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Artists for a Cause's unique approach to community improvement supports culture while addressing critical needs in our community. This year, we've done more than ever. Our student A4AC Clubs afford children cultural, and arts education opportunities; both of which have been proven to permanently affect brain development, and values. These kids witness the power their art has for community improvement as they use it as a weapon against poverty, human trafficking, and more. It's become clear how many young people's lives we are changing, and we continue to grow with your support.



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Testimonials

“Hi, my name is Timothy Nicholas. I am a senior at Clark Advanced Learning Center. Because of Artists for a Cause, I’ve had the privilege of sharing my talent at many **charity events** throughout the Treasure Coast and



Palm Beaches. The support I’ve received will help as I continue my studies next year in medicine. Thank you for supporting Artists for a Cause.”



“Hi my name is Christina Reagan and I am VP of the A4AC Club at the Pine School. Every Thursday my friends in the club and I visit the R.E.A.C.H. center and **share our arts education** with the little children who aren't provided with the same opportunities that we have had. It is extremely

rewarding to see the happiness we bring to those kids.”



“Hi, I’m Savanna Webber and I go to MCHS. For several seasons, I’ve been involved with the Artists for a Cause **“Therapeutic Arts”** program, where I’ve shared my talent with those at the end of life who would not otherwise have access. I’d like to thank Elisabeth Lahti, and everyone who supports Artists for a Cause.”

“Hi, I’m Sydney Carbo. I have been an officer of the Artists for a Cause club at South Fork High School for two years. Last year our club produced an **event which raised awareness**, and \$1,000 in an effort to stop human trafficking. We appreciate your support of Artists for a Cause!”



“Hi, I’m Talia Suskauer, president of the A4AC club at Dreyfoos School of the Arts. Last week, my sister and another of my peers had their first opportunity to perform at the Eissey Campus Theater because of Artists for a Cause. This month, we helped to **raise thousands of pounds of food** for the needy in our community through the Dance for Food program. Several of my friends, including Andrea Colletti, who just auditioned for Berkeley, receive A4AC scholarships for arts education. Thank you!

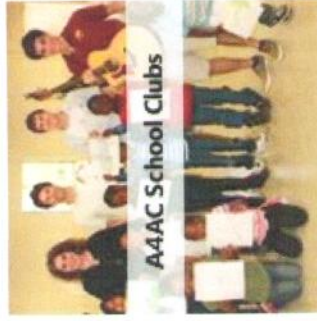
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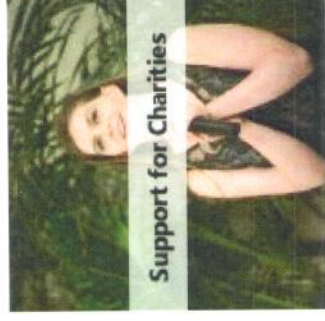
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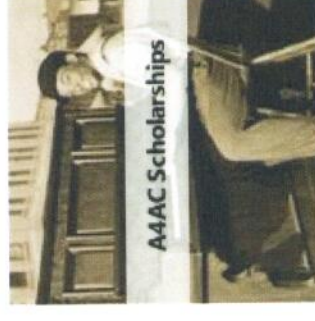
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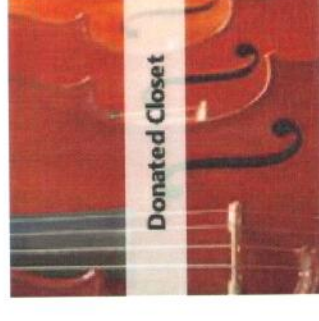
Support for Charities: visual and performing artists from our national network, which is moving from hundreds toward thousands this year, are on hand to support charity events.



Classical for Schools targets schools in Florida where music programs have been cut back, inspiring through a lecture recital, question and answer, and private instruction session.



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Highlights of the event included moving vocal performances by gifted young vocalists Christina Reagan (co-president of A4AC's club at Southfork H.S.) and Kevin Paul (President of the A4AC Club at the Pine School), a virtuoso violin improvisation by Timothy Nicholas, exceptional musical theater performances both by young artists, Michael Stern, Sophia Liano, and Madison Bailey, and powerful young adult artists, Talia Suskauer, Sydney Carbo, and Brianna Scully. Up-and-coming opera singer Savanna Webber, age 16, performed an Italian aria that brought the audience to their feet.

A4AC Talent at Nina Haven Scholarship Event - May 5th, 2013



The Nina Haven Scholarships, Inc. gives children in Martin County, Florida, who might otherwise not be able to, an opportunity to seek higher education. This year, for the foundation's award reception May 5th, Christina Reagan represented A4AC, providing the event entertainment. In the top 2% of her class academically, Christina Reagan, is a singer, actress, dancer, oboe player, and pianist, who is also co-President of the Artists for a Cause club at Southfork High School. We'd like to thank Christina for representing A4AC in a way we can all be proud of. Christina sang both the National Anthem, and a song she learned for the event, "We've Only Just Begun"

Volunteers Captivate Sandhill Cove with Classical String Performance - May 11th, 2013



On Saturday, May 11th, string artists from Artists for a Cause's Therapeutic Arts program performed at Sandhill Cove Retirement Community in Palm City. Cellist, Richard Levenstein, and violinist, Dr. Richard Berjian are registered A4AC Therapeutic Arts volunteers and long-time members of the Treasure Coast Symphony. The Therapeutic Arts program at A4AC sends the healing power of the visual and performing arts to those who wouldn't be able to access them otherwise. The duo enthralled the residents with music from various artists, such as Handel, Beethoven and Bach. The players elicited delight from the entire audience, an intimate group of 20 in wheelchairs.

