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Harden Foundation awards ARIEL Theatrical \$25,000 matching grant

September 22, 2016 - Salinas, CAAfter the fire next door and the resulting clean up and ongoing challenges caused by water and smoke damage, ARIEL Theatrical has been on an unexpected, uphill journey for months. However, the generous support of many within the community has given the children's theatre company leverage to continue onward and upward. Last month, the Harden Foundation awarded ARIEL a matching grant that will provide a way to literally double contributions, up to \$25,000. The power of this grant to amplify each donation is monumental as the valuable programs continue to benefit the entire community. All donations made in the 12 month funding period from the award date will be matched, dollar for dollar (up to \$25,000), by the Harden Foundation. Donations may be made online at <u>www.arieltheatrical.org</u>, over the phone at 831.775.0976, or in person at the Karen Wilson Children's Theatre, 320 Main Street, Salinas.

Located in the heart of Salinas City Center, ARIEL Theatrical provides opportunities for children, adolescents and adults to develop their talents and learn valuable lessons about Accountability, Respect, Integrity, Excellence and Leadership. ARIEL's finest productions are not the plays but the development of responsible young people who come together in a positive, collaborative spirit to learn, perform and share experiences that they will carry with them for a lifetime.

Visit ARIEL in the Karen Wilson Children's Theatre, 320 Main Street, online at <u>www.arieltheatrical.org</u> or call 831-775-0976.

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