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**Kids Who Care Production of “West Side Story” to Include Actors from Kids Who Care, Teatro de la Rosa and Jubilee Theatre**

FORT WORTH, TX – June 11, 2008 – Kids Who Care, a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth’s Cultural District, announced today that its upcoming June 20-22 production of *West Side Story* will include actors from Kids Who Care, Teatro de la Rosa and Jubilee Theatre.

“This collaboration is an extension of a conversation last year between Kids Who Care, Jubilee and Teatro de la Rosa,” said Deborah Jung, founding and executive director of Kids Who Care.

*West Side Story* updates Shakespeare's tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet*, moving it to the streets of New York City in the 1950s to tell a tale of lives and dreams wasted by violence and senseless ethnic prejudice.

“A half-century after its Broadway debut, the music, choreography and message of *West Side Story* remains just as relevant today, in Fort Worth, Texas,” said Jung.

The collaborative youth and adult cast began rehearsals Monday and will put the show on its feet in only eleven days. During that time, they will also learn about the culture of New York City in the 1950s and will be given a taste of what it’s like to live in “territories.”

“Parts of the building have been divided into Jet and Shark territories, complete with graffiti the kids and teens have created on large pieces of paper along the walls,” said Jung. “It’s all acting, and we drop territories during lunch and group warm-ups, but we think it’s important to provide this kind of character development in preparation for their roles on stage.”

*West Side Story*, presented by Kids Who Care Musical Theatre, will run June 20-22 at The Scott Theatre, 1300 Gendy St. in Fort Worth. Performance times are June 20 at 7:30 p.m., June 21 at 2 p.m., June 21 at 7:30 p.m. and June 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 - \$16, with special pricing of \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the Saturday, June 21 evening show are \$15-\$18, and include

admission to the cast party after the show. For more information, please call 817.737.5437 or go to [www.kidswhocare.org](http://www.kidswhocare.org)

### **About Kids Who Care**

Kids Who Care is a non-profit international musical theatre company based in Fort Worth, Texas that seeks to produce confident, caring and creative kids through leadership training, musical theatre education and performance. The organization began in 1987 under the direction of Deborah Jung, moved to The Scott Theatre in Fort Worth's Cultural District in the summer of 1989 and has evolved into the non-profit Kids Who Care corporation it is today. Kids Who Care offers professional musical theatre classes, summer musical theatre camps, international cultural exchanges, a touring Resident Company, public performances and more. The Kids Who Care Resident Company has performed Off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre, at both Disney's, at The Kennedy Center, at 30,000 feet for the Make A Wish Foundation and at many other locations across the U.S. and overseas. The core values of the organization include: excellence in artistic development, artistic integrity of kids, leadership roles for kids, financial and cultural diversity and ensemble production. For more information, please visit [www.kidswhocare.org](http://www.kidswhocare.org).

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