

Spring 2024 “FUNraiser” Newsletter

Welcome to warm weather and budding, blossoming trees time of year! If you are not aware of Lil' Miss Story Hour's mission and background, we are a grass roots Colorado Springs, Colorado-based donation-run educational organization, providing literacy themed programming and entertainment for children. It was founded in 2019 by Vanessa Little, a long-time Colorado resident and educator with more than 30 years of experience teaching infant through college-aged individuals in the Colorado, Washington DC, Virginia, and Maryland areas. Lil' Miss Story Hour hosts family-friendly children's literacy and Arts focused community events. Their focus is to expose children to books written and illustrated by individuals from underrepresented communities; individuals with disabilities, military individuals, women, and individuals from LGBTQIA+ communities. Every day that this program lives on, we hope that elevating diverse books will encourage children from diverse backgrounds to grow up and carry the torch for the next generations.

Since its inception in 2019, Lil' Miss Story Hour has grown from 40-minute story sessions to two-hour programs, including special guests and artists; dancers, singers, musicians, yogis, healers, poets, authors, illustrators, visual artists, educators, entrepreneurs, motivational speakers, and more. We now host annual festivals every September; our Back to School Culture Fest. Because of support from local, out of state, and international supporters, we continue to gain recognition worldwide. Since our last FUNraiser, we have featured artists from Denver, Pueblo, and Fort Collins. We have collaborated in Colorado with Deerfield Hills Community Center, the Manitou Art Center, and Poetry 719 to host successful community events including the 5th Annual Black History Month Story Time and Black Voices Matter Open Mic and 3rd Annual Cultural Holiday Celebration, featuring Black Santa!

Events such as these and the many others would not have been possible without your support during the “FUN”raisers over the past few years. Lil' Miss Story Hour and the children of Colorado Springs and the world appreciate you for making it possible to keep this programming alive! Lil' Miss Story Hour is proud to note that our program has reached neatly 2500 children as we approach our 5-year anniversary in July 2024! (Psst! We are shooting for a total of 5000 by 2024's end)

Please take a moment to visit our website lilmissstoryhour.com, peruse our photo and video galleries of past events, check out upcoming events, or write a review!

Thank you so much for your sponsorship and support!

Sincerely,

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