



Empowering Children With Special Needs Through Theatre

The Penguin Project provides children with special needs an opportunity to develop creative skills, partner and network with others, and participate in a fully realized musical production of *Annie Jr!*

Through an ongoing process of rehearsals, Artists will learn music, choreography, and blocking with the help of their Mentor, a peer their own age, who will be alongside them from rehearsals to the final production. The Penguin Project was created and developed by Dr. Andrew Morgan, a developmental pediatrician for neurodevelopmental disabilities who also loves theatre! Since discovering the benefits that children with down syndrome, autism, asperger's, and other neurological and developmental disorders gain from being in this type of program, he has helped replication sites begin all over the country! GCT is the FIRST in South Carolina and one of 17 projects in the country!

INTERESTED?

Find out more, whether you are a future Artist, Mentor, or Volunteer!

Attend one of our interest meetings at GCT, 110 Main St, Greenwood:

- Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 2, at 6:00 pm

Rehearsals will vary for each Artist and Mentor, but typically will be 75 minutes, two days a week from May through September. **

Performance dates for *Annie Jr.*: September 14 - 17, 2017

For more information about the project, visit www.penguinproject.org
For specific questions regarding GCT's Penguin Project, call GCT at 864-224-5704
or email Program Coordinator and Director Ansley Keenan at keenana@gwd50.org

Participation for Artists is absolutely free thanks to the funding provided by Greenwood County Community Foundation, the Self Family Foundation, & Self Regional Healthcare.

** (Final weeks of rehearsal will include up to 5 days/week for dress rehearsals. Participation is not contingent upon conflicts and availability during the rehearsal process. Availability will be considered when creating the full, detailed rehearsal schedule.)