

TO SAY THAT 2020 has been eye opening would be an understatement. When the world shut down in March, we knew immediately that things were going to be different. Not for a day, a week, a month, but for the long term. The Cultural Center did what it does best: it adapted. While we are proud of our recent accomplishments, we know we can do more. Together, we will come out of this stronger than ever before.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK...

155 one-on-one mentorship sessions through the RISE & SHINE youth program in the first half of 2020.

All the Arts for All of Us means EVERYONE is welcome at the Cultural Center, regardless of age, race, religion or sexual orientation. Our diversity gives us strength and beauty.

1,693 hours of distance learning through the ZOOM platform as part of our Keep Cape Cod Creative initiative.

1,599 DONORS and members just like you have given to the collective vision of the Center over the past year.

\$59,000 in PAYROLL protection funding allowed us to fund staffing through the first eight weeks of the shutdown.

Over 1,100 ARTISTS supported through performance and exhibition.

Cultural LITERACY means much more than just the written word. It includes competence, comfort, and ease across artistic disciplines.



THE SNELLEN EYE CHART was originally introduced in 1862 by Herman Snellen and became the standard by which vision was measured. If you have 20/20 vision, you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance, but it has become a metaphor for being able to see and think clearly about the future.

VISION DEPENDS ON MANY factors, including the ability to perceive depth, contrast, color, and range. The kind of vision that's guiding us through this difficult year depends on other things as well:

- The clear-eyed acknowledgement that we must focus all our attention and resources on the needs of our community ... and our Cultural Center.
- The near sight: to adapt to the situation with new programming and innovative ways to include and engage everyone we serve.
- The long sight: to gauge our capacity and plan accordingly for an uncertain future.

Our plans for 2020 were ambitious even before the pandemic arrived, but now the stakes are higher and we are laser focused on a different kind of growth. The kind that comes from strength, resilience, creativity, and mission. The kind that builds on the power of art to heal, enrich, educate, inspire, and connect us ... even when we're up to our eyes in difficulties.

Since the pandemic began, we have retained our staff, launched a broad spectrum of online educational opportunities, and made plans for additional programs to

increase access to the arts for people across the region, from all walks of life, both in person and virtually.

We need your help to make our collective vision a reality. We're taking a wide-eyed view of the world around us, one that sees the Cultural Center thriving—not just surviving—in 2021.

We hope you'll take the same view and see your way clear to making a generous gift to this year's annual fund. Your support is more important now than it has ever been.



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WE ARE PROUD OF so many accomplishments over the years, but nothing ranks higher than the trust of donors who have helped us thrive, grow, and provide great access to the arts. We pledge to honor that trust and to continue working tirelessly to make our community healthier, happier, and more productive.

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