



*The arts are as much a part of a child's development and success as they are a part of a successful and enlightened society.
- Association for the Advancement of Art Education*

The win-Win-WIN window is closing – BUT you still have the chance to open doors through your donation!

Yes, 2025 is going into the history books very shortly; on its heels is 2026 with its potential to be bigger, stronger, bolder, and laden with more opportunities – especially for the youth of the valley's communities!

The 'win'-dow that is closing is your chance to improve your tax situation by making a tax-deductible donation to your favorite local children's charity – Childrens Playtime Productions! CPP is a fully qualified charitable organization registered under section 501(c)(3) with the IRS. Your donations, made before 2025 is over, are fully deductible on 2025 taxes in accordance with law and your specific tax situation; of course, if you miss that deadline, you just get a jump start on 2026 tax deductions!

The doors that can be opened are limitless because they lead to opportunities for youth to explore their creativity, express themselves, build their confidence, enhance their self-esteem, learn dedication, teamwork, commitment, and, thrive in ALL of their future endeavors. In short, they are enabled to seek out and follow their dreams to success in whatever form that is intended for them.

In this 2025-2026 season – CPP's 30th Anniversary and the start of our 31st season in the Coachella Valley - our focus is on making more opportunities for youth to take on significant roles in smaller projects that, together, make up larger performances for the entertainment of audiences. Revue collections from Broadway Musicals, One-Act productions, 10-Minute Musicals, and more will give youth the opportunity to experience the responsibilities of carrying a show.

In December, we finished our first of these projects – a Broadway Revue titled Pure Imagination. This production re-created musical numbers for 14 different Broadway shows. From Dr Seuss to Winnie the Pooh to Junie B Jones to Annie to Dear Edwina to Peter Pan to Willy Wonka and more, dozens of young actors (each show having different leads) brought over 270 characters to life back-to-back! An incredible feat for seasoned actors – an extraordinary feat for those still learning. We also continued our tradition of bringing joy and holiday cheer to senior citizens in local homes through our Holiday Touring Show. Over 30 participants - traveling to 4 facilities over 6 six hours - sang, danced and brought smiles to rooms full of seniors.

That is just the start, in a few weeks we will be hosting the first ever Festival of 10-Minute Musicals in the Coachella Valley. High School and Middle School students have been invited to participate in this event intended to demonstrate the talent that spreads across the entire valley. Add in some One-10 Extravaganza performance days (for One Acts, 10 Minute Musicals, and other acts) and a "grand finale" performance of *Disney's Dare to Dream* at the McCallum Theatre in May and you can visualize doors busting open throughout the valley and beyond! As an encore, CPP/YTP is offering its usual Spring (1) and Summer (2) *Adventures In Theatre Camps* as well as our 5 on-going weekly clubs.

Each of these projects (our most ambitious array EVER) still need sponsors and funding on all levels. You can easily donate through our online link (<http://www.childrensplaytimeproductions.com/donatetocpp.html>) using PayPal (you do not need to be a member of PayPal to make donations using any major credit card). We also now accept donations via Zelle that enhance the benefit of your donation to CPP by not deducting processing fees. The phone number for Zelle donations will be provided upon request. As a check that you entered the number correctly – it will come up as Childrens Playtime Productions.

CPP relies heavily on donations and grants to do keep theatre-participation benefits accessible to youth and allow families to experience quality theatrical productions without breaking the bank. The work that we do impacts 10's of thousands of children (and untold adults) annually. All this and more can be made possible through your tax-deductible donations. Please help with whatever you can and spread the word to others who may be in a position to help as well.

With Appreciation From The Heart, we thank you and wish you all a Happy New Year from

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