

Happy Holidays

The holidays are upon us, and we at **Arizona Humanities Council** would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for your continued support throughout 2009.

This past year, the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) has impacted lives of Arizonans across this great state. In addition to our Community Book Discussions, Road Scholars Speakers Bureau and supporting humanities public programming through our grants program, AHC introduced several new and exciting programs.

AHC partnered with the ASU English Department to present *Shaking up Shakespeare*, looking at Shakespeare's works through the lens of hip hop. The performance *Footprints*, a collaborative performance project with Childsplay and ARTspace Afterschool Initiatives, took school children on a journey with Arizona historical figures. Earlier this month, Project Civil Discourse, a special initiative of AHC, presented *Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Health Care*, a town hall on health care that gave those with diverse perspectives a chance to engage with other points of view.

Not only are Arizona Humanities Council's programs free and open to the public, they enrich our lives by promoting a society that values ideas, reflection, critical thinking, and informed discussion.

Although our programs are offered free to the public, they are not costless. By making a donation today, you can help make sure the Arizona Humanities Council has the resources it need to continue offering free, public humanities programs throughout our communities in the coming year. **You may make a secure online donation at www.azhumanities.org/donate1.php or by calling 602-257-0335 x25.** Your gift is tax-deductible and eligible to be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities, doubling the impact of your contribution.

Thank you again for all your support and we wish you the very best in 2010.

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Sincerely,

The Arizona Humanities Council Staff & Board



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