Pine School A4AC Club wraps up their *Share Arts* outreach - May 16th, 2013



On May 16th, high school students from the Pine School's A4AC Club completed their "Share Arts" outreach for the school season. The program has helped advanced visual and performing arts students to share their arts education with younger kids that have less access. Based on tremendous success, the program will be repeated at the Pine School in the fall, and replicated at other A4AC Clubs throughout the region.

Therapeutic Arts Performance: Treble Makers - May 16th, 2013



On May 25, a group of junior high school-aged performing artists presented a musical theater concert for residents at the Brighton Gardens senior living facility in Port St. Lucie. The event, featuring one hour of vibrant and engaging performances by members of the Treasure Coast Treble Makers, is one of several Artists for a Cause Therapeutic Arts presentations scheduled to take place this summer, both in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and at facilities that care for children in at-risk communities.

Founded by a group of young artists sharing a passion for musical theater, The Treasure Coast Treble Makers specializes in entertaining audiences with classic Broadway show tunes and timeless popular melodies. Among the company's members are up-and-coming vocalists Michael Stern, Madison Bailey, Aaron Simons, Chloe Janson, Rachel Modest and Shay Derby, all of whom began their musical training at a very early age. Now in their teens, the group is very enthusiastic about using their talents to enrich local communities; an objective aligned with A4AC's mission statement.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - June 1st, 2013

Broadmoor Assisted Living. Fort Pierce, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Joette Giorgis - June 4th, 2013

Salerno Bay Manor. Stuart, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Shazkya Fernandez - June 6th, 2013

Brighton Gardens. Port St. Lucie, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - June 7th, 2013

Manors at Hobe Sound. Hobe Sound, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Michelle Bessemer - June 12th, 2013

Lynmoore, Chateau at Lawnwood. Fort Pierce, FL.



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Palm Garden of PSL. Port St. Lucie, FL.



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Martin Nursing and Restorative. Stuart, FL.

A4AC Events: July-August 2013



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Brighton Gardens of Port St. Lucie. Port Saint Lucie, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Reva Satchell - July 27th, 2013
Emeritus Retirement Community. Jensen Beach, FL.



Therapeutic Arts - Every Wednesday at 2:00 P.M
Boys and Girls Club of Hobe Sound. Hobe Sound, FL.



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A4AC Open House - August 22nd, 2013
A4AC Office Location, Stuart, FL

A4AC Events: September-October 2013

Drag Queen Bingo Bonanza



Sponsored by BB Jones Communications

Thursday, October 3, 7 P.M and 9 P.M.
Crush Wine and Liquor Bar
100 Dixie Highway
Stuart, FL

The sultry and sassy Beneva Fruitville and her partner Tamiami Trails were the stars for this themed theatrical event which included two rounds of Bingo! Audience members definitely enjoyed the antics and interaction with the wisecracking, snarky-mouthed duo who kept everyone in stitches.

Greater Palm Beach Rose Society Event

Featuring Timothy Nicholas, violinist, and Sarah Bartal, harpist



October 26, 2013

Concertmaster of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony, exceptional young violinist, Timothy Nicholas, delighted audiences with a combination of musical theater and classical melodies, as well as some original arrangements. A life-long musician, Sarah Bartal's love affair with music began with piano lessons at the age of four and the flute at age ten, but during her high-school years she discovered her passion for the harp. In addition to teaching, Sarah also directs the adult choir at Port St. Lucie Bible Church and collaborates with the Treasure Coast Classical Singers under the direction of Mr. Doug Jewett. Sarah recently completed her master's degree in choral conducting at Florida Atlantic University under the direction of Dr. Patricia Fleitas.



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Dance for Food:

- Lyric Theatre, 3 November 2013
- Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, 17 November 2013
- South Fork High School, 22 November 2013
- Eissey Campus Theatre, 24 November 2013

The annual Dance for Food, sponsored by Schmitt, Cambron & Reynolds, PL, brought together many of South Florida's finest contemporary dancers to showcase their talents in front of an audience whose only admission fee is a bag of unexpired nonperishable goods. Participating dance companies include the Preston Contemporary Dance Theater, Downtown Dance, Vanya Allen, Raising Arrows, and YOW Dance. Collected food from this event went to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

Thank you to Mitch Kloorfain for taking such great photographs, [available for viewing on Flickr](#).



