

## Mission Statement of West Side Theatre Foundation, Inc.

It is the mission of the West Side Theatre Foundation, a not-for-profit [Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code] corporation, to promote and facilitate the arts on the west side of Stanislaus and Merced counties; provide for increased arts and other general education; promote and aid the creative skills and cultural welfare of the community; feature lectures, concerts, poetry and literary readings, theater productions and talent; and enable presentation by operating and sustaining a theatre, a community-centered radio station, and other facilities to ensure the continued growth and development of the arts and other community organizations within the area served. The Foundation will, in all endeavors, provide programming, access, and training to the community, with significant participatory opportunities to students from the local school districts. We shall provide musical, cultural, and informational programming that celebrates and expresses the diversity of the community, and will make available a voice for groups in the community that may otherwise go unheard, sustaining a forum for alternative points of view on local, national, and international issues, with particular awareness to women, students, labor, minorities, and other public interest constituencies. The West Side Theatre Foundation is committed to its facilities being used by and for a public of diverse cultures, ages, income levels, and backgrounds. We will strive to promote understandings between cultures and serve as a catalyst for positive social change within the community.