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July 28, 2011

Mr. Chris Collins
Erie County Executive
Edward A. Rath Building
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear County Executive Collins:

At your request, Theatre of Youth Company, Inc. (TOY) is submitting a proposal for capital improvement funds being made available to arts organizations.

TOY is beginning its 40th year of service to the children of Erie County. We have been operating The Allendale Theatre, 203 Allen Street, Buffalo since 1999. The Allendale is in need of some important repairs and equipment updating at this time. Priority projects are:

HVAC SYSTEM

The original units were donated to the Allendale renovation project by the Carrier Corporation approximately 30 years ago. Maintenance and repair has been an ongoing cost for the theatre. It has been recommended by Danforth Heating Company that we need to replace the heat exchangers and blowers on two roof top units and service the other units with various new parts. The approximate cost is \$20,000.

THEATRE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Stage lighting needs to be updated in two ways: purchase of several special effect lighting instruments and the installation of downstage suspension rigging to create critical lighting positions. The cost for lighting improvements is approximately \$6,000.

This grant of \$26,000 would insure that repairs can be completed to the HVAC system before cold weather begins and the lighting equipment will be a strong asset for all productions.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Brunschmid
Managing Director