

SHELTERING ARTS PROGRAM

September, 2010 Update

Over the summer, Ruth Segaloff, program coordinator, and Nina Eichner, program intern, identified 3 shelters for homeless families in the Boston area with an interest in our offerings. Each already has a large roster of volunteers but they are seeking, both for the parents and children, more sophisticated art activities with planned positive outcomes.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Home Suites Inn, Waltham (right off 128): Perfect space for multiple arts activities in 50 seat breakfast room; adjacent is outside play area. Sunday afternoon[s?] after KB services & Sunday School; KB kids welcome. (One or two session trials to determine interest; may become regular program.)
2. Portis House (Jamaica Plain, immediately adjacent to VA Hospital, So. Huntington Ave.) Tuesday evenings: adult journaling group run by Ruth (already committed) plus children's art group, running concurrently.
3. Crittenton Women's Union/Boston Neighborhoods Healthy Families/ Brighton, (on Perthshire Rd.) They have a 58 unit family shelter with 50 to 70 children. Seeking Sunday afternoon arts program for parents & kids. Must be able to commit to regular attendance [frequency to be determined].

If you have ANY interest in helping out in any capacity, please contact Ruth Segaloff either by phone (617-924-7263) or email (ruth.segaloff@gmail.com). We are trying to concretize our plans for the program so we can move forward. Once KB is back in full swing, the Social Action Committee will meet to further discuss how to proceed.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE on behalf of Sheltering Arts (and Thanks!)

Proceeds from the staged reading of Merrill Meadow's play, "Nighthawks," were donated to Sheltering Arts, with a very special contribution from Merrill's aunt, May Kalkstein. We are very grateful to all who supported us in this meaningful way!