

## No Longer Just A Dream INSPIRING HOPE MINISTRIES HAS LIFTED OFF

We saw a dynamic growth in our vision and workshop team in the 2018/2019 year. All our participating artists loved expressing their talent and skill in our song, dance, and theater improvisation skills. We have been delighted to have excellent teachers to help us learn.

Wendy Rowe continues to bring enthusiasm and creativity as our Vocal/Movement Team Leader. Megwyn Sanders-Andrew joined us in the fall of 2018 as a volunteer theater teacher and is our Theater Team Leader in 2019 to help us create new avenues to support our performing artists in theater improvisation. In the spring of 2019 she moved into scene development with our young people. James Rowe, a professional actor, came to work alongside us and really encourages our artists

IHM creates accessible opportunities to pursue healing, learning, faith, and the creative arts, for adults with disabilities, their families and their extended communities; helping build meaningful lives.

### THE PLAN



**CREATE:** An Inspiring Hope Arts Studio supporting creative experiences that encourage a community of IHM artists and those who desire to explore the arts with them.



**LEARN:** Educational opportunities encouraging learning about and exploring the world around us as we build relationships together.



**HEAL:** Pursuing a whole life; body, soul and spirit. Providing opportunities for prayer, encouragement, restoration, rejoicing and pursuit of wellness and building of a faith community.



**GROW:** Developing opportunities for growth in life wholeness for individuals and families. Creating jobs for life work and contributing to our community through the Hope Bookstore.



**SHINE:** Displaying our creativity through dance, song, theater, improv and a gallery of visual arts to show what we are doing!

### INSPIRING HOPE & BEYOND

Proceeds of Inspiring Hope projects will go to bring awareness to and protect the vulnerabilities of people with disabilities in our community and encourage a life well lived.

We want to create a place of hope for all, especially for those with life's greatest challenges! Please join us as we promote life wholeness together—be a part of Inspiring Hope.



Inspiring Hope Workshop artists performed a song we learned at a reception for the *King and I* in March 2019 at Overture Center.

to stretch into new skills as he sings and acts alongside them.

This spring we were blessed with three community outreach volunteers, all teachers pursuing their master's degrees at the UW in occupational therapy. They added such depth with their skills, and really activated our young people to express themselves.

We have also had several young adult actor/dancers from the community join us. They helped mentor and support our artist participants.

Wow! We are so honored with all of these wonderful creators in our mix to help move us forward in our desire to offer expanded opportunities in the creative arts for adults with disabilities.

We learned this year that our *Gathering Table* with Bobbette Rose, our visual artist, is a key component of our workshops. The *Gathering Table* provides a place for us to hang out, talk with one another, and build relationships.

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## WHAT WE ARE ABOUT



### Celebrating Life

We offer opportunities to our artists to grow creatively, develop meaningful friendships and celebrate life. When students with disabilities age out of the educational system, they often lose opportunities to explore, grow, and thrive as creative human beings.



### Recognizing Gifts

We offer opportunities that help people thrive and contribute the fullness of who they are within the larger community, as people with disabilities are often not recognized for the gifts they bring.



### Providing Safe Space

Faith calls us to provide a safe space to create and explore life wholeness. We are committed to supporting efforts addressing human trafficking. People with disabilities are especially vulnerable to manipulation and abuse within the larger community.



### Supporting Families

We have a heart for families and recognize that those who have members with physical and intellectual disabilities often experience stress, special challenges, and even trauma. We provide resources and events to support and encourage families.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are currently holding workshops, meeting with families, and raising money to build out the full vision of Inspiring Hope Ministries. If you would like to learn more about what we are doing and how you can join hands and help, please visit our website and contact us. We would love to share more with you.

## OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED

[www.InspiringHopeMinistries.org](http://www.InspiringHopeMinistries.org)

Bobbette Rose, our Arts Director has been working hard these past months with the *Creative Company* to get our website developed and our social media up. Check out the website and learn more about Inspiring Hope Ministries and how you can be involved!

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We have found that theater improvisation not only provides lighthearted fun, but also helps build communication skills. We had parents report that our young adults grew in being able to communicate at home in their typical circumstances after participating in our workshops.

We have learned how important it is to have healthy food options for everyone during our three-hour workshop times—our young adults come from working all day and they need good nutrition. Our dinner times together support our relationship building as well.

We are looking forward to taking what we have learned from our pilot workshops and move it into broader programming. We are developing curriculum and have a plethora of ideas. We are so excited as we move ahead.

### 2018 REVENUE



### 2018 EXPENSES



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