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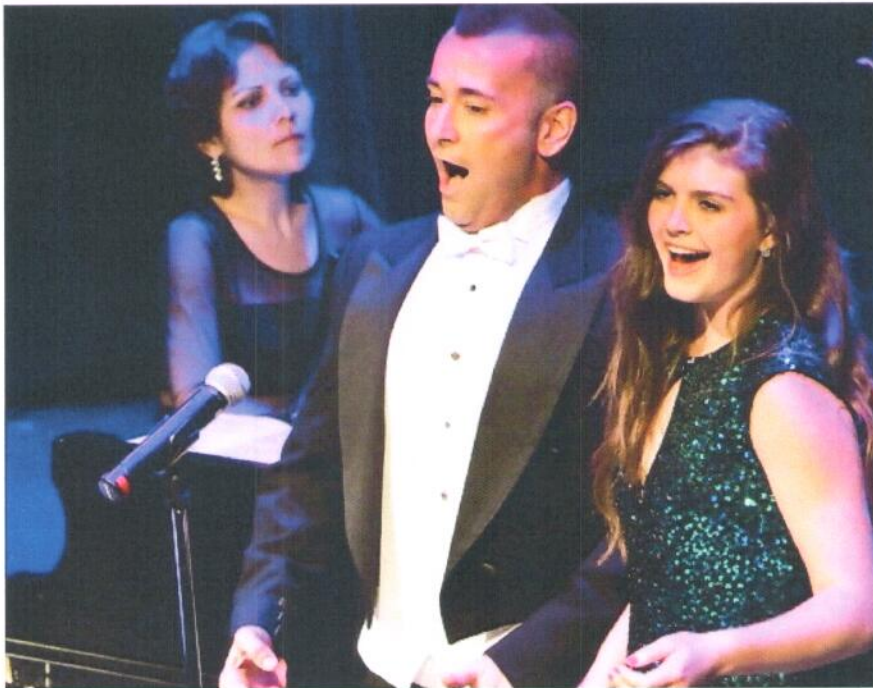
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Concert at The Lyric Theatre



Alina Kiryayeva, Piano, Terry Barber and Sydney Bridget Carbo. Photo by Mitch Kloorfain/Courtesy *Your Voice News & Views*.

Terry's concert on December 1 was a great success, and several young persons involved with the Artists for a Cause Clubs performed to an appreciative audience.



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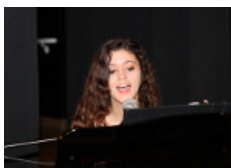
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Highlights of the event included moving vocal performances by gifted young vocalists Christina Reagan (co-president of A4AC's club at Southfork H.S.) and Kevin Paul (President of the A4AC Club at the Pine School), a virtuoso violin improvisation by Timothy Nicholas, exceptional musical theater performances both by young artists, Michael Stern, Sophia Liano, and Madison Bailey, and powerful young adult artists, Talia Suskauer, Sydney Carbo, and Brianna Scully. Up-and-coming opera singer Savanna Webber, age 16, performed an Italian aria that brought the audience to their feet.

A4AC Talent at Nina Haven Scholarship Event - May 5th, 2013



The Nina Haven Scholarships, Inc. gives children in Martin County, Florida, who might otherwise not be able to, an opportunity to seek higher education. This year, for the foundation's award reception May 5th, Christina Reagan represented A4AC, providing the event entertainment. In the top 2% of her class academically, Christina Reagan, is a singer, actress, dancer, oboe player, and pianist, who is also co-President of the Artists for a Cause club at Southfork High School. We'd like to thank Christina for representing A4AC in a way we can all be proud of. Christina sang both the National Anthem, and a song she learned for the event, "We've Only Just Begun"

Volunteers Captivate Sandhill Cove with Classical String Performance - May 11th, 2013



On Saturday, May 11th, string artists from Artists for a Cause's Therapeutic Arts program performed at Sandhill Cove Retirement Community in Palm City. Cellist, Richard Levenstein, and violinist, Dr. Richard Berjian are registered A4AC Therapeutic Arts volunteers and long-time members of the Treasure Coast Symphony. The Therapeutic Arts program at A4AC sends the healing power of the visual and performing arts to those who wouldn't be able to access them otherwise. The duo enthralled the residents with music from various artists, such as Handel, Breval and Bach. The players elicited delight from the entire audience, an intimate group of 20 in wheelchairs.

Pine School A4AC Club wraps up their *Share Arts* outreach - May 16th, 2013



On May 16th, high school students from the Pine School's A4AC Club completed their "Share Arts" outreach for the school season. The program has helped advanced visual and performing arts students to share their arts education with younger kids that have less access. Based on tremendous success, the program will be repeated at the Pine School in the fall, and replicated at other A4AC Clubs throughout the region.

Therapeutic Arts Performance: Treble Makers - May 16th, 2013

On May 25, a group of junior high school-aged performing artists presented a musical theater concert for residents at the Brighton Gardens senior living facility in Port St. Lucie. The event, featuring one hour of vibrant and engaging performances by members of the Treasure Coast Treble Makers, is one of several Artists for a Cause Therapeutic Arts presentations scheduled to take place this summer, both in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and at facilities that care for children in at-risk communities.



Founded by a group of young artists sharing a passion for musical theater, The Treasure Coast Treble Makers specializes in entertaining audiences with classic Broadway show tunes and timeless popular melodies. Among the company's members are up-and-coming vocalists Michael Stern, Madison Bailey, Aaron Simons, Chloe Janson, Rachel Modest and Shay Derby, all of whom began their musical training at a very early age. Now in their teens, the group is very enthusiastic about using their talents to enrich local communities; an objective aligned with A4AC's mission statement.

