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MoCo Arts Awards 2019 Arts for Life Scholarship

KEENE, NH -- MoCo Arts is pleased to name Niko McPherson as the recipient of the 2019 Arts for Life Scholarship – a scholarship fund established to honor long-time MoCo Arts board member, Maich Gardner. Niko has been part of the MoCo family for several years, and currently participates in both the dance and the theatre programs. The scholarship will help cover the cost of his tuition for classes at MoCo during the 2019/2020 school year.

"MoCo is a safe haven from the rest of the world, a place where I can truly be myself and express myself through the arts," said Niko McPherson, now a senior at Keene High School. "It was at MoCo that I was able to discover my passion for live theater and dance, a passion that I hope to continue into the future. This scholarship allows me to pursue this at a time where it might not have been so easy, and I am extremely grateful to Maich, Ed, Reagan [Messer], Marty [Hennum], and Danielle [Fitzpatrick] for making this possible."

Established in 2014 by Ed Tomey and supported by donations from the Hoffman Family Foundation, the Gardner-Grinnell Charitable Fund, and more than 45 individual donors, the fund honors Maich Gardner, whose kind, generous, thoughtful voice has provided wisdom and guidance to MoCo for many years. Her enthusiastic support of the children, the process, and the arts educators brings joy to all. Maich believes passionately in MoCo's mission of 'transforming lives through movement and creative expression.' The Arts for Life Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students who are also passionate about the arts, and otherwise would be unable to benefit from all the creative opportunities available through MoCo Arts programming.

To learn more about MoCo Arts and how you can help support their mission, visit them online at www.moco.org.

MoCo Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, multi-arts educational organization located in downtown Keene offering dance and theatre classes and multi-arts vacation and summer camps for children ages 18 months to 18+ years. As part of the educational process, MoCo Arts provides professional quality performance experience for students and family-friendly performances for audiences of all ages throughout the year. MoCo welcomes all students, beginners through advanced, and tuition assistance is available. MoCo Arts is sponsored in part by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information please visit MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431 or www.moco.org

Photo caption: L to R: Maich Gardner, Niko McPherson and Ed Tomey pose with the Arts for Life Scholarship certificate. Photo by Colleen Manzi.

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