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The Arts and Cultural Center of Meriden

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Years of history...alive, today, with arts and cultural activities....

The Augusta Curtis Cultural Center (ACCC) is an essential element in the heartbeat of the city of Meriden. Known as "Meriden's Living Room" the ACCC has filled its wall and halls with arts and cultural activities reflective of its own diverse community.

As a business we have seen many changes in the world's economy as well as changes in donations to area non-profits such as ours. Now more than ever we see a great need for affordable entertainment and a need for more family fun when everyone is facing such hard times. The arts are an important component to all and can be a safe haven from the every day realities we face in the world. We at Meriden's Arts & Cultural Center have planned a great year of artistic getaways and we are fortunate to have supporters like you to help us continue our work. Being a 501(c)3 non-profit that counts on donations to continue our programs has many advantages and disadvantages in this faltering economy. One advantage is that we have not spent money we don't have, and a disadvantage is we can only spend funds that we have to continue our progress of continuing to bring Meriden many wonderful artistic, cultural, and diverse programs. The grass roots of our community has enabled us to continue to provide this Historic Facility to all generations, and we want to continue hosting numerous area events, including art exhibits, workshops, travelogues, concerts, and summer musical & theatrical camps at the Center. To do so we are calling on all of our friends and supporter to answer to our annual appeal. We depend on memberships, donations, rentals, fundraisers, grant writing, and programs for our financial stability, but in these tough economic times we see all of those revenue sources generating fewer funds. We are hoping that our grass roots in this community will continue to sustain us for another year! This is not just about the ACCC; this is about the over 120 non-profit organizations, the citizens of Meriden, and all the other individuals & businesses that benefit from the use of our beautiful facilities year round.

It takes considerable resources to maintain the interior of the building, to provide artistic & cultural programming, to provide a special place for a special event, and to support all of programs & groups. We are now seeking community support and assistance from people like you to do just that. Enclosed please find our annual appeal pledge form and return envelope. **This year you can also go onto our website www.curtisculturalcenter.org and donate by credit card or PayPal. Go to our homepage and click on the donate button. Please make a contribution at whatever level you can; no amount is too large or small. Help us make sure that all generations will have the opportunity to grow in culture and in artistry at the ACCC.**

Your support is greatly appreciated! Together, we'll assure that the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center remains an icon for arts and culture in our community for years to come! We have enclosed a list of all our upcoming events to date and check out our website to keep up on what is happening at the Augusta....

Culturally on the move,

Staci M. Roy
 Executive Director

David Murdy
 President

A special place for a special event.

Yes, I want to support the Arts & Cultural Center of Meriden.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to **Augusta Curtis Cultural Center** and return it with this form in the envelope provided. Be sure to indicate any necessary correctons to your name and address.

Augusta Curtis Cultrual Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of: \$ _____
 Your gift of any amount is appreciated!

Please send your check to:
 ACCC, P.O.Box 4173, Meriden, CT 06450
 or go to: **www.curtisculturalcenter.org and click on "donate".**