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Thumbs up, down

of the community who have "fallen through the cracks" of traditional assistance agencies.



For **Dreamseeds** — a collaborative effort between Sojourner House and local partners such as Garth Fagan Dance; former Garth Fagan dancer Frances Hare; Nydia Padilla Rodriguez of Hochstein Music School and the director and founder of the Borinquen Dance Theater; and Robert Ricks of Writers & Books. The Dreamseeds production on May 20 had more than 300 people in attendance and raised more than \$43,000 through contributions from individuals and organizations. The program's goal is to expose the children at Sojourner House to the arts while exploring educational counseling, mentoring and cultural opportunities. Sojourner House is an agency that houses women and children who are rebuilding after life crises such as abuse, addiction and homelessness.