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The Actors Fund,
for everyone
in entertainment.

Helping all performing arts
and entertainment professionals in
times of need, crisis or transition



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OUR MISSION

Founded in 1882, The Actors Fund is a nationwide human services organization that helps all professionals in performing arts and entertainment. The Fund is a safety net, providing programs and services for those who are in need, crisis or transition.

Whether you need emergency financial assistance, affordable housing, health care, supplemental employment or counseling, The Actors Fund meets your needs with a unique understanding of the challenges involved in a life in the arts.



Our services and programs help you maintain and pursue your career while obtaining the support you need, knowing that you are part of a caring community.

How We Help

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Actors Fund provides confidential programs that address a wide array of challenges faced by people in performing arts and entertainment. With respect and understanding, our professional social workers offer counseling and support groups, education, financial assistance and practical help—completely free of charge. Programs include:

ENTERTAINMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

EAP functions as an entryway and guide through The Fund's many programs when you're facing personal or work-related problems. It is also a conduit for emergency financial assistance in times of pressing need or in response to catastrophic events.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

People in our professions are known for their resiliency and survival skills, but sometimes age or disability requires us to reach out for assistance. Our services for seniors and the disabled help you maintain your independence while making sure you have access to all programs – federal, state, local and not-for-profit – that can enhance the quality of your life.

MENTAL HEALTH

When emotional difficulties such as depression, anxiety or anger interfere with your well-being, relationships and career, we provide clinical assessments and referrals to experienced, affordable psychotherapists and treatment programs.



CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

Helps you and your loved ones identify drug and alcohol abuse or addiction, get treatment, stay sober and abstinent and live a healthy, productive, satisfying life. We offer support throughout the recovery process and can work with unions and employers to prevent job loss.

HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE

While new medical treatments are giving hope for an end to the epidemic, HIV continues to create significant emotional, medical and financial needs among those infected and affected. Our social workers are here to help you navigate all that, whether you're facing a new diagnosis, are disabled from AIDS, or recovering and trying to get back to work.



FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Our financial wellness program promotes healthy financial self-care for those addressing the role of money in their lives. We identify strategies for solvent living, reducing or eliminating debt, and helping build a more stable financial future.

PHYLLIS NEWMAN WOMEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

A breast cancer survivor, Phyllis helped us establish this program so women in our community know there is a safety net and a place to turn when they are faced with critical health concerns. We help you navigate healthcare systems and provide assistance so you can focus on getting well.



Phyllis Newman (in red at center) hosts an annual event for the benefit of the Initiative

THE DANCERS' RESOURCE

Award-winning dancer/actress Bebe Neuwirth



understands the stresses that come with not being able to dance – even more so after her own hip replacements. Together we created this program to be a support system for dancers with injuries. We are helping dancers through peer activities, access to quality medical care, individual counseling and more.

HOWL EMERGENCY LIFE PROJECT

The Howl Project provides emergency assistance to performing artists from the NYC East Village Community whose work challenges the traditional boundaries of dance, theatre, music, multimedia and the spoken word. This program is especially focused toward participants in the annual Howl Festival.

AMERICAN COMEDY FUND

Comedians face unique challenges to succeed and survive — one night gigs, extensive travel, work that is often not protected by a union, no health insurance. The American Comedy Fund is dedicated to supporting comedians across the country by providing much-needed emergency assistance and support services.

CONRAD CANTZEN SHOE FUND

In 1945, actor Conrad Cantzen bequeathed his estate to help actors purchase shoes so they did not appear “*down at the heels*” when auditioning. We offer partial reimbursement for the purchase of a new pair of shoes annually.



FUNERALS AND BURIALS

Burying our colleagues with dignity was a founding service of The Actors Fund in 1882. We continue to provide a gravesite and headstone as well as assistance with the cost of cremations and burials to those in need.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Actors Fund understands the ever-shifting landscape of health care and health insurance and how it uniquely affects those in performing arts and entertainment. We have become a nationally recognized leader on these issues and provide programs that focus on practical solutions.

HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCE CENTER

(HIRC) is the place to go for all of your health insurance questions. Among the earliest and most comprehensive websites for health insurance information, the Center's website – www.ahirc.org – leads visitors quickly and reliably to information on health insurance and affordable health care on a state-by-state basis.

We also offer individual counseling and regularly scheduled workshops in New York and Los Angeles as well as a national call-in service.

And our staff can come to you...we offer workshops in cities across the country and have developed easy-to-read guides to local health care for 16 urban areas where there's a high concentration of arts professionals.

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www.ahirc.org

AL HIRSCHFELD FREE HEALTH CLINIC

The only full-time free health clinic in New York City, the Clinic provides primary care and specialty referrals for those who are under- and un-insured. We also offer health screenings, flu shots, mammograms, wellness education, participation in health fairs and insurance counseling.

The Clinic is staffed with a full-time medical director in cooperation with Columbia Medical School and utilizes volunteer physicians who donate their time and skills. Some volunteer physicians work in the clinic; others see our patients in their private offices. All lab work is donated by Bio-Reference Labs.



THE STAGE MANAGERS' NATIONAL HEALTH DIRECTORY

The Directory is an online resource on The Actors Fund website developed in partnership with the Broadway stage management community. It includes referrals to health care providers who have expertise in treating performing artists and covers a wide variety of specialties.

THE PERFORMING ARTISTS' CLINIC

This clinic in Los Angeles provides free medical care to those in need. In collaboration with MusiCares and the Venice Family Clinic, it is currently open two evenings per month.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Work in performing arts and entertainment is episodic and frequently doesn't pay the bills. The Actors Fund Work Program (AWP) is the only one of its kind in helping you identify and find fulfilling secondary work that complements your performing arts or entertainment career. For some, the program also helps plan for a career transition. Services include:

CAREER COUNSELING

As a performing arts or entertainment professional, you have skills and experience that are valued in other industries. Our career counselors will help you identify those transferable skills. Activities focus on career options, informational seminars, networking and resume writing.



