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THE HAVERHILL YMCA RECEIVES GRANT FROM HAVERHILL CULTURAL COUNCIL TO SUPPORT ITS “THEATER FOR ALL” PROGRAM

Funds will help expand blossoming theater initiative

HAVERHILL, MA – The Haverhill YMCA is thrilled to be the recipient of a \$1000.00 grant from the **Haverhill Cultural Council**, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

This grant will support the upcoming auditions and performances of **The Lion King Jr.** for performers ages 6-18. Regional Executive Director of the Haverhill and Plaistow YMCAs Tracy Fuller said, “We are so grateful to Chair **Letriah Masters** for this grant and are pleased that the Haverhill Cultural Council joins us in supporting the growth of our program. Our YMCA’s Creative Arts Program strives to reach more children who wish to participate by providing auditions and performances right in Haverhill’s City Hall.” **The Lion King Jr auditions are February 17 and 18 and the performances are at Haverhill City Hall on April 28 and 29.**

The Haverhill Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program which is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. Each year statewide, local councils award more than \$2 million in grants to more than 5,000 cultural programs statewide. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen.

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About the YMCA

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