



# The Community Players of Concord, NH

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Dear Borrower,

For more than forty years, *The Community Players of Concord, NH has been lending costumes, props and set pieces without charge to organizations just like yours*. More than 180 separate organizations have borrowed from us over the years. In fact, 55 different groups borrowed more than 4000 items from us in 2021-2022 alone!

We take great pride in our unseen and unsung support of other community organizations, but *please understand that providing these “free” lending services is not free for us*. Our volunteers spend between 700 and 1000 hours annually cataloging costumes, maintaining storage areas and doing the weekly work of distributing, collecting and reshelving loaned items. The Players Studio, the existence of which makes our lending programs possible, is very expensive to maintain and only becoming more so.

At this point, the Players’ board of directors has made the difficult but necessary decision to ask our valued borrowers to consider making a donation to the Players when they borrow. A few borrowing organizations do occasionally send us “thank-you” donations, but most do not, probably because we never asked!

*To that end, the Board of Directors is requesting that your group consider making a donation of between \$50 and \$500 per production when you borrow from us* - whatever amount that seems fair to you considering the types and quantities of items borrowed for your production.

**We ask that you deliver all such “thank-you” donations by mail** to: The Community Players of Concord, NH, P.O. Box 681, Concord, NH 03302-0681, including the enclosed donation form. *Please do not drop off donations or donation forms at our Studio or hand them personally to our on-site volunteers.*

We are confident you will understand the necessity of our request and the fairness of our asking other groups to help shoulder the weight of providing this extraordinarily large and long-standing community lending resource. Your donation will help ensure the continued quality and success of live performance for organizations like yours throughout the state.

Thank you and have a great show!

Ellen Burger,  
President