

## Voices For Change Organizational Roster

### **Arts Mid Hudson**

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Organization Mission: To provide vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We value the abundant presence of art in the Mid-Hudson Valley and its ability to uplift, empower and engage. We honor diversity and celebrate creativity. We are committed to playing a central role in supporting and promoting all of the arts in the communities we serve.

Program Interests: To raise awareness of democracy and promote its growth.

### **Cancer Support Team**

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Organization Mission: Cancer Support Team is a nonprofit home-care program licensed by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), that provides professional nursing education and support, counseling, case management, and other cancer-related services to patients and family members living in southern Westchester County. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of patients and families affected by cancer. By providing supportive services to oncology patients and their families, we aim to reduce healthcare disparities and increase access to essential health care services. CST is the only Westchester-based home-care program that is solely focused on cancer and provides in-home services to those with cancer and their family members at any stage of the disease, at no cost, and without regard to insurance coverage.

Program Interests: Cancer affects individuals in many ways -- physically, emotionally, financially. The use of art to help patients explain how they feel, see themselves and cope could enhance the healing experience. We would like to pair an artist with one (or more) patients who will share their feelings and work with an artist to express that visually.

### **Cerebral Palsy of Westchester**

Contact: Tia Levinson, [tia.levinson@cpwestchester.org](mailto:tia.levinson@cpwestchester.org)

Organization Mission: Cerebral Palsy of Westchester (CPW) is a nonprofit organization that provides essential services and programs for individuals in Westchester and the surrounding metropolitan area for individuals ages 3-seniors with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Our mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with developmental disabilities. Our purpose is to help people realize their goals, build brighter futures and lead more independent lives as members of their community. Through a comprehensive network of programs and services we offer individuals with disabilities and their families educational, vocational, recreational, advocacy and residential opportunities. Our main campus in Rye Brook serves as the nucleus of a network of nine locations

throughout Westchester. On any given day, more than 360 dedicated staff members assist over 1,000 individuals.

Program Interests: We have the most amazing group of children through adults, wanting to meet you. They want to experience how you create, and they are looking for new ways to unleash their own expression! CPW is looking for visual or performing artists who are interested in working with and/or among adults and/or children with developmental disabilities (including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy). Some suggestions are Mural Projects, Music Projects, Movement Projects, Digital Art Projects, Exhibition Space. Our Rye Brook campus includes a 67-student special education school serving children ages 6-21, an adult day program with over 100 adults attending daily, weekend respite programs, a summer day camp (with an outdoor pool); a pre-school in White Plains and 7 residencies (group homes/apartments) scattered throughout lower Westchester.

### **Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.**

Contact: Kathy Halas, [kathyh@cccwny.org](mailto:kathyh@cccwny.org)

Organization Mission - The Child Care Council of Westchester is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that champions the healthy development of children, families and our community by promoting quality early care and education. We accomplish this mission by: serving as a one-stop shop for child care resources, referrals and information for parents and employers, helping child care providers implement quality improvement strategies, give the best possible care, grow their businesses, and meet their legal obligations, actively advocating for policies and resources that improve the quality, affordability and accessibility of care

Program Interests: The Council works with Westchester County's community of over 700 center and home-based child care and after school programs. We would eagerly help connect artists to these programs for social justice projects.

### **Croton Academy of Arts**

Contact: Myrlin Valerio, [jcoulter@wlsmail.org](mailto:jcoulter@wlsmail.org)

Organization Mission: Croton Academy of Arts provides quality enrichment programs for children, teens, and adults that foster creativity, communication, self-awareness, confidence, and social interaction. Initially focused on improvisational and sketch comedy, Croton Academy has grown to include performance and fine arts classes, children's and teen theatre productions, adult classes, summer camps, and Croton Academy After School programs for elementary and middle school students at Croton-Harmon Schools.

Program Interests: Performance based classes including those that promote and build awareness about Diversity, Equity, and inclusion. We would welcome a project that was bilingual in Spanish and English, to engage Spanish-speaking residents, and break down barriers between community members. We have a black box theater with a 100 person capacity.

### **Ecological Citizens Project**

Contact: Jason Angell – [Jason.angell@ecologicalcitizens.org](mailto:Jason.angell@ecologicalcitizens.org)

Organization Mission: The ECP works to build citizen-led campaigns to build a more just, healthy, regenerative and democratic way-of-life.

Program Interests: Projects that highlight social, climate, and ecological justice, especially those that center on community organizing and telling stories of change to inspire movements afoot.

