

Team of Stars Staff Profiles



ROBYN HOLSTEIN-GLASS, Executive Director of Project Change. Robyn has served as ED of Project Change since 2006. Her graduate studies were in Educational Psychology and she taught children with special needs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She is the adult advisor for Project Change's You Have The Power! Bullying Prevention Peer Education Project, and served on the MCPS Bullying Policy Workgroup, which drafted the *Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Policy* that was unanimously approved by the MCPS Board of Education in March 2010.



NANCY BLUM, M.P.H., M.A., Project Change Deputy Executive Director/Program Director, Team of Stars. Nancy is an international health specialist and has spent over twenty years combating infectious diseases in Africa, Asia and Latin America while working with the U.S. Pharmacopeia, CARE, and other organizations. She lived in Bangladesh for three years while working on poverty reduction and disaster preparedness. She has a master's degree in theatre performance and directs and acts in theatre productions in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.



STEVEN BARKER, Technical Director: Program Director: Steven Barker has been a theatre-maker and educator for the last 18 years. He holds an MFA in Theatre for Youth from Arizona State University (ASU) and a BFA in Theatre Education and a BS in Chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Mr. Barker recently made the move to higher education as a professor of design and technical theatre at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Mr. Barker has been a teaching artist for Story Tapestries (Montgomery County) Pied Piper Theatre (Manassas), Imagination Stage (Bethesda), Orlando Repertory Theatre, ASU and VCU. Mr. Barker has been involved in over 70 professional productions in his 18-year career.



SARAH LOMKE, Choreographer. Sarah is thrilled to be spending her third summer with Team of Stars! Currently, she is based in Los Angeles and pursuing acting full-time. Before moving to LA, Sarah worked as a special education para-educator for MCPS. She loves being able to help her students and campers discover confidence in themselves and their abilities through the arts. Sarah will be returning to Los Angeles in the fall to continue her TV/film career--you can catch her this season on WeTV's Million Dollar Matchmaker!!!



MELODY MONROE, Music Director. Melody is a veteran music teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools and holds National Board Certification in early to middle childhood music. She is also a newly published author of her first children's book, "Pete Cluckington and the Others," that addresses stereotypes and the effect they can have when taught to a child by parents. The book also features an original song entitled, "One Song!" When she's not writing, Melody spends time with her husband and three young children.



ANGELA SHUFORD, Life Skills Instructor. Angela has taught in Public Charter Schools in Washington, DC for 14 years. She has served as a special education math teacher, a special education life skills counselor and an academic dean in DC Public Charter Schools. During her 14 years as an educator, she has worked with students at the elementary, middle and high school levels. This included providing individual, small group and whole class instruction to students with learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, and multiple disabilities. Angela values individuality, and offers strategies to meet the needs of each student. She accomplishes this goal by using a variety of teaching strategies, interventions and hands-on activities to accommodate diverse learning styles. Angela recognizes the importance of trust and successfully establishes relationships with both her students and their parents. This approach creates a safe and comfortable learning environment for her and



KASHI-TARA, Co-Director. Kashi is the Artistic Director/Founder of The Finest Performance Foundation she has written, directed, choreographed, and produced several original plays including, A Change Gon' Come (A story of Harriet Tubman, the Woman), The Café (A story about the transformative power of Poetry) and Heard it thru the Grapevine (a Motown musical that explores the mind of Berry Gordy) which will be featured in the Intersections Theater Festival February 21-March 3, 2019. Through her nonprofit organization she continues to advocate for, inspire and uplift teens through the Arts.



JAKE YOUNG, Co-Director/Stage Manager. Jake holds a BA in Theatre-Performance and German from Susquehanna University. During the year he teaches for Team of Stars after-school program and directs for various local theatre companies. He is super excited to be working with Team of Stars.



T.P. HUTH (known to their colleagues as T.), After-School Instructor for the Team of Stars afterschool Musical Theater Workshop. T. is a genderfluid theatre artist and educator, based out of Washington, D.C. They are the founder and Artistic Director of Inkubator New Works Development Laboratory, a new play development company dedicated to fostering the voices of traditionally underrepresented playwrights and to promoting their work on a local and larger scale. They also are the host of Inkubator On Air, the podcast from the company inkubatorlab.org. T. was the Dramaturgy Apprentice at Olney Theatre Center, serving as the primary dramaturg for nine mainstage and three touring productions, as well as assistant directing two shows. They strive to educate the next generation and instill in all an appreciation for art; they have done so with Project Change, Olney Theatre Center, Barrie Day Camp, Opera in a Can, and Towson University. Upcoming: METLab 2019 (Dramaturg). Pronouns: they/them.



JEN SHILLINGBURG, After-School Instructor for the Team of Stars afterschool Musical Theater Workshop. Jen is a working theatre artist and educator in the DC area. She is currently a scenic carpenter, a musical theatre instructor, and an assistant director for a inclusive theatre company based in Silver Spring that works with adults with autism and learning disabilities. She's thrilled to work with Team of Stars to teach middle schoolers about the joys of theatre.



DEBRA KRAMER, Program Visionary, has been a dancer, choreographer, teacher and entrepreneur at Miami Dade College, Montgomery College, and the Musical Theater Center. Debra pursued graduate work in dance at New York University and holds an MA in Arts Management from George Mason University. She was the Program Director for the Team of Stars program and is currently serving in the position of grant writer for Project Change as an independent contractor.