JOB TRAINING

The Fund's training programs are designed to give you a competitive edge in such fields as office administration, arts-in-education and teaching English to speakers of other languages.

JOB DEVELOPMENT

Our job developers work closely with employers in New York and Los Angeles to design job opportunities that recognize your abilities and interests. Job search and interview workshops are offered weekly along with a job bulletin. Our staff will work with you on creating successful job submissions.

YOUNG PERFORMERS

LOOKING AHEAD

Professional young performers face unique challenges – managing work and school, coping with unusual levels of rejection and attention, spending long periods of time away from peers and family and much more.

In 2003, The Actors Fund partnered with SAG and AFTRA to create Looking Ahead as a way of helping professional young performers thrive amid these challenges, take time to just be kids and make a successful transition to adulthood – both in and out of the business.



Based in Los Angeles and focusing on youth ages 9 to 18, Looking Ahead plans social events, offers educational and emotional counseling, takes community service field trips and builds leadership skills.

For more information or to sign up for the program, visit www.lookingaheadprogram.org.

UNCLAIMED COOGAN FUNDS

Coogan Funds were set up to protect a portion of professional childrens' earnings. The State of California has named The Actors Fund as trustee of all unclaimed Coogan Funds. The funds are protected until they are claimed by the proper beneficiary. For additional information, please visit www.unclaimedcoogan.org.

HOUSING

Many people in performing arts and entertainment don't earn enough for safe, affordable housing in proximity to their workplace. The Actors Fund is committed to expanding housing opportunities for our community – with a particular focus on affordable and senior housing.



THE LILLIAN BOOTH ACTORS HOME

(Englewood, New Jersey)

This acclaimed senior care facility provides assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation for 124 residents. We pride ourselves on offering the highest quality care in a beautiful setting where people can maintain the bonds and interests of their unique professional lives.



THE DOROTHY ROSS FRIEDMAN RESIDENCE

(Formerly *The Aurora*,
New York, New York)

Our 30-story high rise in midtown Manhattan provides 178 units of shared, supportive housing and features a wide variety of activities for the residents. Modern units at affordable prices are offered to low income working professionals, seniors and persons with AIDS.



THE PALM VIEW

(West Hollywood,
California)

This development is in partnership with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation and includes 40 low-cost garden apartments for people living with AIDS. Services are provided



through The Fund's HIV/AIDS Initiative and other local supportive service organizations.

THE SCHERMERHORN

(Brooklyn, New York)

Opened in 2009 in collaboration with Common Ground Community, this 216 unit, "green" facility features affordable, supportive housing for single adults and a multipurpose community room/performance space for resident activities and local arts organizations, creating a new cultural hub for the area.



ONLINE SUPPORT

THE ACTORS FUND WEBSITE

www.actorsfund.org – The Actors Fund website provides information about our programs and upcoming workshops and activities as well as details about our history, events you might want to attend and opportunities to support our programs and our cause.



Extensive **Links** and **Resources**

provide access to essential information from around the country for those seeking support or assistance, with searchable topics including arts-in-education, disaster relief, legal services, public benefits, parental support, financial assistance and much, much more.

The Fund's website is also a portal to our specialized websites:

HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCE CENTER

www.ahirc.org

LOOKING AHEAD

www.lookingaheadprogram.org

THE HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER provides regularly updated information on finding affordable housing, roommate opportunities, tenants' rights and housing court. The Housing Resource Center also sponsors the Housing Bulletin Board, where entertainment professionals can post housing availabilities and search for places to live. The Center can be accessed through www.actorsfund.org.

ACTORS FUND ONLINE GROUPS

facebook

The Fund hosts our fans on **Facebook** and **Twitter** as well as specialized groups for two of our programs –

twitter

The Dancers' Resource (*open*) and Looking Ahead (*by invitation only*).

These pages are regularly updated and news items and other information are sent to members.

Be A Part Of THE ACTORS FUND FAMILY

The Actors Fund helps more than 12,000 people nationwide each year in times of need, crisis or transition, and approximately 86 cents of every dollar raised is spent directly on our programs and services for all of our colleagues in entertainment.

There are many ways to become part of The Actors Fund, and our essential programs are supported through the generous donations of thousands of individuals through our membership, *In the Spotlight*, and other giving programs; grants from foundations, corporations, government agencies, guilds and unions; patrons and donors at our many Special Events and Special Performances; and the tremendous leadership support of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

To help The Fund do our work, please visit our website at www.actorsfund.org, email info@actorsfund.org, or call one of the numbers in this brochure.

Thank you for your support!



Brian Stokes Mitchell
Chairman



Joe Benincasa
President and CEO

The Actors Fund IS HERE TO HELP YOU

If you work in performing arts and entertainment – in any capacity – The Actors Fund is here to help. When you contact The Fund you'll reach someone who can provide a referral or information on participating in our programs.

New York Region	212.221.7300
The Actors Fund Work Program (AWP)	212.354.5480
The Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic	212.489.1939

To reach our residences	
The Lillian Booth Actors Home	201.871.8882
The Dorothy Ross Friedman Residence	212.246.2424
The Schermerhorn	718.640.1800

Los Angeles Region	323.933.9244
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For The Actors Fund Work Program (AWP) and for information on the Performing Artists' Clinic and the Palm View Residence, please call our Los Angeles Office.

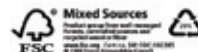
Chicago Region	312.372.0989
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Nationwide	800.221.7303
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Night and weekend emergencies	212.621.7780
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Visit www.actorsfund.org for more information.

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