

## 2016-2017 THEATRE OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS REPORT

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Thanks to Theatre Outreach Partnerships (TOPs) donors, South Carolina Children's Theatre (SCCT) has been entertaining, educating and enriching the lives of young people in the Greenville County Schools, Greenville Health System (GHS) and at multiple child-centered agencies for 21 years. TOPs fills a unique niche in the community by offering theatre arts programs that would otherwise be unavailable. During SCCT's 2016-2017 season, **14,337 children** were impacted through the theatre arts thanks to the community **investing over \$121,000** on their behalf.

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**Theatre Residencies**....drama classes that develop important life skills; such as, public speaking, self-confidence, team-building and much more; serving **299 young people** in the community.

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- **Marshall I. Pickens Hospital**....weekly drama classes for children with psychiatric and behavior disorders (9 months/year)
  - **The Wonder Center**....Kindermusik classes for children who are medically fragile or technology dependent at GHS' Children's Hospital's daycare facility (9 months/year)
  - **Camp Courage**....summer drama camp for children with cancer and blood disorders (2 day camp/one time per year)
  - **Title I Greenville County Schools**....Story Drama and Tell Me A Story Theatre at Title I preschools (83 classes/performances)
  - **Child-centered Agencies**....weekly drama classes at various agencies; this year serving the Meyer Center (1 day/week for 10 weeks) and youthBASE (5 day camp)
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**Outreach Tickets**....Free mainstage tickets to SCCT's productions at the Peace Center were given to **656 young people** at Cherrydale Elementary, East North Street Academy and St. Anthony's of Padua School, all Title I Schools in Greenville County. Through special grant funding, **529 of these students** also received free copies of A Charlie Brown Christmas & The Cat in the Hat books to take home after the show.

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**Educational Performance Tickets....**Upstate school and homeschool students attend SCCT's mainstage daytime performances at half the regular ticket price and Marshall Pickens youth attended a free performance at 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage; serving **5,214 students**.

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**Agency Vouchers....**mainstage tickets are donated to local non-profit organizations to help raise money at fundraisers; serving **128 organizations**.

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**Outreach Projects....**SCCT donates Character Breakfast event tickets; loans sets, props and costumes; and sends characters to child-centered agencies; serving **960 children**.

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**Bullying Prevention....**SCCT's Elementary Bullying Prevention program addresses the serious issue of bullying in schools and tours an educational performance to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and provides an in-class workshop to 6<sup>th</sup> graders through Middle School Bullying Prevention; serving **5,969 students at 37 schools in Greenville County** last fall.

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**Scholarships....**young people who otherwise would not be able to take SCCT's Conservatory classes due to financial means can participate through SCCT's scholarship program; serving **67 scholarships**.

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### **Tell Me A Story Theatre & Story**

**Drama....**SCCT's story time theatre and drama class for preschool children served children at Dunbar, Golden Strip and Riley Child Development Centers, all Greenville County Title I preschools; serving **660 children**.

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**Once Upon An Orchestra....**SCCT and the Greenville Symphony Orchestra (GSO) collaborate three times a year to bring a children's favorite storybook to life by acting out the story to select music performed by the GSO's ensemble; serving **384 children and their families**.

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