At the invitation of the ERIE PLAYHOUSE, the children attended a dress rehearsal for Freckleface Strawberry on November 7. After this production by the Youtheatre, Silvina, age 11, returned from this, her first theatrical experience, proclaiming “I love the costumes, and all the singing and dancing. I just loved everything!”

A field trip to the TOM RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER on November 20 had the children exploring the ancient life of dinosaurs in Flying Monsters on the Big Green Screen. They also visited the Aquaponics Lab to learn about research on Lake Erie fish. We are grateful to the Young Erie Professionals (YEP) and the Friends of the TREC for this exciting enrichment experience.

MARY POPPINS’ umbrella has transported her to the ERIE PLAYHOUSE where she is singing and dancing her way into the hearts of adults and children alike. According to the Erie Playhouse website, this “is an irresistible story with unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films ever. It’s sure to be a ‘Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious’ time.” A very good friend of the Art House is purchasing tickets for our children and their families to attend the January 4 performance.

Calling all burger lovers and Art House supporters! Burger King® Restaurants is conducting a fundraising event to benefit the Neighborhood Art House. Burger King® wanted to know what they could do to promote support for the Art House. The result is the Deck the House campaign being held December 12–14 at all Burger King® Restaurants in Erie County.

There is no better exercise for your heart than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.
—Bernard Meltzer
From the Desk of Sr. Annette

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a ripple—what it will do is not known to the one who tosses the stone, but we are certain that it will make ripples throughout the entire pond. ..." [Jesey and Brian Matuso] This is how we make the world a better place. If you choose to do no more than to pass it on to another, each time we take that step, each time we make a commitment to another, we send out a ripple of compassion that has no boundaries. This is especially true of children who are forming their life values and practicing behaviors of personal interaction.

The greatest gift that we can give is to love them—to take time for them, show them patience, respect their efforts and instil right relationships. They will indeed send out ripples that affect others throughout their lives. What kind of ripples will they be? That largely depends on each of us.

This newsletter is full of examples, ripples of compassion to our children. From teachers who inspire and respect the children, to individuals and organizations that provide them with nutrition, to donors who make the Art House possible, each "small act of caring" stirs the ripples forming in each child. You make a difference in so many lives—thank you.

Wellsville to Feature Neighborhood Art House

The Art House will be featured as an Inspiration Hub during an upcoming segment of Wellsville, a syndicated program for children originating from FOX 68 here in Erie. Sr. Peg, Program Director, will be featured in this segment of the program which is set to air in the spring. Sr. Peg explains, "Our goal is to inform people about our program and its benefits to our inner-city children. We know that art and music have a profound effect on children and we search shows that children who attend a program like ours are able to make better choices for themselves as they grow. Our Art House is a place where children learn, interact and work towards making the world a better place."

Kathy Iorio, Executive Director, and Dr. Tony Snow, President, of Wellsville, Inc., along with a crew of lighting technicians, videographers and even a makeup artist, visited the Art House in November to film the children in action for the Winter/Spring Term.

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SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT

Donors to the Neighborhood Art House are especially grateful to the many service clubs who support us through such convenient channels as the raffle, bake sales, dinner sales and yard sales.

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT Tax Credit: a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development, enables businesses to contribute to nonprofits recognized by the local school district to which they contribute. Our families especially appreciate our educational children attending the public schools. Businesses that have recently provided funding through this program include:

- Geisinger Health Systems—Weis Markets
- Cuno’s Contract Furniture
- EREZ Manufacturing Co. - MacDonnell Rig Air-Crane Inc.
- Johnstown Bank and Trust
- Reed Manufacturing & Scott Enterprises
- White Management, Inc.

HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Wishing upon a star—streetlights from the Neighborhood Art House. Here is a partial listing.

- ART HOUSE FRIENDS: have been incredibly generous in both their financial support and their interest and participation for the program, and for the individual needs of the children. We especially acknowledge the White funding for our operations. As always, the greatest need we’d like to offer some suggestions for those who prefer to do some special holiday shopping to benefit the Art House. Here is a partial listing.

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