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GDC DONATES \$1,000 TO HELP HAVERSTRAW
SIXTH-GRADE CLASS SEE THE LION KING ON BROADWAY

Company donates more than \$380,000 to organizations in Haverstraw since 2004

VALHALLA, N.Y. (March 12) – Sixth-graders from Haverstraw Middle School will see *The Lion King* live on Broadway thanks to a \$1,000 donation from Ginsburg Development Companies, the Valhalla, N.Y.-based firm that is building The Harbors at Haverstraw, a master-planned community on the village’s waterfront.

The trip to see a matinee on March 26 is the latest in a series of annual Broadway trips organized by teacher Olga Kuhta, who uses themes in plays the children see as springboards for classroom discussions and essays. Roughly 20 students and chaperones will participate in this year’s field trip.

“I picked *The Lion King* because it is lively and entertaining – the kids will love it,” said Kuhta, a teacher at the school for 12 years. “But it also has important messages the children can learn from. It promotes values such as finding your inner self and having to overcome obstacles and adversity in life. Another major theme of the play is the relationship between a child and his elders, and I thought there was a valuable lesson in those intergenerational relationships and how the young learn from the wisdom of older people.”

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These themes, Kuhta said, “will be great starting points for discussions and writing. It can be hard for children to put their thoughts on paper, but if they’ve seen the show, hopefully it will facilitate the thought process and help them write with greater ease and confidence. We appreciate the support GDC has given us to help make this trip possible.”

Martin Ginsburg, founder and principal of Ginsburg Development Companies, said the donation to Kuhta’s class is part of the company’s ongoing effort to improve the quality of life in Haverstraw, where the firm expects to be active for at least another five or 10 years.

“We believe it is important for developers to give something back to the communities where they are active,” said Ginsburg, whose company is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. “We’ve helped support a number of churches, arts groups and other local organizations, and it is a pleasure to help these children discover the wonder of live theater while also providing subjects for them to discuss in the classroom.”

The donation to Kuhta’s class is the latest in a series of grants GDC has made to the village of Haverstraw and organizations in the community. Since 2004, the company has donated more than \$350,000 to the village government and local organizations such as the Arts Alliance of Haverstraw, the Chamber of Commerce and HOGAR Inc., an affordable-housing group. GDC also has sponsored the annual Hudson Ferry-Go-Round, which has helped thousands of visitors discover Haverstraw and the shops and restaurants in its downtown area, which is undergoing a renaissance after years of economic decline.

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The donations have been made in conjunction with the construction of The Harbors at Haverstraw, a master-planned neighborhood with condos, townhouses and a waterfront promenade and sculpture trail that is open to the public. The Harbors, which already has 200 residents, will have more than 800 homes served by two lifestyle centers when it is completed. Prices start in the high \$300,000s for well-appointed condos and in the mid \$500,000s for two- and three-bedroom townhouses, some with views of the river.

The Harbors received “Best of American Living” awards for Best Community 151 Units and Over and Best Clubhouse from the National Association of Home Builders. The Harbors also was named one of the Best Master-Planned Communities of the Year and cited for the Best Landscape Design in the 2006 “Nationals” awards program sponsored by the NAHB.

Current GDC communities include AVANT Chelsea (New York City); Riverwatch at Greystone (Yonkers, N.Y.); Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Hudson Pointe (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.); The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.); Christie Place (Scarsdale, N.Y.); Ridgewood at Middlebury (Conn.); The Greens at Gillette Ridge (Bloomfield, Conn.) and Quaker Green (West Hartford, Conn.). To place your name on GDC’s priority list for future communities, log on to www.gdc-homes.com, click on to “future communities” and then “name of development” or call 1-866-GDC-4466.

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), established in 1964 and based in Valhalla, N.Y., is one of the nation’s premier full-service real estate design, development and management companies. Martin Ginsburg is the president and chief executive officer. GDC has developed more than 10,000 residential units during its 40-plus year corporate history. GDC’s residential sales Web sites are www.gdc-homes.com and www.gdcmetro.com. Information about GDC’s commercial ventures, corporate activities and charitable foundation is available at www.gdcllc.com.