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Newsletter



Hamilton Wings
giving our children the wings to soar

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Donor & Alumni Reception

Preceding the SCORE! performance Saturday,
June 24th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

SCORE! 20th Year Performance

Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Blizzard Theatre at Elgin Community College
Elgin, IL 60123

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Calling all SCORE! alumni - Join us June 24th!



Image from 2022 performance 'Copycat'

SCORE! provides students ages 10-13 with the opportunity to create, develop, and produce their own original opera production over the course of a year. Through the program, SCORE! students learn “life-skills” such as the value of collaboration, group dynamics and leadership skills. The overall goal of SCORE! is to empower children and their families with an orientation for success through the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and abilities around a tangible public product.

Students Collaborate as Playwrights, Composers and Choreographers



The 20th performance of SCORE! is fast approaching!

Over the last 20 years, SCORE! has provided a safe space for students to find confidence in themselves while developing the social skills that will aid them through life. The SCORE! Alumni Reception gives us an opportunity to celebrate the children who have grown through the program and congratulate them on the people they are today.



Just as in past years, there will be the Donor and Alumni Reception held prior to the SCORE! performance.

All SCORE! alumni are invited and encouraged to join us for this reception that allows us to celebrate students of the past as well as the continued successes of the SCORE! program and its offerings to young people. Please save the date (June 24th, 7 p.m.) and we look forward to seeing you there!

Alumni! Contact us for your complimentary ticket!
Email: hello@hamiltonwings.org today!

Fabulous Parent-Daughter Evening!

Hamilton Wings proudly supported the Mother/ Caregiver-Daughter Evening hosted by Highland School. It is so wonderful to partner once again with the amazing Highland School leadership who are so committed to students and families, including from left to right: Carlos Trujillo, Principal Steve Johnson, Resident Principal Ashley Baldwin, Assistant Principal Mayrena Guerrero, and Irene Figueroa (not pictured).



Families painted whimsical adult and child owls, symbolic of intergenerational wisdom, under the facilitation of Amanda Brown and supported by Mikayla Brown and Nicole Brown.



Lasting Memories Made

Amazing keepsake photos including those included in this newsletter were taken by Alyssa Copeland of BeYoutiful Moments, and other arts and bonding activities were facilitated by Marilu Torres. Jo Ann Stingley, City of Elgin Social Services Supervisor, accompanied by colleagues Fabyola Ramirez Mercado, and Maria Borrero, shared important services and resource information for the girls and their families. What a special affair!



Successful CREATE! Series



The overall goal of CREATE is to support the development of the social emotional skills of self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, goal directed behavior, relationship skills, personal responsibility, decision making and optimistic thinking through fun-filled, arts-based experiences, exploration, and expression for young people and their families.

Check out some of the photos from the CREATE! program. Thank you to Elgin Padres con Poder for your collaboration.

CREATE! just finished its four week, free arts-based workshops; and what a huge success! We invited families from K-6th grades to age appropriate workshops that guided students and parents to collaborate on making art. Thank you to all the families who participated!



Special Thanks!

- Pastor Carol Book and Cindy Lange, Church Operations and Secretary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Elgin for welcoming us, providing assistance and dedicated support along with a space to host these workshops.
- Donna Anderson, President of Hamilton Wings' Board, for her continued dedication and on-site support of the CREATE! program.



If you would like to support CREATE! through a donation or through your artistic or youth development expertise as an instructional leader, please contact

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In a collaboration initiated by Elgin Padres con Poder support by COFI



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The Seigle Foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations in the Elgin-Dundee communities with a leadership focus on an ethic of passion, tenacity, innovation and effectiveness. The Seigle Foundation was designed to be a lasting legacy of charitable resources for the community; and it is with great joy and gratitude that we announce Hamilton Wings as an awarded recipient of an Arts grant by the Seigle Foundation.

The Seigle Foundation grant will go to support general operations of CREATE (Creative Relationships and Empowering Arts Transforming and Equity-Building), an initiative driven by the COFI-Supported team of parent leaders in Elgin, Padres con Poder, continuing to build on the groundwork that last year's pivotal Seigle Foundation grant initiated.

We are so grateful to not only the Seigle Foundation but also our partner organizations like Podres con Poder Elgin and Mujeres Latinas Unidas en Artes y Beistar and supportive organizations like Behtlehem Lutheran Church of Elgin and our partner schools (Highland, Harriet Gifford, and O'Neal), who make this work possible.



At Hamilton Wings, we are so grateful to the Seigle Foundation for this funding that will continue our initiatives in the CREATE! program. Thank you to the Seigle Foundation for all of your continued support throughout the Elgin Community and *giving our children the wings to soar!*

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We are so grateful and thankful for the teachers, families, volunteers and community engagement and commitment with Hamilton Wings. We truly appreciate your donations, time and support to continue

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