

Window On a Wider World

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Window On A Wider World is dedicated to enriching the education of Texas Panhandle students through arts, science and cultural experiences.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

As we pause and reflect on the eight years that WOWW has been “laying a foundation” to provide the children of the Texas Panhandle enhanced and unique educational opportunities for the advancement of culture and the arts, WOWW can take great pride that the foundation laid is strong, vibrant and ever expanding. WOWW looks forward in the coming year to being able to spread its wings and soar like an eagle. In our efforts to soar, WOWW is pleased to announce that it is no longer the educational arm of The Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, but has taken flight and is now standing on its own to further enhance the vision and mission to improve the educational experience of the children in the Texas Panhandle.

As part of that “soaring process”, WOWW has engaged Mr. Tom Panger as its own visual artist-in-residence who through his experience and talent will thrill children, teach us through his drawings and help provide the art standards and curriculum ties that our schools are lacking. Simultaneously, WOWW is aggressively seeking ways to expand the awareness of WOWW via social media through creating of WOWW’s own facebook page. We hope that each of you will visit and enjoy getting updated reports on our activities.

As WOWW strives to provide and continue to provide the enriched and valuable learning experiences that only can come through being exposed to the arts and culture we cannot continue to expand our horizons or spread our wings without your help. On behalf of the staff and the board, as well as the more than 25 school districts and 30 non-profit organizations that make up WOWW, we ask that you “join us” in the “spreading of our wings” to help the Texas Panhandle children soar like eagles!

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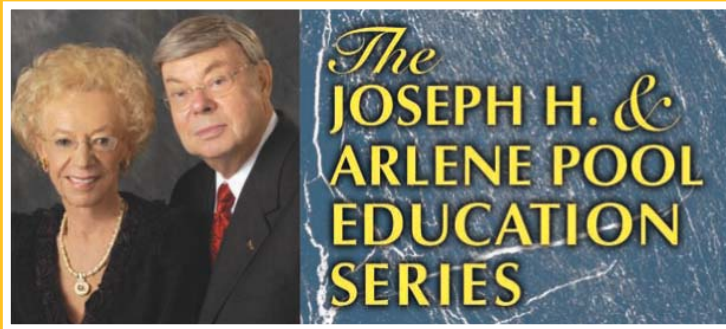
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The generous support of Joseph & Arlene Pool allows Window On a Wider World to reach thousands of students each year. Their contribution launched an unprecedented education program that will continue to impact future generations and make our panhandle community thrive. Thank you for believing in WOWW and your support for developing an enriched education program for our children.

TECOVAS FOUNDATION

The initial vision of founder Carol Bush Emeny is enhanced through her daughter Mary and the family foundation. Their ongoing generous support gives children and often their families a window on a much wider world than they ever dreamed possible. The Tecovas Foundation has graciously invested in our future and sees the 'Panhandle Spirit' as we have come to know and love it!



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REASONS TO CELEBRATE



Expansion is the name of the game for Window On a Wider World throughout the Texas Panhandle and beyond. Several new-to-WOWW districts are investing in the program dedicated to enriching the education of Texas Panhandle students through arts, science and cultural experiences. In seven years WOWW has developed a presence particularly in our rural communities that provides ALL elementary children learning experiences they would never have outside of WOWW.

It truly takes a whole village to raise a child and teamwork is the 'glue' that keeps this program moving forward. Our team of retired teachers known as WOWW Reps, our board of directors and our staff have embraced the concept of providing alternative ways of teaching and learning. Thousands of children are being impacted academically, socially and psychologically by the enriched education experiences our partner organizations provide in classrooms or field trips.

Every child in America deserves a complete and competitive education that includes fine arts. National research indicates that arts education prepares students for success in school. It boosts literacy and language arts skills, advances math achievement, is motivational, develops critical thinking skills and improves school culture. Arts education prepares students for success in work and fosters a creative community. Children who study the arts in their school years are more likely to engage with the arts in later life as performers, consumers, or creators than their peers who receive no arts education. The recent study by Texans for the Arts shows that the arts provide millions of dollars annually to our economy. The Texas legislature recognizes this so WOWW is now recognized as an integral part of improving educational attainment but also improving the economic well being in our state. We are grateful that we can do this and grateful to you for helping us be able to do this.

Thanks to your generous support WOWW continues to expand its program to more school districts and positively impact more lives. The 'WOWW factor' is being tapped outside our region. Other communities and states are seeing the value and impact. Our goal is to reach all 63 districts within Region 16 and we are nearly half way there!

