

Dear Friends,

At Saltwater Performing Arts, our mission is to enrich our community through inspiring performances and meaningful arts education. We provide a creative, welcoming space where kids, teens, families, and audiences of all ages can learn, grow, and connect through the power of live theatre.

Since our founding in 2014, we have grown by leaps and bounds, beginning with 61 participants and now numbering over 350. Our troupes serve 12 elementary schools and 14 secondary schools covering four counties. In 2024 alone, we staged over 40 performances that demonstrated our commitment to building confidence, self-expression, and a lasting love for the arts, helping keep our local arts scene vibrant and alive.

After years of being nomads in this incredibly generous community, the leaders of Saltwater made the bold step in 2023 to renovate a space that was to become our home base of operation with the aim of increasing our effectiveness and efficiency. Then as now, we are so grateful to local churches and businesses which opened their doors to us for years, but we sought to become more self-sufficient.

Due to our affiliation with a professional who is no longer in business, we are now facing a financial burden that threatens to undercut all the good work Saltwater has been doing for over a decade. We must not only continue to pay rent but must also put back together the mess that was made under the direction of an unsavory contractor.

Our needs are immediate. By the end of May, we will need a minimum of \$20K to continue serving the community and its citizens. The financial burden will continue until the entire cost of reconstruction is complete, the repayment of which will stretch well into the future unless an influx of cash is received.

Would you join us in the monumental task of keeping Saltwater Performing Arts afloat through this crisis so that we can continue our mission? The link may be used to make a one-time donation or become a sustaining donor. We're staging a bright future—with more stories to tell, more students to inspire, and more lives to impact—but we need your support to get there.

With Warmest Regards,

Lashan Wolfe

**Executive Director**