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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax/E-mail: _____

Organizational Affiliation: _____

Website Address: _____

Best Time to Contact: _____

Payment Options:

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Payment Online via "PayPal" at www.RaisingExpectationsDC.org

Join Our Mailing List:

Yes, I would like to join R.E.'s mailing list and participate in future community arts activities.

Additional Gift:

Yes, I would like to contribute an additional amount to Raising Expectations Inc. as a donation.
 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____

With this donation, I would like to support the following type of arts enrichment programs:

Committee Interests (please check up to 3)

Marketing/Public Relations
 Event Planning

Program Planning
 Membership

Fundraising

Program Interests (please check up to 3)

Dance
 Poetry/Spoken Word
 Music Production & Sound Engineering
 Computer Training/Graphic Design
 Visual Arts/Painting

Culinary Arts
 Sculpture
 Theatre
 Arts Apprenticeship/Career development
 Other: _____



DUES STRUCTURE

Individual Membership:

Student - \$25
 Parent/Adult - \$50
 Teacher/Administrator - \$75

**Corporate Membership
 (based on revenue):**

\$100,000 - \$500,000 – Bronze - \$500
 \$500,001 - 1,000,000 – Silver (\$1,000)
 1,000,001 – 5,000,000 – Gold (\$2,500)
 \$5-\$10,000,000 – Platinum (\$5,000)

*Please make check payable to
 "Raising Expectations, Inc."*

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Raising Expectations' mission (R.E.) is to instill cultural integrity, self-empowerment, and discipline among youth through instruction in visual/performing arts and arts apprenticeship opportunities. By developing fun-filled cultural arts activities and positive, uplifting relationships between youth, parents, and teachers, R.E. aims to bridge the communication gaps and facilitate solutions-oriented dialogue and interaction. Our cultural development, community service, mentoring/tutoring, and career development programs use artistic expression as a means to teach valuable life skills and re-connect with today's youth.

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- **Dance/Music/Art Classes & Talent Shows**
Discounts on dance, music production, and art techniques from renowned instructors; Various talents are celebrated through art and dance shows, poetry slams, competitions, and history- and culture-based contests.
- **Computer/Graphic and Web Design Programs**
Learn how to make their own websites and create their own art designs on the computer.
- **Mentoring Programs**
Community activists, entertainers, college students, parents, and others facilitate discussions with R.E. participants in order to establish consensus and overcome various problems in the community, such as poor academic performance, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and crime.
- **Career Development Programs**
Discounts on seminars that help develop resumes and define their interests. Individual attention through appointments with counselors will also be provided.
- **Community & Arts Apprenticeship Programs**
Access to youth interested in developing their leadership skills and professional experience by participating in arts-based community projects and internships with renown artists.
- **Tutoring Programs**
College students assist younger students with schoolwork, research projects, and homework problems (Parents will also be encouraged to participate in tutoring to learn from college students about a particular subject challenging their children).



If you have any questions, contact us at info@raisingexpectationsdc.org or call (202) 507-7882.



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R.E.'S PROGRAM DESIGN

Experienced artists and performers provide interactive, hands-on training and exposure to the field of art, dance, spoken word, and music. R.E.'s evening and weekend workshops *introduce* new topics of discussion, themes, and performing arts lessons facilitated by qualified instructors, inspirational speakers, and community activists will be provided to youth, parent, and teacher participants to help broaden their perspectives and raise their expectations of themselves and others.

R.E.'S AFFILIATES

Raising Expectations, Inc. consists of qualified instructors with experience teaching techniques in the visual/performing arts, such as dance, art, music, and spoken word/poetry. R.E. is a recognized contributor in creating positive role models for young people, leveling the playing field for at-risk students, opening the lines of communication between youth and adults, as well as increasing cultural competency among teachers in order to reach students and address their specific learning needs.

R.E. leaders are affiliated with and bring their wealth of knowledge, community activism, and artistic expertise from organizations such as the Neema Institute for Self Achievement, the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, D.C. Parent Teacher Congress, the National Association of Former Foster Care Children of America, Blackout Arts Collective, Groove Arts Collective, Upward Bound, the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, The College Board, SavvyIT, Sunrise Inc, ParkTriangle Productions, the Thurgood Marshall Center, Georgia Avenue Rock Creek East Collaborative (GARCEC), and Helping Inner City Kids Succeed (HICKS), many other artistic groups in the DC metropolitan area.

WHY DONATE TO R.E.

R.E.'s extended-day and weekend arts programs serve middle- and high-school students and young adults from ages 13 to 22 thru college. We organize educational programming at schools and in the community to music studios, dance performances, theatres, art exhibits, and much more!

Perhaps as many as 15 million American children have nowhere to go after school, making them more at risk of getting poor grades, abusing drugs or alcohol, engaging in sexual activity, and becoming victims of crime.

According to the U.S. General Accounting Office, the number of out-of-school programs for school age children meets as little as 25 percent of the demand in some urban areas. After-school and extended-day enrichment programs in safe environments are an absolute necessity in at-risk, disadvantaged communities in order to restore their historical richness and social upliftment.