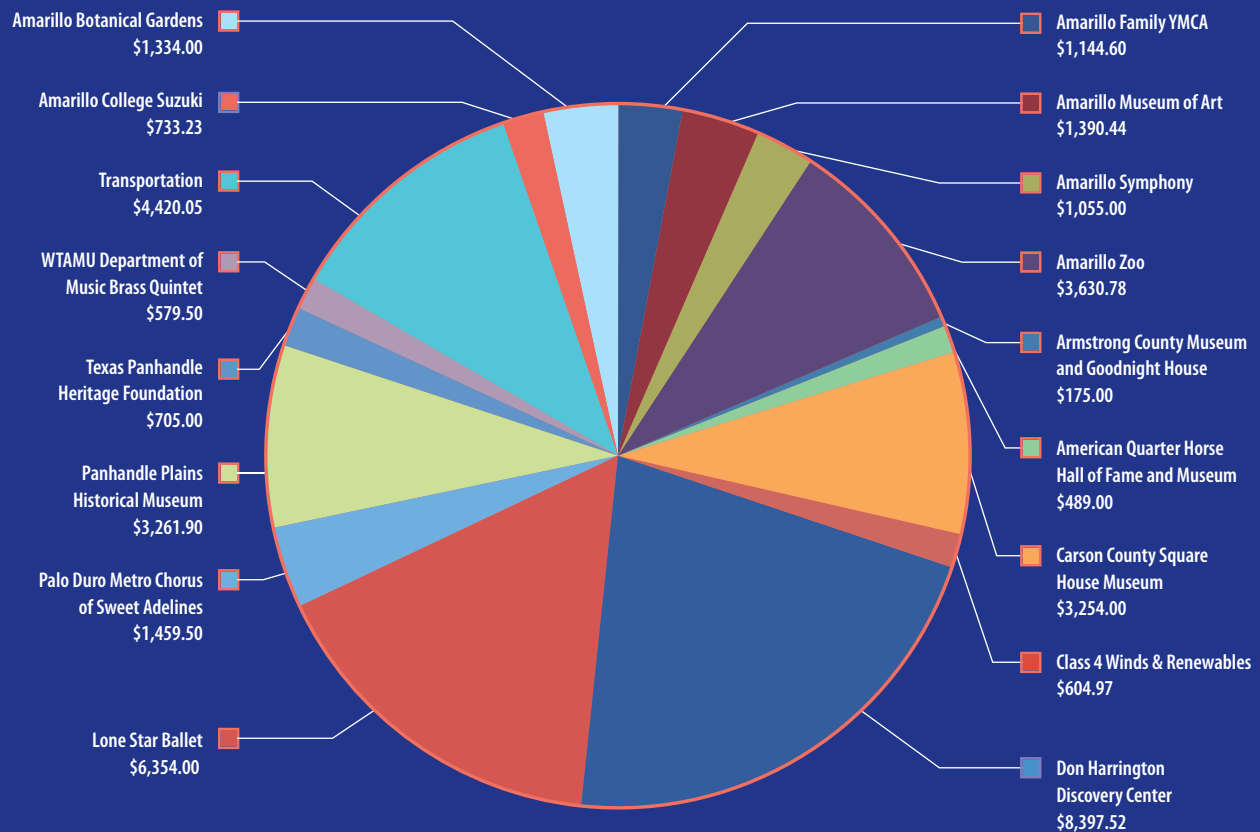
Ali Tiegs
Executive Director



LOOK... MONEY WELL SPENT!

WOWW Partnered with over 30 non-profit organizations in the Texas Panhandle to provide over 40,000 enriched educational experiences for over 9000 students during the 2012-2013 school year. The following organizations provided the enriched experiences free of charge: Alibates, Amarillo Public Library, WTAMU Department of Communications, High Plains Food Bank, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, and Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife museum. WOWW provided author Gary Hogg, violinist Erik Chapman, ImaginOcean, the WOWW Science Collaborative and WOWW Day at NO CHARGE to participating WOWW schools.

WOWW Money All Schools 2012-13



“ In a word... FABULOUS!!

We were honored to be the “first” WOWW visitors to attend the Charles Goodnight Tour and wished we had a longer day in order to linger longer at the Armstrong County Museum. Mrs. Gunter, Mrs. Olinger, and Mr. Goodin were gracious tour guides and so very patient with our eager bunch. ”

—Susan Weiland
Mimi Farley Elementary – 4th grade
Boys Ranch ISD

PS... sign us up for next year!!



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First of all, let me say that the new WOWWW video is GREAT! I can't wait to show it to our new superintendent so he can see the importance of what we do through WOWWW.

—Rozanna M. Pfeiffer
Chief of Interpretation
Lake Meredith NRA/Alibates Flint Quarries NM

WOWWW does a great job for the panhandle community and I am proud to be on this board.

Best regards

—Amy Henderson
Vice President
Commercial Loan Officer

Thank you for all WOWWW has done for our kids!!

—Kelly Carrell, Principal Miami ISD
Thank you for all you do to make this community a better place. You are doing a marvelous job for so many young people who are our hope for tomorrow. We are grateful to have a part in what you are doing.

—Betty Propst
Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation

Thanks for all you do. This is a VERY IMPRESSIVE program and I have been telling everyone I know about it. It's extraordinary.

All the best,

—Douglas Moss, AIA, LEED® AP
Holzman Moss Architecture
New York, New York



"Window On a Wider World continues to provide new and imaginative opportunities for students to learn and develop an understanding of the Arts and Sciences through exceptional and cultural experiences. The WOWWW experiences have inspired both students and teachers to explore more diverse and creative ways to learn."

—Tom & Jan Panger

I have attended several WOWWW programs and I loved ImaginOcean. I thought it was one of the best shows by far!!

Thanks

—Kelley Porter, Principal Lefors ISD

We appreciate all you do for panhandle kids and science!

—Cayla Cordell Cielencki
District K-12 Core Curriculum, Science

WOW! The science collaborative... Thanks so much for providing us with this great learning experience! We enjoy it EVERY year!

—Mary Lisa Thorne
5th Grade Science, Coronado Elementary