



DREAMS IN ACTION

2011 annual report

Dear Friends,

It is with great delight that I share our 2011 annual report with you. It has been an extraordinary year for DREAMS in every way: We've expanded our curriculum, offering a dizzying array of creative arts classes from spoken word to fine arts painting to African drum. And we've added to our cadre of fabulous teaching artists/mentors who are not only at the top of their artistic game, but are passionate about helping every child find their creative voice.

Over 800 young people participated in the DREAMS Center and outreach programs, honing their creative skills and, most importantly, learning to believe in themselves. In the words of one of our DREAMers: "At the beginning of DREAMS I was very shy and insecure, but as the days went on I have expressed myself more and I'm not afraid to speak. I guess that's part of DREAMS' magic way - to make someone a better person."

There are so many DREAMS that come true here, but this year, our really big dream of a new home is now a reality! On January 2, 2012, we will open the doors to our new center located at 901 Fanning Street, Wilmington, NC. We owe a debt of gratitude to the City of Wilmington who believed in our project, shared our vision, and not only gave us our spectacular

1939 building but also provided substantial funding and support. We believe that all of the individuals, private foundations and corporations that gave so generously understand that there is no better investment than our children.

The future: The DREAMS' Board of Directors and staff have completed our strategic plan, which will serve as our road map for the next three years. At the heart of the plan is our goal to expand the number of students that we serve and deepen their involvement in DREAMS.

We know that art saves lives, and for so many of our young people this is not an exaggeration – it is simply the truth. In the words of former Attorney General Janet Reno, "Young people who are involved in making something beautiful today are less likely to turn to acts of violence and destruction tomorrow."

Warmly,



Tracy Wilkes
Executive Director

There are dances to dance, songs to sing, stories to tell, pictures to paint, theatrical wonders to perform.



★ There are dreams to dream... and there are the miracles... of seeing those dreams come true.

DREAMS OF WILMINGTON is a youth development program that is dedicated to building **creative**, committed citizens, one child at a time, through **high-quality, free-of-charge programming in the literary, visual and performing arts.**

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Renato Abbate	Georgia Mastroieni
Joanne Alford	Heather McClelland
Matt Baumgardner	Stephanie Mueller
Carson Capps	Suzanne Palmer
Todd Carignan	Abby Spangel Perry
Jeneen Cleare	Loraine Scalamoni
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Melony Connor	Vicki Spagnoli
Sai Collins	Michael Van Hout
Cynthia Cooke	Chamisa Wheeler
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Susanna Douthit	facilitator
Fritzi Huber	September Krueger
Mitzy Jonkheer	—Guest Artist
Alex Kip	Tranell Waterman
Lale Lewis	—Graduate
Alison Mason	teaching apprentice

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Have Arts, Will Travel

Burgaw Elementary and Middle, Cape Fear Elementary, CIS Suspension Program, DREAMS Center, Hemenway, Hillcrest, Houston Moore, Kids Making It, Lake Forest Elementary, Leland Middle School, Maides Park, Martin Luther King Center, Malpass Corner, Mary Mosley Performance Learning Center, Open House Youth Shelter, Penderlea Elementary, Rachel Freeman Elementary, Rankin Terrace, Village at Greenfield, WIRE

“DREAMS helped me envision my future and work towards it.”

—DREAMS Student

A New Place to DREAM

We are thrilled to announce that, in the worst economic climate since the Great Depression, DREAMS was not only able to continue offering top-notch programming to our area's neediest children—we also **raised nearly 1 million dollars** toward the renovation of our new building. Even better, we've completed Phase 1—more than 8,000 square feet of dance, drama, music, visual art and photography studios, plus a gorgeous student lounge

where our DREAMers can spend time in a relaxing, enriching environment, complete with computers and a library.

In November 2011, DREAMS received **a gift of \$100,000 toward Phase 2**—our community gathering and performance space—from an extraordinary anonymous donor. This incredible donation will literally lay the foundation for the next phase of our facilities campaign. Finishing Phase 1 was a real community effort. If the support we've received thus far is any indication of what's to come, we should be able to finish Phase 2 in 2012.



Youth—Our Greatest Asset

At DREAMS, we believe that young people are among our community's greatest assets. Here are just a few ways that our incredible DREAMers have given back to the community in 2011.

Public Art

Visual art students in our summer program created Birthdays Around the World, a **multinational mural** on display at the **Wilmington Children's Museum**.

Youth Ambassadors

Two of our recent graduates served as **Youth Ambassadors to the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Prevention of Youth Violence**, spearheaded by the district attorney and the mayor.

Teaching Apprenticeships

Tranell W., longtime DREAMer and recent graduate, **discovered her love of teaching** at Mary Mosley Performance Learning Center, where, alongside an experienced teaching

artist, she **co-facilitated a student-led dropout prevention media campaign**.

Learning the Value of Philanthropy

Many of our young visual artists **donated artwork to be sold at DREAMS Presents** this year. DREAMS graduate Daren J., a **rising college junior at NC School of the Arts**, donated his time to perform Mozart's The Magic Flute—in the original German at our spring benefit breakfast.

Youth Entrepreneurship

Students had **multiple opportunities to sell their original artwork**, as well as merchandise featuring their photographs and prints. The Youth Entrepreneurship program teaches participants that art can be more than just a pastime—it offers **a way off the streets and into a world of opportunity**.

Teen Council

Comprised of our oldest and most dedicated students, Teen Council is dedicated to

fostering a commitment to public service, building leadership skills and encouraging college readiness. In 2011, Teen Council participants **toured several colleges; received a youth philanthropy grant** to design and implement a 5-week workshop series on issues facing teens; **served as youth ambassadors** for DREAMS at many community events; and **participated in an experiential education team-building retreat** at Nantahala Outdoor Center in western North Carolina, where many of the students had never been.

In spring 2011, all **three of the high school seniors at the Center graduated and went on to college**—no small accomplishment in a county where the high school graduation rate for youth living in poverty is just 56%—and a fourth student was accepted to the prestigious **NC School of the Arts** for their summer modern dance program.

DREAMS 2011 at a Glance

- ★ **The enrollment at the Center increased to 125—an uptick of 28% from 2010.**
- ★ **We served over 700 impoverished youth in 20 outreach sites.**
- ★ **Our corps of teaching artists provided more than 50 weekly classes. This represents over \$56,000 in art education dollars, reaching Wilmington's most marginalized youth.**
- ★ **Over 70 percent of our DREAMers' parents supported their children's activities through volunteering, participating in family arts activities, and more—an astonishing percentage, given the tribulations and challenges that they face.**



Thanks to These Incredible Supporters for Believing in Our DREAM!

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Statement of Financial Position	June 30, 2011
Total current assets:	\$515,834
Fixed assets (equipment/technology):	\$6,630
Other assets (construction in progress):	\$98,264
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$620,728
Total current liabilities:	\$7,315
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	\$613,413
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	\$620,728
Grant income:	\$251,203
Building campaign contributions:	\$63,101
Contributions and fundraising:	\$87,197
Program revenues:	\$12,682
Investment income:	\$1,076
TOTAL INCOME:	\$415,259
Program services:	\$240,131
Administration:	\$82,246
Fundraising:	\$63,851
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$386,228