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Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - June 1st, 2013

Broadmoor Assisted Living. Fort Pierce, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Joette Giorgis - June 4th, 2013

Salerno Bay Manor. Stuart, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Shazkya Fernandez - June 6th, 2013

Brighton Gardens. Port St. Lucie, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - June 7th, 2013

Manors at Hobe Sound. Hobe Sound, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Michelle Bessemer - June 12th, 2013

Lynmoore, Chateau at Lawnwood. Fort Pierce, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Reva Satchell - June 12th, 2013

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Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - June 13th, 2013

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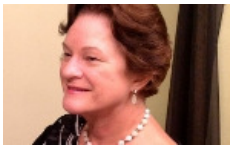
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Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - July 14th, 2013
Brighton Gardens of Port St. Lucie. Port Saint Lucie, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Reva Satchell - July 27th, 2013
Emeritus Retirement Community. Jensen Beach, FL.



Therapeutic Arts - Every Wednesday at 2:00 P.M
Boys and Girls Club of Hobe Sound. Hobe Sound, FL.



Therapeutic Arts Performance: Janet Rente - August 11th, 2013
Brighton Gardens of Port St. Lucie. Port Saint Lucie, FL.



A4AC Open House - August 22nd, 2013
A4AC Office Location, Stuart, FL

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September - October 2013

Drag Queen Bingo Bonanza



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Thursday, October 3, 7 P.M and 9 P.M.
Crush Wine and Liquor Bar
100 Dixie Highway
Stuart, FL

The sultry and sassy Beneva Fruitville and her partner Tamiami Trails were the stars for this themed theatrical event which included two rounds of Bingo! Audience members definitely enjoyed the antics and interaction with the wisecracking, snarky-mouthed duo who kept everyone in stitches.

Greater Palm Beach Rose Society Event

Featuring Timothy Nicholas, violinist, and Sarah Bartal, harpist



October 26, 2013

Concertmaster of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony, exceptional young violinist, Timothy Nicholas, delighted audiences with a combination of musical theater and classical melodies, as well as some original arrangements. A life-long musician, Sarah Bartal's love affair with music began with piano lessons at the age of four and the flute at age ten, but during her high-school years she discovered her passion for the harp. In addition to teaching, Sarah also directs the adult choir at Port St. Lucie Bible Church and collaborates with the Treasure Coast Classical Singers under the direction of Mr. Doug Jewett. Sarah recently completed her master's degree in choral conducting at Florida Atlantic University under the direction of Dr. Patricia Fleitas.



Therapeutic Arts: Art and Music Therapy for kids

Boys and Girls Club at Hobe Sound - Every Wednesday, 2:30 P.M

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November-December 2013

Dance for Food:

- Lyric Theatre, 3 November 2013
- Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, 17 November 2013
- South Fork High School, 22 November 2013
- Eissey Campus Theatre, 24 November 2013

The annual Dance for Food, sponsored by Schmitt, Cambron & Reynolds, PL, brought together many of South Florida's finest contemporary dancers to showcase their talents in front of an audience whose only admission fee is a bag of unexpired nonperishable goods. Participating dance companies include the Preston Contemporary Dance Theater, Downtown Dance, Vanya Allen, Raising Arrows, and YOW Dance. Collected food from this event went to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

Thank you to Mitch Kloorfain for taking such great photographs, [available for viewing on Flickr](#).



Therapeutic Arts: Art and Music Therapy for kids

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Therapeutic Arts

- South Fork High School A4AC Club presented a musical program at Sandhill Cove Retirement Living community in Palm City on November 9th.
- The Joette's Strings Music Studio played at Brighton Gardens on November 11th.

Concert at The Lyric Theatre



Alina Kiryayeva, Piano, Terry Barber and Sydney Bridget Carbo. Photo by Mitch Kloorfain/Courtesy Your Voice News & Views.

Terry's concert on December 1 was a great success, and several young persons involved with the Artists for a Cause Clubs performed to an appreciative audience.

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Artists for a Cause (A4AC)

Parlor Party raises awareness

On Nov. 30, Artists for a Cause (A4AC) hosted a Parlor Party at the home of Ana Alvarez to raise awareness of the not-for-profit and increase its network of supporters.

The generous group of people who

comprise A4AC use their varied artistic talents to support other area non-profits in fundraising efforts and in working for the greater good of the community.

To learn more, call (772) 419-8778 or visit www.A4Ac.org.



Photos provided

Christine Mulrooney, Patricia Reagan, Terry Barber and Ana Alvarez are on hand to spread the word about Artists for a Cause.



Julie Lentine, Thomas Winter and Joseph Cruz attend the "friend raiser" for Artists for a Cause.

GIVING BACK

Scholarship program helps struggling families

BY EVELYN LESPINASSE

YourNews contributor

STUART — From an early age, David Wise could be found singing, dancing and putting on performances for his family and friends. It was evident that he had talent and a passion for the performing arts, but as he grew older he began to understand that, although he loved singing and dancing, it would be too difficult for his family to take on the financial burden of enrolling him in musical theater classes.

Fortunately for David, and students in similar situations, one community organization has been working to provide young people with the opportunity to pursue their dreams and get involved in the arts. With support from corporate and private donors, Martin County-based nonprofit Artists for a Cause (A4AC) created a scholarship program to assist students and families with the many expenses that come along with participating in visual and performing arts.

"Research has shown that participation in visual and performing arts has a positive effect on young adults," explained Terry Barber, founder and executive director of Artists for a Cause. "But unfortunately during these tough economic times, not all families can afford to sign their children up for dance, piano or theatre lessons. This is when we step in to lift some of the burden off of parents' shoulders."

