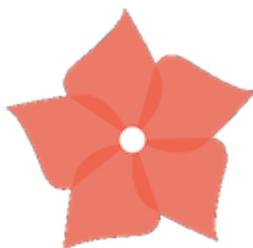


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Azalea Blossom

Welcome to the October 2019 Newsletter!

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Dear family and friends,

It has been a few months since you have heard from us so we wanted to keep me up to date with all of the exciting things that have been transpiring! Thanks for being a part of our journey as Azalea Blossom and the SAFE through the arts program continue to grow and evolve!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

We at Azalea Blossom know and understand the importance of bullying prevention awareness and how positively SAFE through the arts has affected young children's lives. You can make a major difference when you make a donation in honor of Bullying Prevention Month for the SAFE through the arts bullying prevention program. When you donate, you will be helping to empower the lives of undeserved children in urban public schools throughout New York State. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!

<http://www.azaleablossom.com/support/donate>

News from Safe through the Arts

We are excited to announce that we have made a few changes to the SAFE through the arts program that will make it an even stronger and more effective bullying prevention program! We are looking forward to bringing the program to public elementary schools within New York's Capital Region this fall and more schools in Brooklyn, NYC in the spring. Please be sure to visit

<http://www.azaleablossom.com/safe-arts/about-safe-through-the-arts> to learn more.

from his position as president of the Board of Directors. We are grateful for his year of service as well as his expertise. Last but not least, we would like to give a huge thank you to our treasurer and secretary Natalie Adorno who served on our Board of Directors for three years. Natalie first joined Azalea Blossom as an intern in 2008 so we know that she will keep connected with us!

Welcome

Azalea Blossom is so grateful for our new team members who have recently joined our team. We would first of all like to welcome Kelly as our new administrative assistant. Also, welcome back to Heather Gee, our former consultant who is now working as our Director of Development. In addition, Azalea Blossom would like to welcome Helen Shaw, Derrick Cain and Dexter Nurse to the Board of Directors. Please learn more about our incredible Azalea Blossom team <http://www.azaleablossom.com/about/team>

In Memory of Patrick Burke

Margaret and the Azalea Blossom team would like to honor our friend and faithful volunteer, Patrick Burke, who passed away on October 4th. Pat volunteered in a variety of capacities from 2007 through 2011. In addition to being the official roadie for the Bricks in the Wall band at SAFE through the arts concerts at public middle schools throughout Upstate New York, Pat also helped with a multitude of errands and also briefly served on the Board of Directors. Pat is a true friend who will be truly missed by many. To read the full tribute, visit: <http://www.azaleablossom.com/news-2/>

Purple Thursday, October 24th

In honor of Purple Thursday, please could you remember to wear something purple in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Azalea Blossom's Bricks in the Wall music video and project also brings awareness to the lesser known aspects of domestic violence. <http://www.azaleablossom.com/bricks-wall/bricks-in-the-wall-music->

Quote of the Month

"All else may fail, love never fails" (Meher Baba)

We wish you a beautiful and peaceful fall season! We appreciate your support and enthusiasm for our important work and look forward to connecting with you soon. With love, best wishes and gratitude, xo

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