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We are kept afloat by community support and donations. To continue to build on this initial momentum, we are looking for additional community contacts and sponsorships from arts and religious organizations and individuals. To get involved, please call or write us.

To make a tax deductible contribution, please make a check payable to The Interfaith Story Circle, Inc. and send it to 452 Wallace Rd, Schenectady, NY, 12304

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*“Children at the Well is politically
correct and awesome!!!”
-a youth teller*



A UNIQUE, AWARD-WINNING
VENTURE IN YOUTH INTERFAITH
STORYTELLING



THE CAPITAL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

*"No matter what we call God, ...I finally realized
that we need to put away our differences
and start thinking of our similarities."*

- a student teller

Children at the Well

APPRECIATIONS

"My daughter has participated in taking the training to become a story teller. I have to say that her experience in this process has been transformative. In the past two years she has witnessed how community becomes a vibrant, alive, interconnected universe through the power of interfaith story...."



"As always ... 'a little child shall lead them' ... There are so few opportunities for adults and children from different cultures to come together. Thank you for creating this opportunity."



"Our son was right when he told us that the concept of the "Well" project is so very pertinent to our times. If young people learn about their religions and cultures, and if they share their learning with others, the chance increases that they will be tolerant adults who will appreciate difference." Thank you."



MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

In 2005, the Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area launched Children at the Well to involve youth in learning the art of storytelling, and to use this art to:

- * Deepen their understanding of their own tradition and that of others
- * Get to know people of other faiths
- * Participate in the local Interfaith Story Circle meetings and its community events
- * Promote peace and understanding among all peoples

DIVERSE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- * Synagogues
- * Mosques
- * Churches
- * Hindu Temples
- * Religious Schools
- * Unitarian Societies
- * Always seeking new groups!



WHY "CHILDREN AT THE WELL"?

Young people gathering to delve into the treasures of wisdom in their own traditions is similar in ways to the age-old custom of youth at the village well, drawing water to bring back to their families to sustain them.

The image of well water, drawn from the depths, is particularly powerful for us as an agent of sustenance and growth and change; all of which spill over from individuals to families to communities.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- * Teacher nominations of students
- * Student letters of application
- * Weekly storycoaching from January through March with professional storytellers
- * Interfaith teacher workshops
- * Other opportunities to learn about and tell stories
- * Final performance in late March with interfaith mixer and potluck supper
- * Interns' program
- * Meetings with international delegations
- * Parent gatherings
- * Opportunities for community service