During the last two years, a partnership between A4AC and StarStruck Performing Arts Center, the largest performing and visual arts education institutions in Martin County, has resulted in more than 40 students receiving training in their arts discipline



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Thanks to the A4AC Scholarship Program, David Wise is able to participate in musical theatre at StarStruck Performing Arts Center.

of choice, despite their families' financial challenges. In addition to A4AC scholarships, StarStruck also awards need-based and talent-based scholarships to students.

For David Wise, the scholarship he received from A4AC has allowed him to enroll in musical theater classes at StarStruck.

"From the costumes, to the classes and performances, participating in the arts can be really expensive," Wise said. "The scholarship from Artists for a Cause has been a huge help to my family financially and has allowed me to pursue my dreams of performing on the big stage."

All A4AC scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need. To maximize the range and efficiency of the program, Artists for a Cause recently announced the implementation of new measures for the screening of prospective scholarship recipients. Scholarship applicants are required to submit documentation showing their financial need and a written statement addressing why they are interested in becoming involved in the arts.

To date, most funding

for a Cause, or if you'd like to support arts education for those less fortunate call 772-419-8778 or email info@a4ac.org.

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"It brings us so much joy to be able to assist so many children and families through our scholarship program. Our goal is to continue to keep today's youth involved in the arts regardless of their financial struggles," says Terry Barber, executive director of Artists for a Cause.

Wise credits his personal values of dedication and discipline to what he has learned from his involvement in musical theatre at StarStruck.

Families interested in applying for the Artists for a Cause Scholarship Program are encouraged to contact Artists for a Cause at 772-419-8778 or email A4AC Director of Operations, Michelle Rodanes at michelle@a4ac.org.

A4AC hopes to expand its scholarship program and offer opportunities for more students in Martin County. If your arts or education organization is interested in partnering with Artists

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Artists for a Cause celebrate female artists for International Women's Day

Terry Barber

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J. KIRYAYEVA

Artists for a Cause artist of the month, Alina Kiryayeva, commemorates International Women's Day, March 8.

STUART — On March 8, local nonprofit organization Artists for a Cause will commemorate International Women's Day through their release of an exclusive video raising awareness about the under-representation of female artists. The project will point to the often forgotten contributions of some of the most talented and influential female artists of all time, and feature a very special performance by award-winning concert pianist Alina Kiryayeva, an acclaimed registered artist with the organization.

Alina Kiryayeva completed her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Degrees as a scholarship recipient at The Juilliard School. She continues her education in the Doctoral Program at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York., and

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Local students impacting future generations through art education

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STUART — If you walk into the Costella Williams Learning Center in New Monrovia Park in Stuart on a Thursday afternoon, you will see many happy children running about, singing, laughing and taking part in a variety of after-school activities.

Even more inspiring, is the ability to see first-hand how one generation of students is working to positively influence a younger generation.

Once a week, students from The Pine School's Artists for a Cause (A4AC) Club go to the center to share their talents and passion for the arts with younger students in the Residents Empowering All Children's Hope (R.E.A.C.H) after-school program.

The A4AC Club is a student-chapter of the local nonprofit organization, Artists for a Cause, which aims to improve communities through various artistic endeavors. By having a club at The Pine School, the organization is able to broaden its reach and assist students in using their artistic abilities to better their community.

The A4AC Club is made up of students from The Pine School's Upper School and is led by teacher sponsor Adison Lax. The club is divided into two focuses, the "Share the Arts" program and the "Art as Therapy" program. These programs allow A4AC Club students to gain leadership skills, showcase their talents and teach others how artistic expression can improve mental and physical health.

"Our students love working with the younger students in the R.E.A.C.H program and each week they arrive ready for us to teach them something new. It brings out the best in everyone," says teacher sponsor Adison Lax. Upon their arrival, the young students can be found tugging at the shirts of A4AC club members asking: "Can you help me write a song?" or collectively chanting "We want a song!" in hopes that A4AC Club president, Kevin Paul will bring out his guitar and play for them.

"It's great to see the students so eager to learn more about the arts. Whether it's through drawing, dancing, singing or writing, we want to be able to teach them that through the arts they can creatively and safely express themselves," said Paul.

Artists for a Cause founder Terry Barber is amazed at the progress the A4AC Club program has made in just two years.

"This program is being spearheaded by some of our most talented and responsible student leaders," Barber explained. "The students' commitment, combined with guidance and direction from their teacher sponsors is why this program has been such a success. It's our goal to continue providing students with arts-education opportunities and delve deeper into the therapeutic benefits of the arts."

If your school is interested in starting an A4AC student club, call 772-419-8778 or email info@a4ac.org for more information.

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Artists band together to fight modern-day slavery

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STUART — Students from the Artists for a Cause Club at Southfork High School teamed up with performers from Preston Contemporary Dance Theater and StarStruck Performing Arts Center to hold a benefit performance April 13 to support Hope for Freedom, a local initiative that aims at raising awareness about human trafficking.

Held at the Southfork High School auditorium, the event raised \$1,300, which will go to directly to support programs that bring hope and restoration to victims of modern-day slavery.

More than 150 people attended the event, which also featured a silent auction showcasing artworks created by Southfork High School students.

