Quick Facts

MISSION
Our mission is to provide a platform to explore the world of artistic expression for children and their community. We do this by providing quality educational, theatrical experiences, which enhance children's self-confidence, personal growth, group collaboration skills, and community partnerships.

GOALS
- Provide theatrical, dance and musical interaction for children to develop skills in music, theater, and visual arts.
- Provide an opportunity for children to perform at their level of comfort in a supportive environment.
- Actively engage children in their community and the local community with Children's Performing Arts.
- Provide leadership development for youth including programs that increase leadership, teamwork, and cognitive skills.

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION
Children’s Performing Arts honors the uniqueness of each individual and embraces diverse backgrounds, values and viewpoints to build a strong, inclusive community that prepares youth for lives in a multicultural society. This means providing all who live, learn, and work within our organization to have the opportunity to experience a broad range of ideas and perspectives. Diversity is an irreplaceable educational and artistic asset that develops the whole person. As we embrace the opportunity to learn from each other, it challenges us to grow and think differently. Quality education is enhanced by shared perspectives of those with varied backgrounds and views. Children’s Performing Arts strives to create a supportive environment that welcomes all people regardless of race, beliefs, disability or economic status.

COMMUNITY
Annually through education sessions and performances, Children’s Performing Arts directly serves:
- 1000 youth, 1100 adults, 700 seniors

We participate in multiple community events throughout the year in addition to our programs and performances; including, Forest Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony, Multiple Senior Home Performances (North Branch, Lino Lakes, Shoreview, White Bear Lake, Forest Lake), Breakfast with Santa in White Bear Lake, and Vadnais Heights Senior Community Holiday Sing Along.

LOCATION
New office space and classroom space at the Hanifl Performing Arts Center in the White Bear Lake Arts District
- A multi-purpose rehearsal space
- Offices for CPA staff and volunteers
- Full use of theater, scene shop, dressing rooms, box office

Legacy Program takes place in Forest Lake at Forest Lake High School

Children are taught to be a comprehensive part of the community, many performances at local assisted living homes and participation in community events

WE ARE READY, WE ARE GROWING
- 2017 Operating Budget was $92,000
- 2018 Operating Budget is $139,000
- Children's Performing Arts earns about 30% of its revenue from fees, 30% from ticket sales, and 40% from donations, business sponsorships and community support
- Staff is comprised of our part time Executive Director and volunteers
- Annually, over 100 volunteers donate over 10,000 hours.