Wendt Center today

June 2013

Wendt Center recognized as one of region's "Best Small Charities" by Catalogue for Philanthropy.

A panel of over 100 expert reviewers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, and peer non-profit organizations evaluated over 210 applications for the Catalogue for Philanthropy. The Wendt Center is one of 73 outstanding nonprofits to be featured in print this year. "Charities were selected for excellence, cost effectiveness, and impact," said Barbara Harman, President and Editor of the Catalogue for Philanthropy.

25,000 individuals and hundreds of family foundations will receive copies of the print Catalogue in November, and many others will visit the website (cfp-dc.org).

Present Tense: Young Voices Describe Their Painful Encounters with Grief

The Center’s partnership with Arena Stage produced a riveting work entitled "Present Tense" at this year’s Voices of Now festival in May. Six youth worked with Arena artistic staff and Wendt counselors for five months to script and rehearse this poignant, highly personal work. The young performers were courageous... and phenomenal. 130 invited guests attended a special performance of "Present Tense," followed by an exploration of the intersection of healing and the arts with the performers and staff. This partnership with Arena Stage reflects our ongoing effort to incorporate the arts into our work and to leverage their unique power to heal.
"Individual donors can continue to make a real difference, keeping great organizations afloat during these challenging times," said Harman.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help support this year's Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC. Our camp volunteers are currently conducting individual fundraising campaigns. If you know one of them (or even if you don't), consider sponsoring them for camp! Click here to make a donation that will help us keep this camp free for the children who need it!

Meeting Michelle

Michelle Palmer, Executive Director of the Center since February, met some of the Center's longtime supporters at a special cocktail event hosted by the Board of Directors where she had an opportunity to describe her thoughts and vision for the Center's future.

C.H.I.L.D. Program Receives Major Support From Several Local Funders

More than 300 children and youth experiencing adverse mental health consequences from exposure to trauma will be able to access individual and group services at the Wendt Center and on-site at our partner locations thanks to new grants from local funders. One of 12 grantees of the DC Department of Health's initiative for special needs children, the Center's C.H.I.L.D. program will provide evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services to District children/youth suffering from depression, anxiety, and PTSD in community-based partner and office locations. A grant from the Katherine Pollard Maddux Memorial Mental Health Foundation will provide needed support for our services to young children (ages 9 and under) who have been exposed to trauma, grief, and loss. A Meyer Foundation grant will support an evidence-based intervention to prevent dating violence among youth. The District's domestic violence intake centers saw a significant increase in clients aged 13-17 years last year.

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Pillowcases for Heads and Hearts

We at the Center are often privileged to witness wonderful moments of creativity and giving from people who want to support our work.
Sometimes we are totally blown away by the sheer beauty of an act of generosity and thoughtfulness.

It happened this week. 60 of the most inventive, beautiful, well-made, totally inspired pillowcases destined for the children attending camp this year arrived at our door. All specially made with age and gender in mind. Our heartfelt thanks to Dorian Wuerer of HoneyBear Pillows and Things in Alaska. They left us speechless.

Grant News

A new Management Assistance Grant (MAP) from the Meyer Foundation is allowing the Center to focus on the refinement of our outcome measurements and the development of a robust evaluation program. A recent grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield allowed the Center to improve its data collection infrastructure and purchase a state-of-the-art evaluation database.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin DC - June 21-23

2013 Annual Benefit
Tuesday, November 12

Donate today! Support the Wendt Center's work.