

Drawbridge: An Arts Program for Homeless Children

(San Rafael, CA)

Regional and National Impact Program

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

To support a *Regional and National Impact Program*, to document, refine and replicate a model approach for providing art and mentoring experiences for homeless children. Drawbridge held its first week-long training seminar in 2000 in response to hundreds of requests from agencies and individuals. As a result of the training there are now programs for homeless youth in Houston and Tucson that are based on the Drawbridge model. Over the course of the next two years, Drawbridge will take a proactive role in the development of programs in two additional cities. There is strong interest from stakeholders in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Drawbridge recently hired a managing director so that the Executive Director and founder can dedicate more time to replication efforts. Drawbridge will develop a long-term strategic plan for the Regional and National Impact Program, promote the program at regional and national conferences, host a training program; engage in planning for the New York and Chicago model programs; develop a business plan for the merchandise program; and develop slides, video and written materials for conferences and workshops.

Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*