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**Dear ACT Family,**

The Board of ACT hopes you are all finding support and peace as we all navigate through this challenging time and unknown future.

As the many changes to schedules, gathering restrictions, and teaching strategies shift daily, the staff and Board of ACT are focused on adapting to these new changes. With deliberate planning and strategic action, ACT will continue to provide youth arts education for the young people of the greater Tri-Cities area.

To our students and participants, thank you for adapting with us. The staff of ACT are updating their skillsets to be able to teaching virtually for each age group and each performance technique. Until it is safe and responsible to hold classes and rehearsals in person, ACT will work to provide these programs virtually.

To our volunteers and donors, thank you for supporting us. Your time, talent, and financial support has prepared ACT for this major shift to virtual learning. We value our relationships with our supporters and will persist with transparency as we make our way through this pandemic. Your continued help is critical to ACT's future.

The inability to gather will have a severe impact on both the participation and revenue of our classes and our performances. ACT is pursuing several sources of relief funding and operational grants. We are also brainstorming fresh fundraising ideas, and welcome suggestions as we build our new strategies.

We are inspired by the support we have receive from our dedicated community, and even amidst this struggle, we cannot help but feel fortunate. We look forward to the day when we will be able to sit together in the Windermere Children's Theater to watch an ACT performance. Until that day, please stay safe.

Sincerely,

The ACT Board of Directors

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