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Artists for a Cause President Terry Barber (right) sings the accompanying song "Believe" as Lindsay Davis of Palm City rehearses during Preston Contemporary Dance Theatre's rehearsal of Dance for Food 2011.

Barbara D. Taylor, *Palm City*

Outstanding young artists perform

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a musical event sponsored by Artists for a Cause and Forest Hills Chapel. The "Best and Brightest" celebrated outstanding up-and-coming talent, ranging in age from 9 to high-schoolers.

A4AC chose 13 students to perform. Talk about talent and entertainment! They were extraordinary, and well-deserving of the standing ovation at the end

of their performances.

There is so much negative newsprint being given to our younger generation about using drugs, theft, shootings and school dropouts. Martin County should be proud of these young people, and others like them, and give them praise.

"Artists for a Cause" is a Stuart-based, national, nonprofit that improves communities using art as a catalyst to achieve incredible results. They can be reached at info@a4ac.org. Get involved and see for yourself.

Our country will be in good hands with young people like this at the helm.



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer
Erica Restituyo dances in front of Regina Braga with the South Florida Dance Company in during the annual 'Dance for Food' event benefitting Artist For A Cause. The image was recognized by Community Papers of Florida's annual awards banquet in the 'Best Original Photograph in a News Event' category during an award ceremony last weekend in Orlando.

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Young talent sets the stage for community improvement

A4AC

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A4AC is a Stuart-Based nonprofit organization that aims to improve communities through artistic endeavors. Some of their programs engage student artists seeking educational and performance experience, helping them to bring cultural opportunities to audiences that would not have access to them otherwise. At the Best and Brightest event, students from various local schools shared their unique talents with a small but enthusiastic audience. Admission was a voluntary donation to support the cause; with audience members contributing generously.

Best and Brightest featured over an hour of inspiring live performances and served as an opportunity for the organization to thank students that have had an active role. Among the most prolific, Artists for a Cause Club Co-President, Julian Montes, shared his talent at Artsfest, produced a benefit performance to take on the issue of human trafficking, and helped out with lighting and sound during "Dance for Food 2012". He accompanied himself on guitar and sang sweetly to a gratified audience. In attendance, his youngest sister, Aislynn Wallentin, expressed her desire to someday emulate her brother's volunteer work using his talent for community improvement. "I'm excited that my brother's here- He's an amazing singer and activist. I'm proud of where he is right now." She explained.

Additional highlights of the event included moving vocal performances by gifted young vocalists Christina Reagan (co-president of A4AC's club at Southfork H.S.) and Kevin Paul (President of the A4AC Club at the Pine School), a virtuoso violin improvisation by Timothy Nicholas, exceptional musical theater performances both by young artists, Michael Stern, Sophia Liano, and Madison Bailey, and powerful young

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Cellist Richard Levenstein and violinist Dr. Richard Berjian are registered A4AC Therapeutic Arts volunteers and long-time members of the Treasure Coast Symphony.

PALM CITY — On Saturday, May 11, string artists from Artists for a Cause's Therapeutic Arts program performed at Sandhill Cove Retirement Community in Palm City. Cellist [Richard Levenstein](#) and violinist Dr. Richard Berjian are registered A4AC Therapeutic Arts volunteers and long-time members of the Treasure Coast Symphony. The Therapeutic Arts program at A4AC sends the healing power of the visual and performing arts to those who wouldn't be able to access them otherwise. The duo enthralled the residents with music from various artists, such as Handel, Beethoven and Bach. The players elicited delight from the entire audience, an intimate group of 20 in wheelchairs.

Through the A4AC Therapeutic Arts program, these two volunteer artists from the Treasure Coast Symphony donated their time to play a variety of pieces to the retired inhabitants of Sandhill Cove. "We are very pleased with A4AC's outreach programs,

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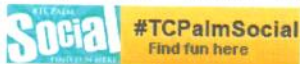
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Talented members of the Treasure Coast Treble Makers perform at Brighton Gardens in Port St. Lucie.

PORT ST. LUCIE — On May 25, a group of junior high school-aged performing artists presented a musical theater concert for residents at the Brighton Gardens senior living facility in Port St. Lucie. The event, featuring one hour of vibrant and engaging performances by members of the Treasure Coast Treble Makers, is one of several Artists for a Cause Inc. (A4AC) Therapeutic Arts presentations scheduled to take place this summer, both in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and at facilities that care for children in at-risk communities.

Founded by a group of young artists sharing a passion for musical theater, The Treasure Coast Treble Makers specializes in entertaining audiences with classic Broadway show tunes and timeless popular melodies. Among the company's members are up-and-coming vocalists Michael Stern, Madison Bailey, Aaron Simons, Chloe Janson, Rachel Modest and Shay Derby, all of whom began their musical training at a very early age. Now in their teens, the group is very enthusiastic about

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OLAYA MOSQUERA

Janet helps her students with an art project.

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However, Janet, like many other talented and experienced local artists, is struggling financially. In fact, though she has incredible work experience and an advanced degree, she is currently homeless, living in a shelter in Stuart.

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Passionate Art Work

New York artist, after losing her job, moves to Stuart and begins teaching classes, for free, to area residents because of her passion for what she does.



Janet leads an art class for students.

