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The Greenwich Arts Council Awarded Grants

The Greenwich Arts Council is happy and proud to announce that it has received a series of grants and financial support for fiscal year '07 -'08, in recognition and support of its outstanding programs and commitment to the community.

The first, and largest of the gifts, \$25,000, was made by the Greenwich Alliance for Education as part of their "Reaching Out Grants Program" which makes significant funds available to partners to develop and implement sustainable, inventive programs that address children's and teens' needs. The \$25,000 will support MINDS IN MOTION, a pilot enrichment program for third and fourth graders at both the Hamilton Avenue Magnet School and Glenville School, incorporating Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences in teaching mathematical skills through dance, movement, and music. By the end of the school year, potentially 150 to 200 children will be impacted by this program.

The GAC also received \$10,000 from the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism Local Arts Agency Matching Grant program to support overall expansion of technical and professional development opportunities, as well as to increase and diversify arts education programming, and to develop stronger partnerships with local businesses.

Fidelity Investments has pledged \$5,000 to underwrite PULLING STRING: Art that Moves - The World of Flexitoon, a puppet exhibition in The Bendheim Gallery. As part of this exhibit, award-winning puppeteers, Craig Marin and Olga Felgemacher will create a performance piece designed specifically to engage and entertain audience members and their families living with Alzheimer's disease, entitled *Fragments*. Greenwich Adult Day Center and the Greenwich Commission on Aging have graciously joined the Arts Council in sponsoring this production with a commitment of \$500 each.

The Ruth Brown Foundation, Rogers & Goffigon LTD and Target Stores gave \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000 respectively to the Greenwich Arts Council in support of the Youth@Art/Student Docent Program which enables young people, who might not have an arts experience provided for, supported, or readily available, to gain knowledge of and appreciation for the visual and performing arts through thought-provoking guided experiences with current exhibitions and performances, while meeting the program goals and requirements of the Board of Education. While we expect that nearly 700 students will participate as docents, gallery, and workshop attendees this year, the reach of this program also extends to students' families and school personnel.

"We are grateful to all the supporters of the Greenwich Arts Council," comments GAC Executive Director Frank Juliano, "and especially to those mentioned, for their trust, encouragement, and vision. They are the keystone to our success."

For more information about programs and opportunities at the Greenwich Arts Council, please call 203-622-3998 or check the GAC website at www.greenwicharts.org. The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences, bringing the arts to the community and the community to the arts.