THEATRE BAY AREA’S MARY MASON MEMORIAL LEMONADE FUND

What is the Lemonade Fund?
A confidential resource for theatre workers with terminal or life-threatening illnesses who are in need of supplemental financial assistance to improve the quality of their lives as they deal with medical conditions.

Who is eligible for assistance?
Any resident of the San Francisco Bay Area who has worked professionally or vocationally in local theatre, who has been an active participant in the theatre community; i.e., those whose life’s work is the theatre, regardless of the income derived from work in the theatre (with two years’ experience in the last five years), and has received a diagnosis of a terminal or life-threatening medical illness or condition.

How much money can be requested and how often?
Requests for up to $1000 may be submitted every six months. Repeated funding, however, is not guaranteed. If approved, the amount received may fluctuate according to how much is available within the Fund.

How may Lemonade Fund monies be used?
For any need, excluding hospital expenses, that arises due to illness or intensive medical treatment. We are unable to fund hospital expenses due to the Fund’s limited resources. Eligible expenses may include activities or purchases that contribute to relieving stress or improving quality of life; e.g., alternative therapies, personal and home support, transportation costs, etc.

Who administers the Fund?
A three-person committee reviews all applications, verifies the information in a confidential manner and makes all final decisions. TBA’s business manager handles the fiscal component of the Fund.

The Lemonade Fund is not available to staff or board members of Theatre Bay Area, their families or members of their common households. A donation cannot be earmarked for a specific person. Monies will be distributed equitably among all qualified applicants. Please allow seven working days for processing of applications. For further information call (415) 430-1140.

Please submit your application and accompanying materials to:

   Lemonade Fund, Theatre Bay Area
   1119 Market Street, 2nd Floor
   San Francisco, CA 94103

The Mary Mason Memorial Lemonade Fund …
“When life hands them lemons, we help them make lemonade.”