



ALL ART IS SERVICE

Transcendence Theatre Company is committed to creating extraordinary experiences in people's lives that inspire them to live their best life and make a profound difference in the world. With a deep belief that art is service, Transcendence Theatre Company is committed to bringing art to everyone. Collaborating with community partners, Transcendence Theatre Company identifies a group's individual needs and develops activities, rooted in the artistic process but with the goal to support those needs. It might be creating music and drama workshops for grieving children to explore their feelings and find safe ways to express them, or interactive musical performances for Alzheimer's patients who respond to the buried memory of a particular song. This theatre company emphasizes its public outreach, far beyond the entertainment and cultural enrichment their shows provide, and this grows its relationship with the community.

This integration into the lives of their neighbors means that Transcendence plays a vital role in its local society, serving as an axis for non-profit partnerships, outreach, education and engagement programs, and, above all, thriving as a cultural organization that creates lasting moments of transcendence both on and off stage.

And as they do this through specific and individual connections, the company is also creating a model for a new kind of artisanal company culture that inspires and supports the members and subsequently impacts their local community and exponentially the global world.

In the last five years, Transcendence outreach programming brought artistic workshops & direct arts access to over 1200 individuals, among them a broad range of youth, at risk teens, adults with disabilities, and people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. These distinctive programs were in addition to robust and motivational education activities sponsored by Transcendence Theatre Company.

Looking ahead, there is an emphasis, particularly with youth-related projects to fundamentally shift the course of individual lives. Connecting to one's own artistic voice, when our world increasingly makes it challenging, shifts self-perception and has the potential to powerfully shape the future. These microcosmic shifts can ultimately add up to a major effect on the future of a community. Other projects will continue to be artistically refined in an attempt to create the greatest impact possible.

A mentor of a participant from a former outreach project shared that after the company's project, her mentee began committing to learning the guitar and started to share her poetry with more and more people. This built a personal sense of confidence and self worth that may not have been as easy to develop through non-artistic social work.

While there are few ways of quantifying the impact of the arts on the lives of individuals, Transcendence Theatre Company knows from the feedback that these experiences are already profoundly impacting the lives of youth at the most critical ages.