



The C.A.R.E. Initiative is a program of Creative Planet School of the Arts that supports the following facet of its overall mission:

"...by supporting and fostering community and humanitarian events with the talents developed at Creative Planet, we intend to instill within our students a sense of responsibility for the environment, social ills, and personal needs of their global community. We hold to the belief that arts are a viable source for cultivating tolerance, providing healing, and promoting change."

PROJECT: SMILE

In 2004 & 2005, CPSOA sent teams of students to visit, perform for, and bring gifts to the patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

PROJECT: SHELTER

In 2005, CPSOA partnered with the San Gabriel Homeless Coalition to create a Choral Festival that raised \$30,000 for local homeless shelters.

PROJECT: TANZANIA I

In 2006, CPSOA produced and performed in a theatrical event that raised \$50,000 to send a team of Medical Experts to set up an AIDS clinic and orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania.

PROJECT: AIDS

In 2006, CPSOA partnered with Culture Shock LA and various Hip Hop organizations to produce a performance that raised \$8,000 for the South Bay AIDS Healthcare Center.

PROJECT: PERU

In 2006/2007, CPSOA partnered with the More Light Presbyterian Movement to provide relief, supplies, and clean water for earthquake victims in Peru by raising \$1,000 through the visual arts and by setting up a new Recycling system at the school.

PROJECT: HOPE

In 2007, CPSOA helped create a health fair at the City of Hope hospital to promote General Health and Nutrition to families in the San Gabriel Valley.

PROJECT: DISCOVERY

In 2007 & 2008, CPSOA partnered with Congresswoman Hilda Solis to promote and raise funds for Visual Arts Education in the public High School system within her district.

PROJECT: TANZANIA II

In 2009, CPSOA will continue their work with the Phil Simon Clinic by accompanying a group of Medical Experts to Tanzania, Africa, to provide AIDS medication, healthcare, and education to 3 rural clinics; an overseas team comprised of students and faculty from CPSOA will create social theatre at an AIDS orphanage while setting up an After-School Arts Program in the village of Arusha. This event will be filmed for a documentary to raise awareness and funds for CPSOA's and the Phil Simon Clinic's work in Tanzania.