



Springboard

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Springboard receives *Kresge Arts in St. Louis* grant

Money will be used to teach hundreds of children the spirit of giving with hats made of Red Thread

ST. LOUIS, MO August 26, 2009 – Springboard received a \$10,000 *Kresge Arts in St. Louis* grant- a partnership of the Kresge Foundation, the Arts and Education Council and the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation. The grant will be used to support the Red Thread Project® which is based on a Chinese proverb that describes how an invisible red thread connects us all. Three classrooms in four schools totaling around 300 students will learn a simple knitting technique to create colorful handmade hats. After the hats are complete, professional artist and creator of the Red Thread Project® Lindsey Obermeyer will join the hats with lengths of knitted red thread for a performance art event. While wearing the hats, participants will be led through a series of simple movements done in unison while connected to others. Afterwards, the hats are disconnected and in a cooperative spirit, given to local charities chosen by the participating students.

Please call Cory Smallwood at 314-289-4128 for more information about any

Springboard program.

About Springboard:

The mission of Springboard is to provide programs in the arts, cultures, humanities, and sciences to schools and community organizations. These programs inspire their audiences to embrace knowledge and new experiences that broaden their horizons. Springboard is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that offers more than 177 unique educational programs to around 78,000 students in the St. Louis region.