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SOCSA STUDENTS RAISE MONEY & AWARENESS FOR LAURA'S HOUSE

Sharing the Magic this Holiday Season!!
2007 SOCSA's Care to Make a Difference Gift Giving Project

SOCSA, the South Orange County School of the Arts, collected monetary donations for the gift giving drive for the kids of Laura's House during its Opening Night Gala Reception and five subsequent performances of "Fiddler on the Roof."

SOCSA's Dickens Holiday Carolers entertained by singing popular and classic holiday songs at the Open House at Laura's House on Thursday, December 6. It was one of 67 performances by the Carolers this holiday season.

Last year SOCSA students and families donated over \$1200 with donations of gift cards, grocery certificates and money to Laura's House. But SOCSA's donations program does more than raise money; it helps raise student awareness about domestic violence and how Laura's House is making a difference.

This year's SOCSA donations will be meeting a specific need... the purchasing of an arts storage cabinet to be used for the Counseling & Resource Center at Laura's House. They have a lot of supplies that they use for Art Therapy. Right now these supplies are in the counseling rooms and it is distracting to the kids when they are getting counseling. Any additional moneys will be used for the moms for pajamas, journals and make-up. SOCSA students and their families also donated gift cards for the moms to use for shopping.

SOCSA parent, Marcia Jenkins, has taken the lead on this wonderful gift giving program for the past 2 years, working with Andrea McCallister, Director of Events and Communications at Laura's House.

Founded in 1996, SOCSA is a performing and visual arts academy within Dana Hills High School that provides an in-depth educational opportunity to explore and develop students' artistic talents and prepare them for placement in the college or university and employment in the professional arts industry of their choice. The SOCSA Foundation was founded in 2000 to support the SOCSA Academy in fundraising and volunteer endeavors.

Upcoming events include the Winter Instrumental Concert in Dana Hills' Porthole Theater on Tuesday, December 18 and the Winter Choral Concert on Wednesday, December 19. In early 2008, SOCSA presents Actors' Rep Night, featuring monologues by junior and senior SOCSA theater students on Friday and Saturday, January 11 & 12, and Velocity, SOCSA's dance concert, on Friday and Saturday, January 18 & 19.

To learn more about SOCSA, please visit www.SOCSArts.org.

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