

# DEN GRI Cultural Foundation & Artists for Children Academy

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## LETTER OF GRATITUDE

To: Sue Parker

10.02.2016, Sofia

Dear Sue,

On the behalf of DEN GRI Cultural Foundation I would like to tank you for your kind donation in memory of your mother Pat Parker. Your caring support of our **Artists for children program** will make a great difference in the lives of frothy five orphan children.

Your gift will be used in Plovdiv, Bulgaria to pay part of the expenses for the project called **Traveling Academy "Artists for children"** that will take place between March 12<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Complex for Social Services "Olga Skobeleva", a home for more than 90 orphans. Our project will provide on a weekend base regular art classes in music, puppet theatre, visual arts and dance for 45 children age from 7 to14 and will end up on Jun 12<sup>th</sup> with open-air performance presentation attracting the attention of the public and other children and youth in town. The team of seven artists will develop together with the children performance based on the famous Saint-Exupery's novel "The Little Prince".

This will be our **5<sup>th</sup> Traveling Academy "Artists for children"** project that will happen for the first time in Plovdiv. Your support of £1868.00 was received as € 2 552.60 and will cover one third of the project budget.

*Our projects have proved in supporting children's natural enthusiasm for arts, helping them connect with their talents and increasing their level of tolerance, receptiveness and concentration. In addition, our theatre work evokes immense shift in creativity, group integration, self-expression and self-confidence; all of it so important for their successful integration back into the society.*

There is no doubt that the need of interacting with orphan children and youth through art therapy and creativity awakening is still huge in Bulgaria and our program is quite unique. We have been doing this for 14 year and unfortunately our country continues to lead in Europe on number of abundant children. Every year there are 2000 children left in institutions.

However the support of donors like you is helping us to reach out to different cities and children institutions in order to empower underprivileged children through arts and give them a better chance for social integration and happy fruitful lives.

On the behalf of our team, I would like to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your compassionate support.

With warm regards,

Elena Panayotova  
Director, Artists for Children International Program  
Head of Board, DEN GRI Cultural Foundation

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