

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT



The Community House is dedicated to enriching and strengthening the community through arts and events, but did you know that we also provide scholarship assistance to our community members in need? In fact, we awarded over \$5,000 in scholarships in 2017. Your donations make a big impact, and we thought we'd share a story from one family that has been helped by our scholarship program.

When my family moved to this area 15 years ago we based our choice on the vibrancy of this community. We wanted to raise our children in an environment that gave them many opportunities for sports, after school clubs, and the arts. The Community House was one of the first places I brought my children to for some after school science club activities. A little more than two years ago my daughter asked if she could try out for one of the Stage 284 plays. I went along to help at the audition and before I knew it I was being asked to be part of the production. That has led to half a dozen shows I have been able to participate in with my daughter. I'm so grateful to be building memories that will last us a lifetime.

While all of these wonderful things were happening to me in my artistic life, I began to go through some family issues that required me to leave my job as a college teacher and become a stay at home dad.

I wanted to keep the lives of my children as stable as I could; music lessons kept priority over a trip to the pizza joint. We cook almost every meal at home, and any extra spending meant something crucial might not get taken care of that month. I was in fear that we wouldn't be able to continue our relationship with Stage 284 and the acting that my daughter enjoyed so much. It was then that I learned there were scholarship possibilities with Stage 284.

These scholarship monies have allowed my daughter to be able to participate and thrive in the area she is so comfortable in. Through the kindness of others, we have been able to continue to participate in a wonderful father daughter experience. I have learned a lot about people and character in the last few years. I know that we are not the only family to benefit from the gifts of these wonderful donors. I am thankful for every donation anyone has made to help further along the careers of these talented young people. I will continue to pay it forward.