Thank You for Supporting Sarah’s Passion

A five-year-old Regina girl has one passion: dance, one ambition: to become a ballerina someday. Now, she is getting a chance to nurture her passion, thanks to Creative Kids funding.

Sarah started dancing at the age of three. Mariecar, her mother, says Sarah dances every time she hears a song and she does it gracefully. Recently, she performed at the Dance City Annual Recital at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina.

“Sarah would practice her dancing in front of everyone, all the time,” says Mariecar. “She is very happy that she is able to do what she loves to do. She loved to dance on stage and she always has a smile on her face during her performance.”

Mariecar is a single mother who has gone through several difficult times while raising her daughter. She recalls a time when she stayed at a local shelter for over three months. During this time, she struggled with paying for activities for her daughter due to a low income. She knew that dancing was Sarah’s passion, but she couldn’t afford to pay for dance classes in Regina.

“I was very scared to enroll her because I could not afford it. I knew she loved to dance and the only dancing school I know is Dance City. I just couldn’t afford it,” she says. “The support I received from Creative Kids has helped me a lot as a single parent.”

Mariecar came to know about Creative Kids funding through an ad in a magazine. She sent in her application immediately as the deadline was just three days away, and her application was approved.

“My daughter now has an equal opportunity with other children whose parents could afford to pay for creative activities,” she says, adding that on top of covering the activity costs, Creative Kids also helps cover the costs for her daughter’s costume so she can be included in the performances.

Since her first performance, Mariecar says Sarah dances at her local church. When asked how she feels when she sees her daughter dancing, she said she is “proud, thankful and grateful.”

“I would like to thank the Creative Kids donors and sponsors from the bottom of my heart. Your help is not only important for my daughter but also for parents, especially for a single parent like me who want an equal opportunity for our kids when our income is not enough.”

To help more kids like Sarah, please donate online at: CreativeKidsSask.ca.
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Yuki Block opened the first aerial arts studio in Saskatoon in 2013, and she continues to inspire children and adults to “fly” regardless of their age or level of physical strength. On top of that, she is helping kids experience aerial arts, which is a unique and modern style of artistic movement and exercise.

Block believes creative activities have the ability to heal, and that there are many physical and mental health benefits. At Fly Studios YXE, the kids get to be totally free, they get to “fly”, and they inspire and motivate themselves for success.

“We have had kids who were the victims of bullying and suffering from depression that found their place in the world thanks to the arts,” she says. “In one case a parent shared with us that her child’s involvement in the arts may have actually saved her life.”

Fly Studios YXE is an Aerial and AntiGravity® studio that offers aerial experience to all fitness levels, starting from the age of five. The studio has been a service provider with Creative Kids since 2014.

Block found out about Creative Kids through a client who had inquired if she was a service provider with the program. She did some research about it, and immediately knew she should be a part of the organization. Currently, there are about ten kids funded through Creative Kids at the studio. Some of the greatest aerial artists the studio has developed over the past six years have been students who were able to take classes because of support from Creative Kids.

“The ability to reach into someone’s life and give them hope, purpose, passion, and joy may be the most valuable thing you can do for that person in terms of all aspects of their life.”

Block appreciates the efforts of the program for helping many kids pursue their passion, especially when funding for the arts is limited.

Fly Studios YXE Creates Safe Space for Kids to Get Creative and Heal

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TOP LEFT: Yuki Block is inspiring children and adults to fly regardless of their age or physical strength. Photo Courtesy of Yuki Block.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Block shows new students how to fly and experience the unique style of dance. Photo Courtesy of Yuki Block.
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Creative Kids raises funds to remove financial barriers that stop children and youth from participating in creative activities. Participants can receive grants of up to $750 per year.

To date, Creative Kids has granted over $3.8 million and helped over 8,000 kids in over 224 communities across the province.

SaskCulture Inc., a community-based, non-profit cultural organization, which receives funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation, covers all administrative costs for Creative Kids.

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We always need and welcome your support. Please use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope and the below form to send in your donation today. As always, 100% of your donation will go towards removing financial barriers to helping kids access arts and culture.

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