Dear <<First Name>>

Recently, I was inspired by a program that helped children who had experienced the traumatic loss of a parent. By creating art in dedication of those no longer in their lives, they were mourning their loss and expressing their pain. I realized then that art is truly the language of our shared humanity. Art crosses politics, gender, race, and economic capacity. It is a mechanism that heals, provides a platform for expression, records history, and tells stories.

Art improves academic performance, literacy, and problem-solving skills. This is even more critical for students from lower-income families, who may not be exposed to the same opportunities as their more privileged peers.

Art in Action is empowering students to express unique ideas and develop the skills they’ll need for the future through hands-on arts education. Through our lessons, children learn about STEAM, cultural understanding, healing through art, art appreciation, and technique.

Join us in our journey to allow every child an opportunity to learn through art.

Mizgon Darby
Executive Director

your support makes a difference

With 35 years behind us we’re looking forward to the years ahead. Your support will...

- $5,000: Ensure access to 20 art boxes for children experiencing poverty
- $3,500: Bring three grade levels joy and creative confidence through art
- $1,500: Bring access to a year of visual arts education for one grade level
- $500: Teach one class empathy and acceptance through art
- $100: Engage five children in their learning through art
- $35: Give the gift of art to one child for one year

donate
lesson spotlight: alebrijes

Our team spends time with students to keep us connected to why art matters. While testing our new lesson, Alebrijes, inspired by Mexican artist, Pedro Linares, we were once again reminded of how important it is for students to connect to their culture and to be able to express themselves through art. It soon became clear that the children loved the process, the experimentation, and the joy that the lesson elicited.

Alebrijes are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of mythical creatures.

why our students love art in action

"I liked making this because it gave us a chance to do something creative and not from our own country. I liked this lesson because it was Mexican and so am I. You let us do things that I never did before." - Rosie, 4th grade student

welcome new development and marketing team members

Aviana D'Souza has joined our team as Director of Development and Outreach. She is responsible for foundation and donor relations, special events, social media, and digital marketing.

Rachel Dodd is our new Associate Director of Corporate Engagement. In addition to stewarding corporate giving, she oversees marketing strategy, branding and content.

need a holiday gift idea? Give one that gives back.

We are grateful to iPad artists Caroline Mustard
and Adam James Butcher who are donating 10% of the sale of their artwork featured in an exhibition at ArtVentures Gallery in Menlo Park, CA. Contact the artists directly to choose an amazing work by these talented artists.

Caroline Mustard, Google Bikes