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*“How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.” – William Shakespeare*

Dear Friend of Children and the Arts:

With great pride, Artbarn embarks on its sixth season, bringing our innovative and enduring theater arts program to Brookline students of all ages.

Our proudest achievements this year include:

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Cathy Jacobs

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- An original musical production, ***Get Out the Vote!*** Designed for children from kindergarten to grade six, 12 in-school performances were part of Artbarn's new school-based community service program, *Out Of The Box Productions*. Over 2600 students attended one of these performances *about the importance of voting* which were held at Brookline, Boston, and Newton schools and the Brookline Public Library. These shows included “talk backs” with Governor Michael and Kitty Dukakis, State Reps Jeffrey Sanchez and Michael Rush, and Town Meeting Member Michael Sher, all of whom answered questions from students about the experience of running for public office.
- Artbarn's traveling troupes have continued to bring the joy of theater to those who cannot come to us, visiting local nursing homes, libraries and extended day programs.
- Over 250 children, ages 3-15, participate in more than 35 Artbarn performances each year. We remain true to our goal of making books and classics come alive for young readers. Even our Sprouts (ages 4 - 6) are actively reading, acting, directing, designing sets, and creating advertising posters for their shows. For six years, Artbarn has remained true to its promise to provide a warm and engaging environment where children can make friends, practice social skills, solve problems together, and nurture a creative process they can use for the rest of their lives. *Artbarn has never turned away a child due to financial need.*

Our fundraising goal to maintain existing operations and staff is \$100,000. Please give generously. Your financial donation will help Artbarn continue to promote the arts, literacy, community service and citizenship, and to spark a creative flame in children throughout our community. *“So shines a good deed in a naughty world.”*

Thank you,

Cathy Jacobs
Executive Director

Jackie Borck
Artistic Director

P.S. For more information about Artbarn Community Theater, highlights of upcoming shows and other Artbarn news items, please visit our new website at www.artbarn.org.