### **EngageAsia**

Contact: Chisato Sakamoto, [chisato@engageasia.org](mailto:chisato@engageasia.org)

Organization Mission: In the United States, too few classrooms teach robustly about Asia's numerous cultures, societies, and histories despite the fact that Asia is one of the most vibrant regions of the world and vital to America's future. Within Asia, numerous societies are engaged in disputes over war trauma and memory, over territory, and over their futures. Furthermore, between America and Asia, the opportunities for teachers from both regions to work together remains limited. EngageAsia's programs aim to directly tackle these issues by providing training for American teachers to teach about various societies in Asia, through helping teachers in Asia learn about the United States, and by developing transnational networks of educators throughout the Pacific Rim that can form bonds of trust helping students cultivate empathy for the lives and cultures of others. EngageAsia also works to deepen knowledge of Asia for the public and helps communities, corporations, and institutions in the U.S. and Asia build lasting ties.

Program Interests: In line with our mission, we would like to partner with artists who are interested in promoting cultural awareness around Asia or build ties between the Mid-Hudson Valley region and AAPI communities. Potential project ideas include a public art project where artists, K-12 educators, and students will create a piece that addresses AAPI hate or a workshop where artists will work with K-12 teachers to develop a program or activity to enhance students' interest in Asia.

### **G.O.O.D. for Girls, Inc.**

Contact: Lori Stephens, [lori@goodforgirlsinc.org](mailto:lori@goodforgirlsinc.org)

Organization Mission: The mission of GfG is to mentor young girls, nurture future leaders, and develop essential assets through support, empowerment, boundaries/expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive identity, positive values, and social competencies which every girl needs to reach her destiny of success.

Program Interests: Mentoring young girls, teaching life skills, introduction and exposure to the arts.

### **Lagond Music School**

Contact: Rosanne Lana, [rosanne@lagondmusic.org](mailto:rosanne@lagondmusic.org)

Organization Mission: Lagond Music School is a non-profit organization dedicated to music education and live music performance for students from a variety of socio-economic, ethnic, and gender backgrounds. The School offers a high quality, challenging music curriculum with live performances in a variety of professional venues, giving pre-professional exposure and real world applications. Faculty members, experts in all their respective instruments, bring an impressive array of professional credentials and experiences and provide individualized attention to each student, all under the guidance of Lagond Music School Director Charlie Lagond. The support staff, made up of professionals and volunteers, provide a safe, secure, structured learning environment where students thrive.

Program Interests: Private Lessons, Bands, Songwriting, Composition, Production, College Prep Program and College Consulting, Performance Opportunities as well as professional development for music students of all ages.

### **League of Women Voters of White Plains**

Contact: Stephen Cohen, [lwwvp.voterservice@gmail.com](mailto:lwwvp.voterservice@gmail.com)

Organization Mission: The League of Women Voters works to encourage an informed and engaged electorate. The League takes no position on candidates for public office or political parties. The League does take positions on select issues but only after careful study, discussion and voting by all its members. We encourage the notion that Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport and all elections matter.

Program Interests: To raise awareness of democracy and promote its growth.

### **Lifting Up Westchester**

Contact: Zoe Peerman, [zpeerman@liftingupwestchester.org](mailto:zpeerman@liftingupwestchester.org)

Organization Mission: Established in 1979, Lifting Up Westchester (LUW) is a non-sectarian, community-based, 501(c)(3) social services agency with the mission to restore hope to Westchester County's men, women, and children in need by providing them with food, shelter and support -- and lifting them to greater independence and self-sufficiency with dignity and respect. Lifting Up Westchester builds the foundation to restore and permanently change the lives of over 2,500 neighbors annually -- men, women and children in crisis by finding them healthy, long-term housing and support services needed to rebuild their lives and maintain an improved quality of life. Lifting Up Westchester helps build the reservoir of support necessary for our Westchester neighbors to flourish. We are here not only to repair well-being when it starts to breakdown, but also to construct a strong foundation to maintain this strength over time.

Program Interests: We provide comprehensive services to the homeless population of Westchester County so our program interests range from affordable/equitable housing to food insecurity to workforce development.

### **New Rochelle Public Library**

Contact: Tobe Sevush, [tsevush@wlsmail.org](mailto:tsevush@wlsmail.org)

Organization Mission: The New Rochelle Public Library is a community resource that seeks to improve the life of every citizen in our city. It is dedicated to encouraging learning in all stages of life, to protecting intellectual freedom and to providing fair and equal access to information.

Program Interests: Our library has a beautiful theatre as well as an art gallery. We strive to expose our community to all aspects of the arts and would be interested in partnering with an artist to present their work and expertise to our patrons.

### **Ossining Public Library**

Contact: James Trapasso, [jtrapasso@ossininglibrary.org](mailto:jtrapasso@ossininglibrary.org)

Organization Mission: The Ossining Public Library is a School District Public Library chartered by the State of New York to serve all residents of the Ossining School District. As a member of the Westchester Library System, it also provides services to a larger community. The Ossining Public Library enriches, connects, and inspires our community. Our vision is that the Ossining Public Library will be the community's center for lifelong learning.

