

# Paul Green Foundation

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### 2015 Foundation Grant Recipients

**Bill Massengale** displays a painting done by one of his clients on death row “to demonstrate how capital defendants still retain their humanity.”



### **Johnny Johnson goes to Germany as *Braver Soldat Johnny***

The organizers of the annual Kurt Weill Fest in Germany requested permission to adapt Paul Green and Kurt Weill’s *Johnny Johnson* for this year’s festival in Dessau. This concert rendition of music and text was entitled *Braver Soldat Johnny* and it was very well received. Here you’ll be able to read the beginning speech by the mayor speaking to the community about the beautiful statue Johnny Johnson has made for the town:



He and his law partner **Marilyn Ozer**, received the Paul Green Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat the Death Penalty. They’ve defended at least 25 death row clients and saved six from execution.

*Photos by Jason Woerner*

MAYÖR: “Freunde, Nachbarn, Bürger! Wir sind hier zusammengekommen, um den Jahrestag der Stadtgründung feierlich zu begehen. Auf dem Platz, auf dem ich jetzt hier stehe, haben vor 200 Jahren unsere Vorfäter mit den Indianern einen Friedensvertrag geschlossen. Mit diesem Denkmal wollen wir für alle Zeit daran erinnern. Der Dank gilt vor allem unserem Freund und Mitbürger Johnny Johnson^ dem Künstler und Steinmetz, dem wir bereits so viele unserer schönsten Grabsteine zu verdanken haben.”

-----OR, you may prefer this version:

Mayor: “Friends and fellow citizens, we are met this April sixth, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen on an occasion most auspicious, for we are gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of our town two hundred years ago today. ‘Twas on this hilltop here— this very site—that our forefathers met to arbitrate and sign a treaty with the Indians which ended strife and war. With this eternal stone we mark that fact. And at this moment let me pay respect to Johnny Johnson here our gentle-hearted friend and artisan and tombstone carver of the skillful hand— ‘twas through his kindly zeal that we at this late date erect this monument of peace—our thanks to Johnny Johnson.”



**Student Action with Farmworkers**

...for their “Into the Fields” theater project that helps migrant farm workers, at three camps Down East during the summer, explore issues “on stage,” seeking answers for how to deal with isolation, family separation, stress, etc.



### **Four additional grants were awarded:**

Paul Green Award to a young theatre artist – to be announced in December 2015:

### **National Theatre Conference**

Paul Green Seminar in Greenville, NC at the IOT Annual Conference:

### **Institute of Outdoor Theatre**

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