

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Free Arts of Arizona™

Art Heals! Every Child Matters Mentoring Works



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Mission

Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona heals abused and homeless children through artistic expression.

Vision

To be the premier resource for the healing effects of the arts with children in programming, advocacy, resources and education.

Core Values

Art Heals – the creative arts transform and inspire lives

Every Child Matters – children have the right to be cared for and respected

Mentoring Works – mentoring builds self-esteem, social skills, trust and the ability to express emotions in a positive way

Programs for Children

Weekly Mentor

The Weekly Mentor Program volunteers spend an hour each week for up to 16 weeks bringing a therapeutic arts curriculum and close relationship with an adult to a group of youth living in one of our partner facilities. Working with group development theory and brain development research, mentors use the visual arts, music, theater, dance, literary and culinary arts, to help these children build self-esteem, improve social skills, do better in school, renew trust and learn to express their emotions in a positive way. *In 2010, 2,345 children were served with 114 programs by 143 volunteers donating 6122 hours, valued at \$117,849. (IRS per hour valuation)*

Free Arts Days

Free Arts Days are one day intensive explorations of the arts that provide children with an array of arts experiences, letting them explore their creative talents while forming a bond with a caring adult. Free Arts Days are held in collaboration with many arts and cultural organizations like the Scottsdale and Tempe Center for the Performing Arts, Children's Museum of Phoenix, Desert Botanical Gardens, SeaLife Aquarium, Phoenix Museum of History, Phoenix Zoo, Arizona Ballet, Arizona Museum for Youth, and the State Library. *In 2010, 1309 children were served at 16 events by 229 volunteers donating 1079 hours, valued at \$20,771.*

Multicultural Arts Camp Series

Multicultural Arts Camp Series brings together youth from a variety of Free Arts' partner facilities to participate in week-long, therapeutically intense, art day camp. Camps are hosted throughout the year and include summer camps, school vacation camps and Theater Camp in conjunction with the Herberger Theater. Many youth who attend week-long sessions show remarkable breakthroughs emotionally and behaviorally. *In 2010, 211 children attended MAC Camp Series with 81 volunteers donating 1905 hours, valued at \$36,671.*

Professional Artist Series

Professional Artist Series are in-depth art series for older youth that are led by professional artists. Focusing on photography, visual, performing, culinary and musical arts, children have the opportunity to work intimately with an artist, while still experiencing the therapeutic benefits of art. The programs usually culminate in a performance or exhibit where children showcase their work. Specially screened and trained positive role models act as mentors in these weekly therapeutic arts programs for children and youth that takes place on-site at their group home facilities and shelters. *In 2010, 972 children were served in 59 programs with 83 volunteers donating 678 hours, valued at \$13,052.*

All together in 2010, 556 Free Arts volunteers served 5,340 children in 198 programs.

"It truly is a healing experience. We see a huge change every time Free Arts comes into their world."

- Marsha, Social Worker, Sunshine House

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Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2010

With total income for fiscal year 2010 equaling \$984,847, Free Arts of Arizona received funding from a variety of sources including Valley of the Sun United Way, corporations, private foundations, government grants, special events and individual contributions. In-kind contributions of volunteer time and other services and materials totaled **\$378,167**.

*Figures from 2010 represent a cash position and are pending an audit conducted by the independent accounting firm of Eide Bailly, LLP
For a complete copy of the final audit, contact Free Arts of Arizona at 602/258-8100.*

Income		Expenses	
Foundation Grants	189,360	Weekly Mentor Program	460,542
Corporate Grants	245,126	Multicultural Arts Camp	93,669
Individuals	150,190	Professional Artist Series	156,115
United Way	118,170	Free Arts Days	70,253
Government Grants	157,717	Administrative/Fundraising	93,669
Special Events	27,480	Total Functional Expenses	\$867,310
Other	3,655		
Total Support & Revenue	\$891,698		
In-Kind Donated Volunteer Hrs	\$188,342	Change Net Assets	\$15,002
In-Kind Contributions & Services	\$143,905	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$761,169
		Net Assets, End of Year	\$776,171

Free Arts depends 100% on contributed income.

The value of your donations is increased by the fact that the ratio of Free Arts of Arizona volunteer workers to paid staff is more than 50 to 1!

Partner Facilities

The number of children removed from their families, due to abuse or neglect and placed into a group home, is discouraging. Many of these children will grow up within the child welfare system, and as young adults, be sent out on their own without a family to call their own. Free Arts of Arizona has a unique ability to reach the children within this often chaotic and confusing system. We collaborate with the following 100+ Partner Facilities (group homes, residential treatment centers and shelters) to provide on-site therapeutic art programs to children of all ages.

The number of group home/shelter sites operated by our Partner Facilities is indicated in parenthesis.

All My Children (5)	Desiderata Alternative Program (1)	A New Leaf (7)
Back to Life (4)	Devereux Arizona (2)	New Life Center (1)
Catholic Social Services (3)	Family Support Resources (20)	Salvation Army Family Shelter (2)
CASS/Vista Colina (1)	Florence Crittenton (2)	Save the Family (1)
Child Crisis Center—E & W (2)	Guiding Light (1)	Sojourner Center (2)
Childhelp (4)	Home Base Youth Services (1)	Sunshine Group Homes (25)
Children's First Academy (1)	Homeward Bound (1)	Sunshine Acres (6)
Chrysalis Shelter (3)	House of Refuge East (1)	Tumbleweed (4)
Crisis Nursery (3)	Labor's Community Services (1)	UMOM (4)
DeColores Shelter (1)	Neighborhood Ministries (1)	Youth Develop Institute (1)
	The New Foundation (3)	



"It was wonderful! It made my heart stretch." - Gennie, age 16

*"Thanks for being with us—because I really feel important. So thanks for coming."
- Sueny age 13*

"Painting your own thing can turn your sadness into happiness."—Girl, 14