Photo courtesy of Artists for a Cause

by Terry Barber
Community contributor

In April, the local nonprofit organization, Artists for a Cause, met an artist with a truly remarkable story. She learned about the organization while seeking volunteer opportunities online, and swiftly registered to become part of a national network of artists looking to use their talent for community improvement. However, Janet, like many other talented and experienced local artists, is struggling financially. In fact, though she has incredible work experience and an advanced degree, she is currently homeless, living in a shelter in Stuart.

Janet holds a Masters in Fine Arts with a Minor in Psychology and was an educator at the New York City Children's Museum. Additionally, she taught painting and ceramic lessons at an adult training center for the disabled.

Her work in New York was praised, but when the museum made major cutbacks a few years ago due to financial issues, Janet was among many to be let go, and her difficulty began.

She looked for a new job in the New York area, but couldn't find the opportunity in her field that she wanted. Eventually, she lost financial stability, but not hope.

A friend had offered her enough support to make the journey to Florida, a place she had always wanted to live. She landed in Stuart, an arts destination, with promise.

Janet's training and experience made

her a perfect candidate to participate in the Artists for a Cause "Therapeutic Arts" program. The organization put her to work both with elderly patients and kids in at-risk communities, teaching them watercolor basics; using the arts as a vehicle to overcome physical pain, social and emotional struggles.

Janet said that her class participants are encouraged to express themselves artistically, touching on areas that may be difficult to express verbally. Aside from strengthening their communication and motor skills, her classes also improve students' self-esteem and reinforce their ability to meet deadlines and work as part of a team.

Janet walked from Stuart to Ft. Pierce to complete her first outreach at Broadmoor Assisted Living, before Artists for a Cause was fully aware of her situation and provided her with a bike.

Her lessons were so well received by those she served at various facilities, that Artists for a Cause was able to secure

Get Involved With the Cause

Artists for a Cause launching new programs; always looking for volunteers.

Terry Barber
Community contributor

Artists for a Cause has been asked to provide "Therapeutic Arts" to the children with special needs at Challenger School, as well as for children with disabilities at ARC, Helping People Succeed, Arts for Autism and more.

Starting this fall, the program will offer a therapeutic watercolor class, taught by an instructor with an advanced degree in the fine arts and a minor in psychology, as well as regular sessions with a certified music therapist. We are so pleased to be able to offer this support where it's needed most. Once again, art can be the solution.

Measurable outcomes of the curriculum will include work on cognitive and auditory processing and other sensory-motor, perceptual/motor, gross and fine motor skills, planning, sequencing, organization, attention span, problem solving,

flexibility, socialization, impulse control and more.

Also, many of you participated in Therapeutic Music Day in the past. We are expanding this program, making it easier for you to participate and find the support that you need. The program is now being called "Therapeutic Arts" and will include opportunities for all performing artists and some visual arts educators interested in serving the elderly and at-risk youths.

Whether you'd like to volunteer to share your talents, you're a professional seeking to be paid to participate, or you're an educator seeking opportunity for your students, we'd like to hear from you.

Facilities that serve the elderly and at-risk youth are invited to contact us as well. You are eligible for service once, on special event days, or even at a regular interval throughout the year.

Artists for a Cause is a Florida-based, national not-for-profit organization that improves communities using art as a catalyst to achieve incredible results. Some programs help artists and charities get the most out of their collaboration, while others produce results directly, by feeding the poor, healing the sick, or solving other problems through unique artistic solutions.

Art can be the solution for Creatively Building Better Communities. For more information visit A4AC.org or e-mail info@a4ac.org.

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Dance for Food
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ARTISTS FOR A CAUSE Current Programs

Artists for a Cause has a variety of programs currently running that include: Dance for Food, Therapeutic Arts, The Homeless Ensemble, Donated Instrument and Dance Shoe Closet, Classical for Schools, A4AC Charity Album, A4AC School Clubs and Scholarship Program, Benefit Concerts and Auction Items — all of which improve communities through artistic endeavors. For more information visit A4AC.org or e-mail info@a4ac.org.

— courtesy of Terry Barber



Terry Barber, countertenor and founder of Artists for a Cause, stands with Elisabeth Lahti.

