



SPONSOR-A-CHILD JANUARY 2024 UPDATE

Thank You Sponsors!

Happy New Year! I am Jenessa Stringer, and I am the new Enrichment Program Manager with Blue Skies for Children. I am thrilled to be working with you and hope to meet you in person soon! I have worked professionally with kids and families for the last 10 years and I am passionate about engaging people from every sector of our community to serve children and families.

Since beginning with Blue Skies, I have spent time familiarizing myself with our enrichment program and building relationships with the providers and families we partner with. It is a privilege to see firsthand the impact these opportunities are making in the lives of children in our community. I have a front row seat to the transformative impact your donation is making. None of this would be possible without you!

With your support, we are steadily onboarding more children into our program and engaging more providers to join this important work. This year, one of my goals is to partner with the providers to capture more updates on the progress they see in the children we serve. We'll also begin to publicly highlight our partner organizations to make our communities aware of the great work we're doing together! Please take a moment to read the stories our providers have shared. I hope they illustrate for you the life-changing impact you are making.

Stories of Impact

"We have had "Isaac" in our program for two years and he is doing so well. Last year he struggled with outbursts and impulse control. It has been wonderful to see him come back this year with so much growth in both areas. He is enthusiastic, kind, and a wonderful addition to our art class. Plus, he is an absolute art wiz! His drawing skills are above and beyond for his age. It is our pleasure to support him in this."

– Bellingham Art

"Our student "Isabelle" is a wonderful, kind soul to have in my Hip-Hop class. I have had her for years, however, this year she has grown into a role of leadership in the classroom. She is knowledgeable of our class curriculum, she encourages her classmates, and is never afraid to try something new. She always gives her best energy in class and comes in ready to put in the work. Her smile and positive attitude are infectious, she encourages all her classmates to learn and behave with kindness to themselves and others."

- The Dance Studio

*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality



Thank you for your continued partnership and investment in these life-changing stories. Many of us know from personal experience the impact enrichment activities like these can make over a lifetime to foster hope, resilience, and positive self-esteem. Thank you for helping build this bright future!

Gratefully,

Jenessa Stringer & The Blue Skies Team



Caprice Teske (Executive Director), Andrea Hausner (Bookkeeper), & Jenessa Stringer (Enrichment Program Manager)
(Left to Right)



Stories of Impact

"When "James" first started, his brother would come to watch him. Now they are both in the class and have an engaging activity to bond over. Healthy environment, healthy mind!"

- Fight Lab

"I have had "Veronica" in my hip-hop class for two years. Her movement continues to improve as she excels at being a leader in class. Her delightful and bright energy brings up the mood of the class. She is a standout dancer as she continues to learn about dance, musicality, and teamwork."

- The Dance Studio

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