We're *grateful* for your support that made all of this possible in 2023!

123 in-person performances at 41 different venues





150 performers in MainStage productions

44,000+
audience
members
reached
(40,000
in just the
past 7 months!)





7 Youth Theatre productions featuring 325 students

54 pay-whatyou-will classes for 203 students



"WOW is all we can say! Having been season subscribers at other theaters for decades, this will certainly not be a one-time visit to Servant Stage... What an inspiring mission this organization has using a pay-what-you-will format. Kudos all around!

Ed G, 5-star Google Review

At a young age I knew performing was something that I wanted to pursue, and Servant Stage has given me incredible opportunities to continue this pursuit. I participated in my first camp at the age of 10, and have continued to grow with Servant Stage Company as they have invested in me as a performer, and a person. I love how, through the youth programs and in the MainStage shows, the directors draw out the best in you. And,

believe me, I have grown in so many ways that I could never have imagined when I was 10! I feel like I have made a family with the cast, crew, and leadership of Servant Stage, and those relationships and experiences will

The Sound Of Music stay with me forever!

Truly one of my favorite things is touring to the nursing homes because I love both performing for them, as well as interacting with the residents afterwards. They are always so encouraged and uplifted by the shows, and always walk out of the theater with a smile!

The mission of Servant Stage is so inspiring because of the pay-what-you-will model - where people who would normally not be able to see the performances are welcomed and

often impacted by the amazing stories that the company brings to life. This mission is only possible because of our community members who are willing to support at whatever

level they can. Because of this, Servant Stage is able to keep theater accessible to all!

If you are able, please consider contributing to this incredibly special company! **Thank you!** 



Reagan Connell
Servant Stage Performer





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#### Dear friends,

The Lion King Jr

"A place where something flourishes" is one of the dictionary definitions for the word "home." We are so grateful for your support that has allowed Servant Stage to become a home for so many in our community.

Godspell

We're grateful to Reagan for sharing her story of finding a home with Servant Stage. From attending our summer camp at age 10, to starring as Liesl in our MainStage production of *The Sound of Music*, and dozens of more youth productions, camps, and classes in between, we've had the joy of seeing Reagan flourish and grow at Servant Stage over the years, along with hundreds upon hundreds of other wonderful students.

As you can see from the stats in our newsletter, Servant Stage's youth education programs are, quite literally, bursting at the seams! While we have increased

our youth programming in 2024, adding more youth productions and more than 100 new spots for students to register, we were shocked to have every single registration spot fill up in just a few hours. We currently have 400 students registered for our youth productions next year, and 200 students on the waitlist to get in!

This is a perfect example of both the huge impact that your support for Servant Stage is making in so many lives – especially the lives of these students – and also the huge need for more support. We hate having so many students that want to be a part of these productions on a waitlist

to get in, and we would love to create more programs and productions for these students. But we need more staff and more space to make that happen, and that is only possible with

more support.

Would you consider giving generously to help make that possible in 2024? With your support Servant Stage will continue to be a home where many more people can flourish and grow as we serve our community together!

We have been blessed to be able to rent a space for our offices, rehearsals, classrooms, and theatre education programs on the campus of Lancaster County Christian School (LCCS) for the past 2½ years. This has allowed us to rapidly grow and expand our programs, especially for our youth performers! But because of how quickly we have been growing, and as LCCS is also growing, Servant Stage is now in need of a new space. Over the past few months, we have been touring various properties and in the next few months we are hoping to make that move into a new home that will provide room for all of these programs and people to flourish and grow!

Drop-In Classes



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The English poet and playwright, T.S. Eliot, writes that "Home is where one starts from" and this new home will provide:

- A home for the 300+ students that will receive weekly training with our Monday night pay-what-you-will classes or in our four Youth Companies to flourish and grow!
- A home for 200+ local cast and crew members to rehearse and create
  the productions that you and your family and friends along with 50,000+
  members of our community will enjoy in schools, parks, churches, and
  retirement homes across Lancaster County!



This is just a snapshot of how your end-of-year gift will make such a difference in so many lives in 2024, and we are so thankful for your support as we look toward the new year and so many new opportunities to impact our community through the arts!

Gratefully,

Youth Companies



ohnathan Bauer



DONATE NOW AT servantstage.org/donate OR CALL 717-455-0255

# SET THE STAGE FOR The Future

Planning your **major gift** is the perfect way to make a difference in the community. Consider some of the giving options below as ways to provide Servant Stage with the necessary resources to inspire, educate, challenge and entertain for future generations.

#### THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART:

#### GIFTS OF STOCK

A charitable gift of securities or stocks may allow you to avoid or reduce capital gains tax while making a major contribution based on the current market value of the assets.

## IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

If you are age 70 1/2 and older, you may reduce your taxable income by making a gift directly from your IRA.

#### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

This option allows you to give to Servant Stage while benefiting yourself as well. You transfer cash or property to a CGA management firm (such as National Christian Foundation), and you'll receive fixed payments for life at a rate based on your age.

#### **ESTERNA**

Tangible items such as artwork, cars and even homes may be donated to Servant Stage.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (DAF)

You can recommend a grant from your donor advised fund for the benefit of Servant Stage.

### LEGACY GIFTS

To make an impact well beyond your lifetime, some supporters generously include Servant Stage in their will or estate plan.

The options listed above serve as a summary and are not intended as financial or tax advice. For more information or to set up your planned giving, contact:

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