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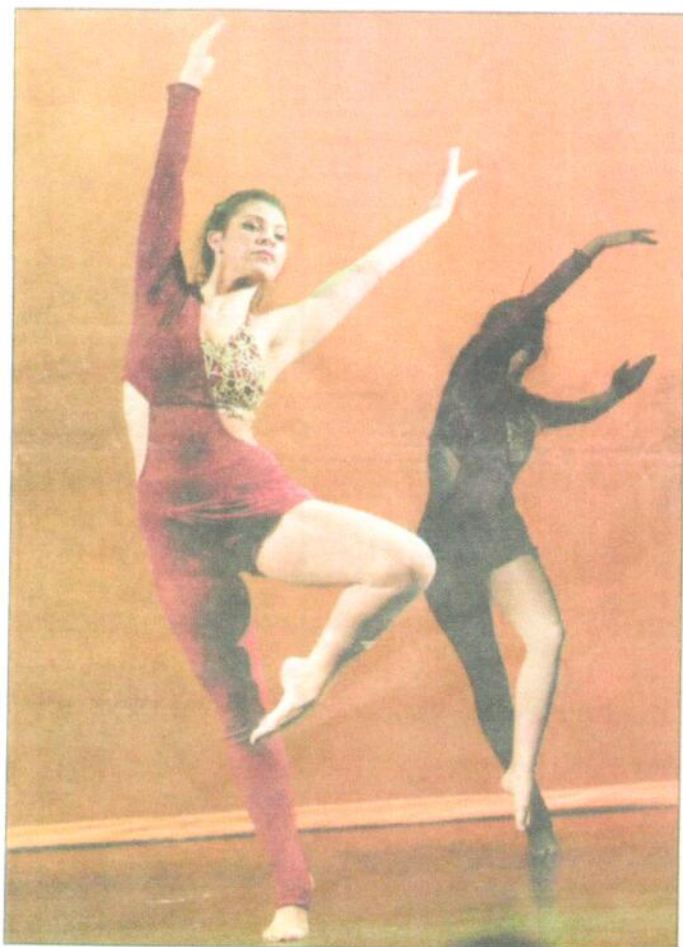
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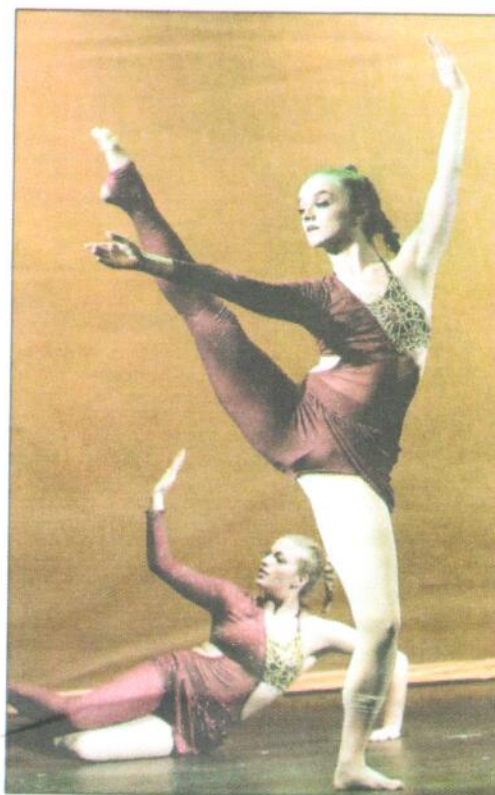
Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Lauren Dender of Palm City performed with the Dance Academy of Stuart at the annual Artists for a Cause "Dance for Food" performance at the Lyric Theatre Sunday, Nov. 3. The event benefits the Treasure Coast Food Bank and will be performed again Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, Friday, Nov. 22 at South Fork High School to benefit Bill Brooks' Food for Families and Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Eissey Campus Theatre in Palm Beach County to benefit the Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County.

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On their feet for food



Lorin Taylor dances in front of Alex Reffie, both of Palm City with the Dance Academy of Stuart at the annual Artists for a Cause "Dance for Food" performance at the Lyric Theatre Sunday, Nov. 3. The event benefits the Treasure Coast Food Bank and will be performed again Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, Friday, Nov. 22 at South Fork High School to benefit Bill Brooks' Food for Families and Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Eissey Campus Theatre in Palm Beach County to benefit the Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County.

Mitch Kloorfain
chief photographer

was a little down on Saturday over other years," Eric Ingraham, a member of the show's marketing committee, said. "But Sunday was very, very good."

Stuart likely benefited from a dearth of air shows in Florida for the last few months. For example, the annual Wings Over Pen-

most graceful pilots out there, he said. "She can take a T-34 to the max."

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Kevin Paul, a junior at The Pine School and president of the school's Artists for a Cause club, huddles with Kerry Fudge (from left), Al Tavion Hodge, Deonte Wright (not seen), Keyshawn Spence and Jaydon Linton, while planning a short performance Thursday afternoon at the Costella Williams Learning Center in Port Salerno, during the Residents Empowering All Children's Hope (R.E.A.C.H.) after-school program. Artists for a Cause's Share Arts program teams artists, such as Paul, who is an actor and musician, with students in an interactive setting allowing them to learn and participate in the creative process.

Artists for a Cause, a lesson in stewardship

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PORT SALERNO— The Pine School's Artists for a Cause club president junior Kevin Paul, sophomore Katie Rodgers, sophomore Mike Hadhazy and English teacher Adison Lax visited students at the Costella Williams Learning Center in Port Salerno on Thursday as part of a Share Arts program that teams older students with younger ones to encourage them to express themselves in a safe, creative way.

It was The Pine School students fifth or sixth visit, and they were greeted with a loud, enthusiastic cheer when they entered the center. They wasted no time engaging the students in a sing-along, followed by a performance on conflict resolution.

There are benefits for both the young students and the group leaders, according to Artists for a Cause founder Terry Barber. "The younger kids get access to arts education and the older kids are actually learning some great leadership skills, too, maybe without even realizing it at first," Barber said.

The Pine School students also were joined by Patricia Reagan and



Paul encourages students attending the after-school program to participate in singing a song Thursday afternoon.

her daughter, Christina Reagan, a dancer who is working to begin a Share Arts group as well.

Like other Artists for a Cause programs, the Share Arts program is designed to be replicated.

Christina Reagan is the co-president of the South Fork High School's

Artists for a Cause club. The group is having a Hope for Freedom benefit concert 7 p.m. April 13 at the school to raise awareness about human trafficking.

For more information on Artists for a Cause, visit their website at www.a4ac.org.