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Open Circle Letter & Email Writing Bridge Campaign

First Person

[Your Name]

[Your Title or Connection to Open Circle]

[Your Address or Organization]

[City, State ZIP Code]

[Date]

Dear [Recipient Name],

I'm writing to you as a proud supporter of **Open Circle Theatre**, a professional theatre dedicated to promoting careers in the arts for people with disabilities and creating accessible, inclusive performing-arts experiences. Our work amplifies disability culture, nurtures artistic talent across abilities, and breaks down barriers in live theatre **and communities**.

This year, we are especially excited about our **VitaNova Project** (formerly *The Grieving Project*), a near-future interactive, disability-centered multimedia musical that unfolds as a **simultaneous live-in-the-theatre and online performance**. Through innovative hybrid staging, remote audiences join a virtual space called "The Meadow," mingle in a digital lobby, **choose how they view the performance**, and share a **comparable, communal viewing experience** with in-person attendees—making theatre truly accessible to those who cannot attend live performances due to disabilities, health risks, or other circumstances. The project is supported by **The Doris Duke Foundation**.

Meanwhile, our **Open Doors Festival**—a vibrant, free celebration of disability culture—**returned last fall** and is planned to be presented again in **2026**. Curated by people with disabilities, it brings together performances, art installations, panels, and an arts market. It is presented in partnership with **Story Tapestries, Extreme Length Productions, Georgetown Disability Cultural Center**, and **Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company**, with support from the **DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities**.

Our **Open Circle Hive** is an ongoing, artist-only community hub **exclusively for disabled and d/Deaf artists**, fostering peer support, professional networking, and creative community-building. From **weekly Safe Space Drop-in Meetings** to a **Dungeons & Dragons game** that organically emerged from Hive gatherings, the Hive provides a unique space where disability-identified artists connect, collaborate, and thrive.

Right now, we are at a turning point. This fundraiser is more than keeping the lights on — it's our bridge from a proud history to a future that is **bigger, staffed, and ready to take on new projects at a new level**. Your support will help us strengthen our foundation so we can grow our team, expand programming, and create even more opportunities for artists with disabilities while maintaining the excellence and accessibility that define us.

A gift toward **operational costs** today — which includes **increasing staff capacity, covering legal fees, strengthening bookkeeping and accounting systems, and supporting Board development** — ensures:

- Our ability to maintain accessible infrastructure and platforms
- Continued artistic opportunities and professional development for disabled artists
- Safe, welcoming, disability-forward community spaces
- The capacity to dream bigger and take on new, ambitious projects

We'd be grateful if you would consider a tax-deductible donation of **[suggested amount]**, or any amount meaningful to you. Every contribution makes a difference and helps carry us forward into that next chapter.

You can donate today

- [at this link](#)
- or mail a check made out to Open Circle Theatre
500 King Farm Blvd., Unit 102
Rockville, MD 20850

Thank you for standing with Open Circle Theatre. Your support sustains art that embodies disability justice, expands access, and builds the future our community deserves.

With gratitude,

[Your Name]

[Your Title/Role]

Open Circle Theatre

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Subject: Help Us Build the Next Chapter of Open Circle

Dear [Recipient Name],

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We also run the **Open Circle Hive**, a creative hub **exclusively for disabled and d/Deaf artists**, offering Safe Space Drop-in Meetings and even a Dungeons & Dragons game that grew from those gatherings.

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Together, we'll make sure our circle grows stronger than ever.

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Dear [Recipient Name],

Open Circle Theatre is dedicated to accessible, inclusive performance and advancing opportunities for people with disabilities. Their **VitaNova Project** — a live and online theatre experience supported by **The Doris Duke Foundation** — brings performance to audiences who cannot attend in person.

Their **Open Doors Festival**, in partnership with Story Tapestries, Extreme Length Productions, Georgetown Disability Cultural Center, and Woolly Mammoth Theatre, celebrates disability culture. The **Open Circle Hive, exclusively for disabled and d/Deaf artists**, offers Safe Space Drop-in Meetings and even a Dungeons & Dragons game born from those gatherings.

This fundraiser is the bridge from their strong past to a **bigger, staffed, and more capable future** — one ready for new projects and an expanded impact. Your gift toward **operational costs** will help them take that next step.

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Sincerely,

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