



CULTURAL ARTS

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Dear Patron of the Arts,

If you are reading this letter, you are most likely a friend or family member of an HST Cultural Arts student. **You probably don't see yourself as a "patron of the arts" as much as a supportive relative or neighbor.** Perhaps you have been a regular attendee of your student's performances with HST, or maybe this is the first you've heard about their joining our program. Whatever the case may be, you are obviously someone who makes a difference in your student's life. We commend you for that fact and assure you that your support is priceless to them.

Being an invaluable supporter of one of our students entitles you to know about the role HST plays in their lives. We are a non-profit cultural arts program that offers acting, dance, tech, costume, and vocal classes. Additionally we have two Broadway Choirs, two middle school troupes, and two highschool troupes, and offer 5 separate productions with a total of eleven performances in the spring. Our five shows are performed in a 450 seat, professional theatre with audiences at 96% capacity! Additionally, HST is committed to serving our community through various outreach events, including a homeschool prom, a historic preservation program, and other local theatre programs. **For many students, HST is their favorite extra-curricular activity where strong, lifetime friendships are formed. We have many testimonies from alumni about the important role HST played in helping them develop confidence and maturity.**

Now, this probably sounds too good to be true, and in some ways it is. **HST operates on a shoe-string budget and utilizes radical production methods to keep costs down.** Our students work hard at fundraising and our families put in over 5000 hours of volunteer service, but these efforts are still not enough to guarantee HST's survival, particularly during these challenging times. **We are an organization where even a \$25 donation is greatly valued. It WILL make a difference, so please take the time to consider a tax-deductible donation.** We list all our patrons in our program and on our web site under several clubs: Grandparent's Club, Friend & Family Club, and Alumni Club. We also offer the following tangible appreciation for your support.

Bronze Sponsor - \$25+ Membership & Event Night Recognition
Silver Sponsor - \$50+ Bronze Level Appreciation plus "Supporter" Pin
Gold Sponsor - \$100+ Silver Level Appreciation plus Special "Thank you" gift coupon
*Platinum Sponsor - \$250+ Gold Level Appreciation plus Special Reserved Seating**
Diamond Sponsor - \$1000+ Platinum Level Appreciation plus Special Backstage Tour

Finally, I wish to extend my personal thanks for your special role in our students' lives. Ultimately, it is our students who make HST so special. They are shining examples of the best that youth have to offer. Your encouragement is the best investment you can make for our future.

Blessings,
Marilyn Mullan
Executive Director

*Note: You must notify HST 48 hours in advance of event in order to arrange seating.
A maximum of 6 reserved seats per qualifying donation.

A copy of HST's current financial statement is available upon written request. Documents filed in accordance with the Maryland Charitable Organizations Solicitations Act may be obtained from the Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401. In either case, the cost of copying and postage may be required, as allowed by law.