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Dear Local Business Owner:

Artbarn Community Theater is a Brookline based theater arts program for children and adults. In the six years since its inception, Artbarn has brought quality after-school theater arts programming to all the Brookline community, community service programs to nursing homes and libraries, and educational programs to our public schools.

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Artbarn is also a Brookline business. With a budget of over \$200,000.00 a year, Artbarn rents from a Brookline landlord, utilizes Brookline lawyers, accountants, realtors, and printers, and hires of staff of ten, most of whom live here in Brookline. In the last six years Artbarn has seen over 1300 enrollments, and mounted more than 120 performances which have reached a combined audience of over 10,000.

At last year's annual Chamber breakfast for non-profits, the speaker was Dan Hunter, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Advocates for the Arts, Sciences and Humanities. Mr. Hunter pointed out that the creative economy is one of the most underappreciated yet vitally important parts of the Greater Boston economy. For example, he noted, the annual "gate" at the MFA exceeds the combined attendance of the Bruins, the Celtics and the Red Sox! Artbarn is an integral part of Brookline's creative economy. Supporting Artbarn is not only good for kids and good for the community, but it is good business as well!

Enclosed is information on our annual appeal, and our corporate sponsorships. For further information about supporting Artbarn, please call us at (617) 975-0050 or email us at info@artbarn.org.

Very truly yours

Cathy Jacobs

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