Education
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Service Statistics 2015-16

703
member families

895
onsite students took
1,756
classes, lessons & workshops

4,246
attended performances, exhibits & events

Over 5,000 total individuals served through music, art, dance & drama!

61% Music • 13% Multi-disciplinary • 13% Dance • 9% Visual Art • 4% Drama

Families come from...

31% Garnet Valley
19% Glen Mills
15% Chadds Ford
9% West Chester
13% Delaware
13% Other

86% of students were children

5% toddlers • 18% preschool • 35% elementary
16% tweens • 12% teens • 14% adults

26% of students were low income

An additional **274 students** participated in funded outreach programs & **298 students** took part in **18 off-site** residencies

Expenses

Program Services	(80%)
Administrative	(15%)
Fundraising	(5%)

Income

Tuition	(77%)
Contributed	(18%)
Events	(3%)
Residencies	(1%)
Other	(1%)

Letter from the Executive Director

As we begin our 38th year of operation and our 14th year in Garnet Valley, we are grateful to all who are a part of Darlington's mission providing **Every Art for Everyone**. With your support, we touch the lives of over 5,000 people through **music, art, dance, and drama.** Thanks to our donors, members, and board of directors we are able to sustain a **place for creativity in our community.**

Beyond what happens inside the red barn on Shavertown Road, we have numerous outreach programs in Chester & West Chester that reach low income children, plus artist residencies throughout the community. We are especially excited about our Arts Integration programs like our *Improving Literacy Through Songwriting* residency. It may surprise you that **26% of Darlington students come from low income families.** It is because of the generosity of people like you that these students are able to access the arts.

Community Art Centers like Darlington are more important than ever to meet the needs of child development. Two-thirds of public school teachers report that there is less time for arts in their schools and classrooms. Yet 93% of Americans believe that the arts are vital to a well-rounded education and **72% of business leaders say that creativity is the most important skill** they are looking for in new hires.

Through Arts Education, we work to help young people become the **"innovators who will build our nation's economy for the future."** (Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education, President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities report) As Gloria Steinem said, "Self-esteem isn't everything; it's just that there's nothing without it."

Thank you for all that you do for Darlington!

Darlington's Funded Outreach Programs

Every year Darlington's Suzuki Violin, Chester Theatre Arts Program, & *Improving Literacy Through Songwriting* residency build confidence, increase knowledge, and inspire creativity in the children of our community who need it the most.

Thanks to our funders we reached 274 children in 2015-2016!

2015-2016 Outreach Programs & Scholarships

Stetser Elementary School

23 3rd grade students, including 4 life skills students on the autism spectrum, learned violin through group Suzuki instruction weekly and a full school performance in May.

"I had fun and became very good at violin"
-Student, Stetser Elementary School

Chester Charter School for the Arts

11 students for 5th and 6th grade continued their violin lessons with advanced instruction every week.

50 students 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade met for group Suzuki violin instruction weekly for one trimester.

"They have been able to open up and express themselves more."
-Teacher, Chester County Family Academy

Chester County Family Academy

81 students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade met for weekly violin lessons with performances in December and May.

Chester Theatre Arts Program

54 students ages 6-14 enjoyed 3 hours of instruction each Saturday. Students learned music, dance, and drama with performances in January and May. 21st Century Learning continued through summer arts instruction.

"The arts allow students to feel pride and confidence in all parts of their life."
-Parent, Chester Theater Arts Program

Teaching Artist Partnership

55 1st and 2nd graders received 3 hours of instruction each week to improve literacy through songwriting at Chester County Family Academy.

Scholarships

Our scholarships allow students who lack the means or have exceptional skill to study for free or reduced cost. Scholarships are awarded through The Agape Fund in memory of Andrea Lauren Hemmenway, the Athena Scholarship Award, The Sally Paxson Davis Memorial Vocal Scholarship Fund, the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Friends of Darlington Scholarships.

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