

# PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

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## URBAN ARTS ENSEMBLE IN ACTION

and beyond Hampton Roads, and have consistently earned praise in the National Panorama Steel Pan competition, held in Virginia Beach.

**THE PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION's** mission is to highlight past accomplishments within Portsmouth's schools as it creates opportunities for future successes. It has developed several means of doing so: The "**Pencils to PCs**" program offers tax deductions to businesses and individuals who donate goods ranging from paper products to computers to office furniture for use in schools and classrooms. The **Innovator Grants** program encourages "best practices" by funding innovative classroom programs and rewarding the teachers who devise them. PSF has participated in the **ACCESS** program since 1990, providing both scholarships and counseling to aspiring college students. The **Portsmouth Reads** program addresses both child and adult literacy as its volunteers work with the city's schools, library and agencies as well as day care providers and **Maryview Hospital's** birthing center.

IN ADDITION to its annual fund-raising auction the PSF hosts an Alumnus Dinner to recognize and honor individuals for particular devotion to Portsmouth's schools. This year's alumnus dinner was held in honor of **Eva Teig Hardy**.

**THE PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION** was created in 2003 to support worthwhile projects within the city of Portsmouth. Created with seed money from the **Portsmouth Partnership**, and with an advisory board of **Lefcoe Leadership Alumni**, it has provided support for the **Portsmouth Museums' Winter Wonderland** exhibit and **Children's Museum** expansion, the **Elizabeth River Project**, **TodiMusicFest**, the **Bon Secours Maryview Foundation**, **Starbase Atlantis** and more. The PPF has recently announced scholarship funding for Portsmouth Public School students who wish to enroll in **TCC's Technical and Career Program** at its soon-to-open Portsmouth campus.

## PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS

**THE PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION** wrapped up FY 2007 by announcing two additional grants, made to the **Portsmouth Urban Arts Center** and to the **Portsmouth Schools Foundation**.

**THE URBAN ARTS CENTER**, a division of Portsmouth's **Center for Community Development, Inc.**, offers a community-based music, dance and theater performance program for both children and adults. Formed in 1990, the CCDI's mission is "to be a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization through affordable housing and community involvement."

Members of the Urban Arts Ensemble have performed for audiences both in



Partnership President Joe Donnelly with Eva Teig Hardy (top) and former Gov. Mark Warner (bottom)

## PARTNERSHIP CREATES PUBLIC RELATIONS POST

THIS SUMMER'S extensive Strategic Planning Process highlighted a need for the **Portsmouth Partnership** to more consistently nurture its relationships with organizations both inside and outside the city of Portsmouth. In addition to more effectively "connecting the dots" between the organizations served by the Partnership's **Lefcoe Leadership Foundation** and **Portsmouth Partnership Foundation**, there are growing opportunities to work with other regional organizations such as the **Greater Norfolk Corporation**, **Virginia Beach Visions**, the **Chesapeake Alliance**, **Suffolk Tomorrow** and the **Hampton Roads Partnership**. Former car dealer **Don Comer** will coordinate these efforts.



PR Director Don Comer



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