

**The following organizations have been awarded Gilbert Spirit Funds for 2017 as approved by the Board of Trustees:**

- 1) Borinquen Dance Theatre: \$1,500 for recruitment of students to their expanded dance program for underserved youth.
- 2) Children's Film Festival Rochester AEYC: \$1,000 to provide free film screenings of international children's shorts at ten Rochester Public Library branches, RCSD # 8, Steppingstones Learning Center, and the Cinema Theatre. Funding will also support 292 Baby, and creation of an animated film by children at RCSD #8.
- 3) M.K. Ghandi Institute for Nonviolence: \$1,500 to support mini-grants for youth to address the "ripple of effect of divisiveness in our own community" through mentorship to youth ages 12-24 years to become innovators on projects "that promote community healing through the arts, outreach, and education".
- 4) Greentopia: \$1,410 to offer "FREE performances, exhibitions, family days, and educational instruction" promoting "ecological design, stewardship, and community advocacy" in the High Falls neighborhood.
- 5) Interfaith Impact of NYS Foundation: \$1,000 to support up to five people's participation in Advocacy Day in Albany.
- 6) Make-A-Wish Metro & Western NY: \$1,000 to support the fulfillment of the wishes of children aged 2 ½ to 18 years of age who have been diagnosed with life-threatening conditions.
- 7) Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society (Roc/ACTS): \$2,000 to support leadership development training of citizens for engagement in the public arena.
- 8) Worldwide Documentaries: \$1,000 to support the production of "Heart of the Matter", a video that builds awareness of the global refugee crisis. The video will be promoted by CNN's Freedom Project and will be available to the public in conjunction with the March 14 "My Freedom Day" refugee awareness campaign planned for schools.

Members of the 2017 Gilbert Spirit Fund Awards Panel are: David Day, Suzie Farrell, Kyrill Gill, Christine Gordon, John Steepy, and Jane Tuttle.