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***A glance back and a look forward...***

As a young child, my brother and I would eagerly join my mom as she hauled her paint and brushes up the steep stairs above the old Chamber of Commerce building where she painted sets for Grand Island Little Theatre. It was there that we imagined being knights and princesses, businessmen and southern belles. It was there that we heard long gasps of gut wrenching laughter and high-pitched screams of delight. We experienced every mood and every emotion. Why? Because we were a part of the theatre!

I guess it runs in your blood because my children have experienced some of those same memories. Theirs were formed on the second floor of the Old Walnut building where GILT "lived" for a short period of time. And they, too, imagined being knights and princesses, businessmen and southern belles.

The performing arts are magical. The props. The costumes. The dance shoes. The stage. All the surroundings have the ability to stir up a little magic.

Our family wants the magic to continue. We want there to be bonds that form during rehearsals and opening night, visions of stardom dreamed, and the memories that linger long after the final applause has died. We want this for your family--and the families of tomorrow.

**Grand Island Little Theatre plans to build an addition to the current Hornady-Marshall Auditorium at College Park, transforming it into a full-fledged performing arts center. This plan includes the addition of dressing rooms, rest rooms, a rehearsal hall, costume and props storage, a set construction area and administrative offices. To make this plan a reality, we need your help.**

In the final stage of GILT's community wide campaign, we ask for your commitment to the performing arts by making a contribution to the "Save a Seat Campaign." Your gift of \$300 represents one seat in the new Performing Arts Center for someone to dream, laugh and learn. Please review the enclosed brochure and mail your tax-deductible gift today.

Our sincere thanks from three generations of loving the performing arts,

    
Sherma Jones      Makayla Jones      Barbara Clark  
(Daughter)      (Granddaughter)      (Mother)

P.S. All gifts will be recognized in a prominent location once the new performing arts center is complete.



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