



E-Newsletter, August 2011

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



PARTNERING FOR EMPOWERMENT; PROJECT HELP'S EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY

On Saturday, Aug. 6th, *A Spacious Place* will provide creativity centers at AISD Project Help's Empowerment Academy. Project Help provides educational support to children in transitional living situations. Children will explore their creativity through music, puzzle making, engraving, hat making, play dough, and more. Thanks to our volunteers: DeeAnn Slivensky, Caitlin McGuire, Claire Reutter, Bethany McKee, Arielle McKee, David McKee, and Kaye McKee.



Watson, Do We Detect Interest?

***Mystery!* Creativity Camp**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, Aug. 6th. Campers will create and enact their own mysteries while exploring lives of literary sleuths Sherlock Holmes, Nate the Great, Hercule Poirot, Encyclopedia Brown, Turtle Wexler, and Harriet the Spy.

Creativity Offerings: drama, music writing/making, set and costume design, play writing, graphic art, and more!

Dates: Aug. 8—12

Campers: Grades 1—8 (grade completed)

Cost: \$150 for the first child in a family and \$140 for remaining campers (\$10 less on all costs for *A Spacious Place* members.)

Counselors: Mike Lawrence, Arielle McKee, Bethany McKee, David McKee, Kaye McKee

Register: Online at www.aspaciousplace.com or by phone at 512-807-6863 (\$50 registration fee required unless on scholarship)



Like *A Spacious Place* on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Spacious-Place-Inc/163401337060787n>) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



September Young Writers Club: Digging In!

When?	Sept. 10	1:00 – 3:30 pm
Where?	McKee Home (7105 Gentle Oak Dr., Austin, TX 78749)	
Who?	3 rd – 8 th graders with BIG imaginations	
What?	Cost for the year is \$45 (\$40 for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members) Club members: Come dressed as a writer you love!	
Writer of the Month Hint:	This writer's work is dry and full of holes.	

Register now for a new year of the Young Writers Club at www.aspaciousplace.com.



Gifted2Give! Nov. 6 & 13

Go green this holiday while supporting the persons *A Spacious Place* serves! Mark your calendars for Nov. 6 and/or 13 and come to "Gifted2Give:" a fundraiser in which artisans guide us in making holiday gifts (jewelry, "voice engraved" cards, painted glass and ornaments, etc.) from recycled or simple materials. The event takes place at our partner, the Mary Lee Foundation Southpointe location, 1339 Lamar Square Drive. Come and go or come and stay from 2 till 5 pm each day.

Also at "Gifted2Give": theme basket silent auction and live music.

WANT TO HELP? To donate basket items, serve as a gift-making artisan, host, do PR (flyers available), or provide live music, email kaye@aspaciousplace.com.

Submit to our next **Renderings Online Journal, Vol 2:**

"Changes" through Oct 1. To reserve a free downloadable or electronic copy of our current journal: email journal@aspaciousplace.com.



August Soul & Solace: Experience Over Expertise

A Spacious Place is founded on what we call our six "Playground Principles." We'll employ the next six "Soul & Solace" columns to give an overview of each principle.

1. **Experience Over Expertise:** *A Spacious Place* employs attentiveness and encouragement while avoiding "dangerous praise." Dangerous Praise robs the participant of power while placing too much power in the hands of the guide. Dangerous praise includes flattery, condescension, and shaming. *A Spacious Place* also avoids comparisons, which can create disharmony and can discourage participants from taking creative risks. Last, *A Spacious Place* focuses on the person and on the creative process, rather than on the finished product. While we hope participants will create art that delights them, our primary focus is on the person doing the creating. Why? Because we believe each person is creative and because we believe the act of creating can both empower and transform.

Are you willing to take a creative risks? Would you like to challenge others in their creative process? Then you are our kind of people and we'd love to hear from you! Share your creative thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog (www.aspaciousplace.com).

Want more indepth insight into these principles? Sign up for our online course by emailing kaye@aspaciousplace.com.



Becoming an *A Spacious Place* Member

Apply for a membership that includes

- 1) access to the *A Spacious Place* calendar for posting upcoming creativity/spirituality events (see calendar below);
- 2) discounts on *A Spacious Place* offerings, such as courses and camps; and
- 3) a venue for artists to share their work (such as musical offerings or poetry slams).

Because *A Spacious Place* believes the contribution of one's creative gifts and/or time equals the contribution of money, the board has designated the following ways in which one may become an *A Spacious Place* member.

	One Year Membership	Two Year Membership	Three Year Membership
Individual	\$40 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$75 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$100 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 1 Group (1-5 individuals)	\$35 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$65 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$90 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 2 Group (6-10 individuals)	\$30 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$55 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$80 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 3 Group (11+ individuals)	\$25 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$45 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$70 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services

Interested in an "in kind" membership? Check in with David McKee at david@aspaciousplace.com.



Upcoming *Spacious* Events

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Empowerment Academy

Mystery! Creativity Camp

Young Writers Club

Gifted2Give

Aug. 26

August 6

August 8—12 (9 am— 4 pm)

Sept. 10 1—3:30 pm

Nov. 6 & 13 (2—5 pm)

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

Alternative Learning Center

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Want to Support *A Spacious Place* Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Volunteer at Gifted2Give
- * Donate shelving for our awesome supplies!
- * Donate items for theme baskets
- * Donate guitars
- * Donate a van or bus in good condition
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate art supplies of any kind
- * Purchase items from our Zazzle! account or our Amazon *A Spacious Place* store
- * Donate funds toward any *A Spacious Place* offering
- * Donate a Mac computer
- * Donate a video data projector
- * Donate a color laser printer



Our *Mission and Vision*

Mission: To develop and implement educational and therapeutic programs related to the enhancement of spiritual growth and expression effectively and creatively in all media, including writing, graphic arts, music, theater and daily life for people of all ages, and ethnicities and traditions, with a primary focus in the Central Texas area.

Vision: To provide, for the central Texas area, true sanctuary—

- * in which persons may, through creativity and education, explore and express their spirituality;
- * for persons of all ages, ethnicities, and traditions



Our *Spacious* Team

Dr. Kaye P. McKee, Executive Director
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Lanna Johnson, Board Member
Mike Lawrence, Attorney, Board Member

Arielle McKee, Board Secretary
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