

## DOING BIG THINGS WITH THE ARTS



# 2013 Highlights and 2014 at a Glance



### THE YEAR IN REVIEW---ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR!

What a year of "firsts" 2013 has been for Callie's Kids. As we settled into our new home at the *Peace 'a Work* art studio we added new opportunities for children to experience the arts. Art Classes for kids, arts education in the schools and a special art camp were the highlights of the year. We also added a few new "FUN-raisers" to help support our cause.



The Talladega Parks and Recreation Department partnered with us to host the First Annual Mother's Day Color Walk/5k Run. Over 100 runners

and walkers participated in this event. In early August we held our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run at the Back Porch Grill on Logan Martin Lake. This event was a local favorite with over 200 people participating.

One of the most successful art experiences we sponsored this year was the first annual Nancy King Young Writers Art Camp. This camp was established to honor the memory of board member and beloved elementary school teacher Nancy King. Nancy lost her brave fight with cancer earlier in the year. Children spent a week in July learning and experiencing the literary arts. They produced a small book of poetry and even held a book signing event in the fall.



Nancy King's friends volunteered their time and expertise to the Nancy King's Young Writers Art Camp. A special thanks to Mr. Rick Shelton for his support with this special project dear to our hearts!

### Missoula Children's Theater



CK sponsored the Missoula Children's Theater at the Ritz. Children entertained family and friends with their performances in the classic tale "The Secret Garden."

## BIG THINGS COMING

We have an exciting year ahead for 2014. Here is a sneak preview of some of the BIG THINGS to come:

- “Floating” in the Talladega Mardi Gras parade.
- Life Skills program for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Arts Education at the Ritz for hundreds of children in the local school systems
- April in Talladega Block Party and Tea Room
- Color Walk/5k Run with Talladega Parks and Recreation Department
- Visual Arts Camp
- Nancy King Young Writer’s Art Camp
- A New Drama Camp
- Weekly Art Classes
- Missoula Children’s Theater
- More fundraising activities from the lake to the square!

### Summer Arts Camps



Pottery class has always been a big hit for kids participating in the annual CK Arts Camp. Mr. Jim Gasser demonstrates throwing pottery on a wheel as children get excited to get their hands wet with clay!

### Callie’s Kids 2014 Board Members

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Finally, we would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Reagan Cunningham. Reagan was the first recipient of a Callie’s Kids scholarship and attended ballet and art classes for the past 4 years. Reagan lived her life in a way that touched hundreds of people. Reagan lost her brave fight with cancer in November 2013. Reagan and her mom, Emma, have been dedicated friends of Callie’s Kids and our prayers remain with her family and friends.

## Thank you for your support!

This past year has certainly been another year of growth for Callie’s Kids. One of the most exciting things for the foundation has always been experiencing the community support. In addition, collaboration with other agencies has been the key to our success. Partnerships with local and regional organizations help us provide more opportunities for children in our area. With your help we have touched the lives of over 1,000 children in 2013!

We would like to thank our community partners including the Talladega City Parks and Recreation Department, First Family Services, Talladega Office Machines, The Historic Ritz Theater, Little House of Dance, and Back Porch Grill. And we want to especially thank First National Bank of Talladega for their support! They were chosen as our Community Partner for 2013.

**For more information about Callie’s Kids Foundation feel free to contact one of our board members or visit our website:**

[www.callieskids.com](http://www.callieskids.com)

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**Stop by and visit us at our new home at the *Peace 'a Work* art studio located at 50 Eastaboga Road in Talladega.**