Program Interests: The Ossining Public Library has a dedicated art gallery space and other additional space that can be used for a specific art display and we can also utilize our theater space or conference room spaces for special programs related to the exhibit. There are many possibilities and opportunities and we will work with the artists to help make their vision come to life as we have done in the past. Over the years in addition to our monthly art exhibits in the gallery, we have also had outdoor exhibits specifically during the pandemic provided by the "Ground Glass Road Show." We have also had displays up and around the building on our second floor and mezzanine levels. We enjoy working with local artists of all types of media and joining together in creating something amazing for the community to enjoy.

### **Orange County NY Arts Council**

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Organization Mission: Orange County Arts Council supports and empowers artists, fosters diverse forms of expression and promotes access to the arts through educational programs, cultural events, public projects and participation that is integral to the economic development and collective well-being of our community.

Program Interests: I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access) initiatives; OC Live Concert Series; Artist Studio Visits; Hudson Valley Creative Impact: This annual event facilitates discussion between cultural organizations, commissions, committees and creative entrepreneurs advocating for the arts in their communities; Film & Media; Theater & Performance (including spoken word).

### **Pound Ridge Library**

Contact: Jennifer Coulter, [office@crotonacademy.org](mailto:office@crotonacademy.org)

Organization Mission: The Pound Ridge Library District is an educational, cultural and recreational institution that provides free access to a broad variety of materials, information, programs, and services, and offers a multi-functional public meeting space in an open, comfortable and safe environment to meet the needs of the residents of the Town of Pound Ridge.

Program Interests: We have a small art gallery in the Library where local artists display their works for 6-week engagements. We look forward to expanding our reach by joining your roster so that we may offer artists of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities the opportunity to showcase their work. We align ourselves with your mission to promote systemic change.

### **Scarsdale Public Library**

Contact: Roberta Stein-Ham, [steinham@wlsmail.org](mailto:steinham@wlsmail.org)

Organization Mission: To encourage the joy of reading, the exploration of ideas, and the pursuit of lifelong learning for the children and adults of our community.

Program Interests: **We are not able to be a nonprofit partner**, but Scarsdale Public library is happy to offer space for Voices for Change grant artists. Can only accommodate artwork that hangs on a wall.

### **The Jacob Burns Film Center**

Contact: Grace Davis, [gdavis@burnsfilmcenter.org](mailto:gdavis@burnsfilmcenter.org)

Organization Mission: Located in Pleasantville, NY, just 30 miles outside of New York City, the Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) is a cultural arts institution dedicated to presenting the best of independent, documentary, and world cinema; developing and distributing comprehensive media education programs to teachers and students throughout the U.S; and supporting diverse filmmakers and artists from across the country and around the globe.

Program Interests: n/a

### **The Field Library**

Contact: Jennifer Brown, [jbrown@thefieldlibrary.org](mailto:jbrown@thefieldlibrary.org)

Organization Mission: The mission of The Field Library is to inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge, and strengthen the City of Peekskill and Town of Cortlandt community by offering free and open access to library services.

Program Interests: We are interested in hosting an art program or showcasing artwork in our gallery.

### **Westchester Children's Museum**

Contact: Leta Wong, [lwong@discoverwcm.org](mailto:lwong@discoverwcm.org)

Organization Mission: The Westchester Children's Museum is a vibrant, interactive learning space providing children, families, and school groups the opportunity to nurture curiosity, enhance knowledge and ignite imagination through creative hands-on exploration. The museum is committed to broadening knowledge of the arts and sciences, the environment, multiculturalism, and the local and global communities in an educational and recreational atmosphere. Our vision is to be an engaging, inclusive, creative place for play, and a catalyst for building confidence and critical thinking skills in our children. Our goal is to inspire lifelong learning and build confidence in as many children in our region as possible. We are committed to ensuring that all children have access to our programs, especially those from communities that are underserved in out of school enrichment, or those who haven't had access to cultural experiences.

Program Interests: The Westchester Children's Museum is interested in partnering with a professional artist to create a permanent mural on an exterior building wall of the Museum adjacent to our newly created sustainability garden. The mural is a way to incorporate wayfinding for the Museum but most importantly should celebrate the importance of inclusivity and the rich diversity and culture of our community through a depiction of the surrounding environment of our garden and Long Island Sound. Our landlord, Westchester County has approved this project and we are looking forward to bringing it to life!

### **Westchester Jewish Community Services**

Contact: Susan Lewen, [slewen@wjcs.com](mailto:slewen@wjcs.com)

Organization Mission: Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) is a comprehensive human services organization that helps people of all ages and backgrounds overcome emotional, social, educational, vocational, disability, and spiritual challenges so they can lead lives with strength, resilience, and confidence.

Program Interests: Work with our youth in an afterschool program.

### **Yonkers Riverfront Library**

Contact: Haifa Bint-Kadi, [haifa@ypl.org](mailto:haifa@ypl.org)

Organization Mission: The Yonkers Public Library changes lives every day. Our expert, trusted staff help all the people of Yonkers find the information they need, the programs they enjoy, and the reading they love.

Program Interests: Arts, Social Change, Literacy, Community Engagement, Empowerment