mike's work may be viewed at his family's gallery, Niman Fine Art. A strong advocate for the arts, Mike brings a wealth of knowledge and experience about the arts and non-profit management to the board.

MOVING ON...

In August, former Program Coordinator Cynthia Sandoval accepted a full-time position with Citizen Schools. We were sorry to see her go and wish her every success in her new endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON LINE Art Auction:

FACT announces our first ever, exclusive on-line art auction featuring select works of art by prominent artists among them, Forrest Moses and Fritz Scholder. The auction starts on December 1, 2010 and ends on December 7th. The auction website www.factartauction.com will be up and running on December 1. Check it out and remember all proceeds will support visual art education for New Mexico children and youth! Please contact FACT for more information about making donations of artwork or about the auction bidding process.

FACT Annual Student ART exhibition:

Opening reception, Friday, December 3rd at Santa Fe City Hall. The exhibit will feature works of art by students participating in FACT's Santa Fe programs. The show will run from December 1 through January 31, 2011.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

In her speech before the President's Committee for the Arts and the Humanities during which FACT received the 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Arts Award, First Lady Michelle Obama spoke thoughtfully about the challenges many arts organizations have faced this past year.

"We're just very grateful to everything that you all have been doing, because

I know that these are tough times for a lot of folks. Budgets are being squeezed. Resources are being cut. And for many of you, the hours are longer and unfortunately the paychecks are smaller than they used to be. But against all the odds, you've kept going. You've kept teaching and mentoring and innovating because you know, like all of us know, that these programs, programs like yours, can help our

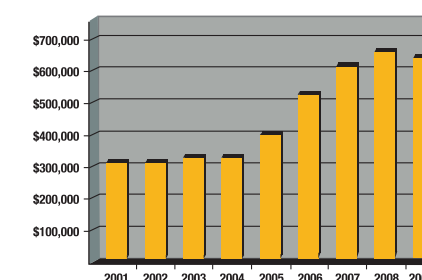
young people expand their imaginations and tap into their creativity. You've seen how the arts and humanities can broaden their horizons and help them discover a talent or a mission or a sense of purpose that they never knew they had."

The First Lady is right. 2009 was a challenging year for FACT, but despite diminished revenues our programs remained untouched and continued making a difference in the lives of thousands of northern New Mexico children. Your support over the past 20 years has helped make this happen. You have faithfully believed in our work and have helped our dedicated team of art educators transform young lives every day. Mrs. Obama and the President's Committee for the Arts believe in FACT and we know you do to! Thank you for valuing and supporting FACT's important and necessary work in communities across northern New Mexico.

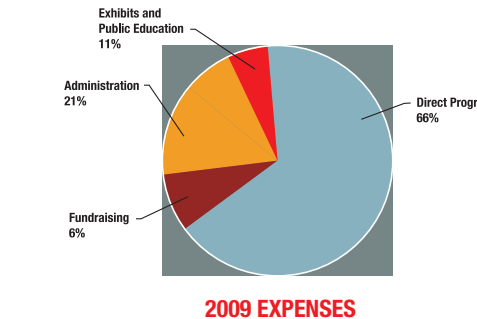
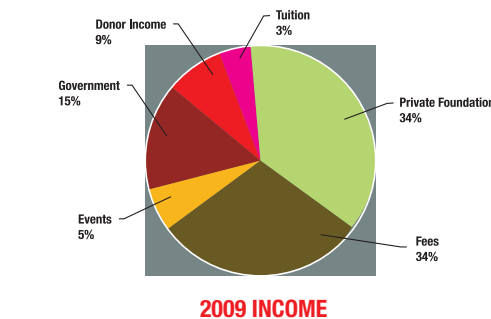
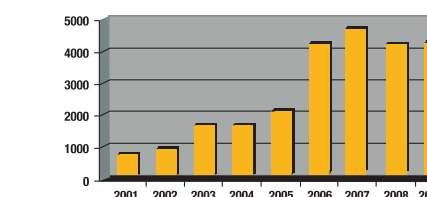
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STUDENTS SERVED



2009 PROGRAMMING 4,000 CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED ACROSS NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

ARTclub, afterschool programs for children and youth served 424 students ages 4-21 at Santa Fe public schools, the Santa Fe Indian School, and the Santa Fe County Juvenile Detention Center in partnership with Outside In's Youth with Promise Program.

ARTreach, FACT's school-day integrated, standards driven arts learning programs designed to enhance and strengthen student's learning across all content areas served 2,397 children from kindergarten through sixth grade at Tesuque Elementary School and nine Espanola Elementary schools.

ARTbarn Community Studio summer and afterschool programs and programs for home-schooled children served 226 students ages 4-18 throughout the year.

Community Partnership programs served 1,026 children and youth ages 4-21 and included projects and programs with the Santa Fe County Camino Jacobo public housing community, Teen Court and Su Vida, as well as workshops with the City of Santa Fe Parks and Recreation Department, Genoveva Chavez Community Center, Santa Fe Public Libraries, the Juntos Los Jueves program for homeless families, and programs at El Museo Cultural in partnership with Outside In.



ALYSSA TROUW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alyssa was a bright star at FACT's ARTbarn Community Studio, first as a young art student and last year as an ARTbarn studio assistant. Her untimely death last summer was a loss to the entire community. An accomplished student, artist and citizen, Alyssa chose to work with FACT so she might give back to younger children that which she had gained in art knowledge and self-confidence while a young student at FACT. Deborah and Frans Trouw established the Alyssa Trouw Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Alyssa to provide children and youth without the financial means the opportunity to participate in FACT's visual art classes. This past year, donors contributed \$5,000 to the Fund for fifty-eight student scholarships. FACT is deeply grateful to the Trouw's and to the many people who are keeping Alyssa's memory alive through the funding of scholarships. Please contact Julia Bergen if you would be interested in making a donation to the Memorial Fund.