



Report: Theatre Outreach Partnerships 2017-2018

For the past 31 years, the South Carolina Children's Theatre (SCCT) has impacted the lives of children and their families with professional-quality theatre, year-round educational classes and workshops, and innovative outreach initiatives. This past season, SCCT touched the lives of nearly 50,000 individuals—many of whom were children having their first and possibly only arts experience.

At SCCT, we envision a community where all children, regardless of their circumstances, can experience the transformational power of the arts that nourish creativity, grow empathy, and inspire confidence. Our Theatre Outreach Partnerships (TOPs) program offers theatre arts education programs to children ages 3-18 who are financially disadvantaged, hospitalized, or have special needs. SCCT grew our outreach by 14% during the 2017-2018 season, impacting more than 16,000 children through the following TOPs programs:

THEATRE RESIDENCIES (Served 2,441)

SCCT offers drama residencies that develop important life skills such as team building, self-confidence, public speaking, and much more. This season, SCCT held residencies at:

- **Marshall I. Pickens Hospital** for children with psychiatric and behavior disorders
- **The Wonder Center** of the GHS Children's Hospital for medically-fragile or technology-dependent children
- **Camp Courage** for children with cancer/blood disorders
- **Chandler Creek Elementary**, a Title I school
- **The Meyer Center for Special Children**
- **youthBASE** for children with behavioral, academic, social and emotional difficulties
- **The Washington Center** for students with severe intellectual disabilities
- All six **Title I Child Development Centers**.

SCHOLARSHIPS (61 provided during 2017-18)

Young people who would not otherwise be able to afford SCCT's theatre classes and camps due to financial means participated in SCCT's need-based scholarship program. Theatre classes develop skills that help students academically and socially while also providing students with a positive place to belong, develop friendships and discover their potential and abilities.

OUTREACH AND SCHOOL TICKETS (Served 6,904)

To ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate in the theatre arts, SCCT provided more than 2,000 tickets at no cost to MainStage, 2nd Stage, and Teaching Stage productions during 2017-18 as well as to the beloved annual Character Breakfast special event. Additionally, SCCT provided nearly 5,000 discounted daytime show tickets to schools and agencies.

BULLYING PREVENTION (Served 6,609 at 33 schools)

Funded by the TD Charitable Foundation, SCCT's Bullying Prevention program addressed the serious issue of bullying in schools through a touring program that offered a theatrical performance for elementary students and in-class workshops for middle schoolers.

TITLE I SCHOOL TOURS (Served 660 at 2 schools)

Each season, SCCT takes one of its annual productions "on the road" to perform at Greenville County elementary schools, including Title I schools.

ONCE UPON AN ORCHESTRA (Served 128)

Through a collaboration with the Greenville Symphony, SCCT brought a favorite children's storybook to life three times this season with acting and a musical performance.

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IN THE WORDS OF OTHERS

“SCCT’s intentionality in reaching Title I Schools, with higher percentages of children in poverty, demonstrates their passion to bring the arts into the lives of everyone in our community.”

- Derek Lewis, Trustee, Greenville County School Board

“One family who lives in West Greenville, about a mile from the Peace Center, attended a SCCT play for the first time this year. The parents were overwhelmed with emotion for the opportunity to take their children to a show.”

- Linda Tassie, Executive Director, YouthBase

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