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Horizons donation



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Two scholarships

Horizons, the national nonprofit organization that offers a multifaceted summer enrichment program for children of low-income families from Lower Fairfield County, will receive more than \$1,400 in scholarships donated by Artistic Director Jimmy Locust and Managing Directors Carol and Gerrit Paasman of Performing Arts Center in Stamford. The scholarships were offered after Locust taught hip-hop dancing to boys and girls during the July 17-Aug. 4 session.

"I found the children at Horizons to be respectful, honorable and enthusiastic about learning. They absorbed everything I taught them with interest and energy," says Locust. "That's why I'm proud to award these scholarships, including their year-end performance costumes, so they can continue to take classes and develop their talents."

Locust explains that although he and his associate teacher, Alison Amicone, selected potential candidates, the final recipients will be decided by Horizons Executive Director Dawn Cross. The two students selected will have the opportunity to study jazz, tap, hip-hop, ballet, lyrical, modern or musical theater at the Stamford Performing Arts Center, 123 High Ridge Road. Students may register for classes at the studio's Aug. 26th Open House for the session starting the week of Sept. 10.

The Horizons Student Enrichment Program serves children in grades K-12, and is housed at New Canaan Country School. Committed faculty members, tutors, administrators and volunteers encourage children and give them a chance to improve their academic and social skills through academic instruction, arts, dance, sports, enrichment lessons, tutoring, cultural events, parties and trips. The year-round program includes a summer program and a Winter Connection. Students are selected to attend the program with the help of their teachers, social workers and guidance counselors.

For more than 42 years and with some 3,000 graduates, Horizons has been an educationally and personally enriching experience. The program was so successful that in 1993, it received a grant to replicate the program nationwide

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