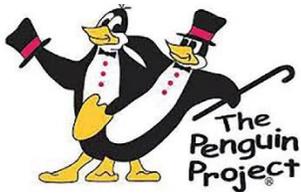




Once a year, a magical and touching celebration of the human spirit unfolds at numerous theaters across the country. A group of children in a program called **The Penguin Project** take to the stage to perform a modified version of a well-known Broadway musical. These productions are unique, however, because all the roles are filled by young artists with developmental and physical disabilities. They are joined on stage by a dedicated group of "peer mentors" – youth without disabilities who have volunteered to work side-by-side with them through the rehearsals and through the final performance. *The Penguin Project* demonstrates that the special challenges of a disability should not handicap a child's ability to participate in life's experiences.



Sun Prairie Civic Theatre has had a Penguin Project program for 4 years. The program provides a supportive environment for children with disabilities to explore their creative talents. It has also demonstrated that participation in the performing arts has therapeutic value by enhancing social interaction, communication skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. The impact of the program has reached beyond the stage to create a social network for children.

Sun Prairie United Methodist Church has provided space for this group to have rehearsals since their beginning. We are hoping that we can provide more than just space and show our support for this wonderful program!

**Here are ways that we can show our support. Please indicate any ways that you might be willing to help with!**

\_\_\_ someone who sews to help with costuming

\_\_\_ someone to send cards or words of encouragement to the kids

someone to help \_\_\_\_\_ build the sets or \_\_\_\_\_ paint sets

we need 100 individually packaged snacks (pretzels, popcorn, etc.)

I can provide \_\_\_ (Qty) snacks

\_\_\_ I would be interested in providing homemade treats for one of the parent support meetings.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_