

# END OF YEAR REPORT

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## 2023 WAS A GREAT YEAR!

### 16,500 YOUTH & FAMILIES GAIN EMPOWERMENT AND ADVOCACY SKILLS

Through art, Free Arts supports youth in marginalized and underserved communities in exploring their identity, feeling pride in their heritage and culture, and learning to advocate for themselves.

### NEARLY 1,000 HOSPITALIZED YOUTH FEEL SAFE AND HOPEFUL

Free Arts began serving seriously ill children for the first time through a partnership with Cherese Mari Lahlhere Child Life Program at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach.

### FREE ARTS GOES TO LONG BEACH

As Free Arts ventured into Long Beach to bring programs to MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, another partnership was formed with COA Long Beach. Free Arts will also bring art programs to vulnerable seniors.

### 180 MENTORS AND VOLUNTEERS LEARNED TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, CPR AND MANDATORY REPORTING

Free Arts bolstered the skills of those working directly with youth for safety and efficacy.

### EDMUND D. EDELMAN CHILDREN'S COURT - SHELTER CARE WAITING ROOMS GET A MAKEOVER

The Free Arts Team & volunteers transformed the Shelter Care waiting areas where youth wait to attend court hearings, counseling, foster care assignments and adoptions by creating three beautiful soothing murals. Free Arts resumed programs at the court in 2023.

## NEW IN 2024!

### PASADENA HERE WE COME

Free Arts partnered with Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena to bring programs to the youth and families they serve.

### WE ARE EXPANDING OUR FOCUS

Art is defined as a vehicle for expression and communication of emotions. Free Arts is excited to introduce programs and events surrounding Sculpture, Clay, Visual Arts, Performance Art, Pop Art and Music.

### DANCING WITH FREE ARTS' STARS

Free Arts will launch the first Dancing With Free Arts' Stars event in April 2024. This wellness event is open to children and families and will focus on Dance, Movement, Breath Work, Mindfulness Techniques and Artistic Movement.



**THANK YOU TO FREE ARTS DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!**  
WE COULD NOT HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITHOUT YOU.



# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT FREE ARTS

"I am deeply impressed by the positive impact that Free Arts has on our families and children. We have noticed participation and interaction levels much higher, and great feedback regarding the classes, directly from our families and children. Your commitment to empowering artists, nurturing creativity, and making the arts accessible to diverse audiences is truly inspiring. It has been an honor to align our efforts with both of our organization's mission and values."

**-Aviva Family and Children's Services**

"Free Arts currently works one-on-one with the children in the court. This joint venture has allowed children going through emotional traumas free expressions through their art. This healing process is so important to help children improve their outlook and provide a different lens to view life's circumstances. Our program has benefited greatly from the opportunities afforded by the Free Arts organization. We THANK YOU and support this wonderful program."

**-Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court - Shelter Care**

"We are very appreciative of the time and dedication Free Arts puts into conducting the activities, step-by-step with our patients. An outlet such as expression through art creates an atmosphere for our pediatric patients to feel a sense of control and reduce stress. Art also provides a variety of opportunities for self-expression when one may not know how to put their feelings into words. Bringing the Free Arts Program to our hospital has had a positive impact in providing quality patient care and building rapport through interactive art and trivia. We look forward to continuing future collaborations with the Free Arts program."

**-MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach (Cherese Mari Lulhere Child Life Program)**

## TOPLINE FINANCIALS (2022 AUDIT)

Revenue: \$560,500 (nearly 20% increase)

Expense: \$365,160

.78 cents per every dollar goes towards Free Arts Programs.



## YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT FREE ARTS!

We hope you will join Free Arts in restoring hope, resiliency and self esteem in Los Angeles most vulnerable youth. Through art, our programs are breaking the cycle of violence and poverty that plagues more than 30,000 children each year. Please consider making a donation, so that Free Arts can continue to help children thrive and create a better future through our programs.

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