



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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ArtWell is a Philadelphia-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing educational, arts-based programs for youth and communities facing discrimination, poverty, violence, and the everyday challenges of growing up.

Founded in 2000 in response to chronic community violence in Philadelphia neighborhoods, ArtWell has since partnered with more than 400 organizations, serving more than 41,600 participants across the Greater Philadelphia region.

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FRONT COVER: ECOARTS GARDEN CLUB AT PARKWAY NORTHWEST ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE 2021 RIGHT: MAKE YOUR OWN DRAGON PUPPET AT PHILLY@THEMOVIES



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We are learning and living through extraordinary times, presenting us with an amazing opportunity to better understand and care for ourselves and our world and to show up more fully for our community. This complex and powerful work took place in ArtWell classrooms over this past unprecedented year. I am inspired in ever deeper ways by ArtWell's teaching artists and the levels of adaptation, innovation, and empathy shown in their commitment to our students. Art can offer many ways of healing at a time when we are hurting, and our ArtWell

community stepped up and in to provide that for the young people we serve, and for each other.

A year of online programs has provided a window into the vast joy, creativity and connection our students continually found in our programs and the camaraderie of our teaching artists. It also laid bare the hurdles and disparities so many of our students and communities continue to face. Even through a virtual format, Program Manager (now Director) Briana Clarke took great care in fostering responsive connections between the needs of our students, teaching artists and board; she linked together every part of what makes ArtWell a whole. Board members and supporters found that the most inspiring part of the whole year was being able to visit students in their virtual classrooms and take part in their creativity and everpresent spirit. Teaching artists also worked together to develop innovative ways to take advantage of the digital format, such as creating collaborative poetry through virtual forums.

In November, we commemorated ArtWell's 20th anniversary with a celebration of three visionary art and education leaders, each an extraordinary advocate of accessible, quality arts education—social impact strategist and artist Sidney Hargro, former ArtWell board member and John Templeton Foundation trustee Jennifer Templeton Simpson, and poet and student leader L'tajh Carter. Though converting our biennial gala to a free Facebook Live event seemed daunting, it made it possible for anyone and everyone to attend; and in the end, our team's efforts made it

an interactive and inspiring night to remember, raising more than \$143,000 for programs.

As we plot the next program year, we are faced with the ongoing questions of how do we cut into and work around the static of pandemic life to tune into what students need now, and in the uncertain years to come? How do we center our efforts to the hearts of that urgent need? There is no perfect formula to healing, but there is a first step: listening. In a recent open meeting, Philadelphia School District superintendent Dr. Hite asked high school students what they needed. In response, they told us:

"We need community. We need space; space to breathe, space to recklessly and beautifully bloom after a year between the same four walls. And above all, we need connection—when we reach out our hands into the darkness, we need to find someone to hold."

So much of what they shared resounds with the essence of ArtWell classrooms, where Teaching Artists hold an open space for students to fill with boundless innovation and creativity. ArtWell's deep commitment to unlock the doors for the future generation of creators is critical in this time of re-building, and our work is more important than ever.

We are profoundly grateful to all of our supporters, teachers, and students, whose generosity and spirit has made our work possible. We'll be here to keep listening; we'll be here to keep providing resources, and we'll be here—no matter what—for our community. We invite you to join us in envisioning how ArtWell might grow and deepen in the next decades and beyond.

With gratitude,

Susan Teegen, MDiv, GPCC

ArtWell Founder & Executive Director

ARTWELL CORE PROGRAMS

Since 2000, ArtWell has had the honor of working with hundreds of amazing partners including schools, libraries, diverse faith-based organizations, and health and social-service providers to serve up to 1500 participants per year across the Greater Philadelphia region.

To request a youth program or workshop, email programs@theartwell.org or visit us at theArtWell.org.

ARTWELL DEEPWELL

The ArtWell DeepWell initiative provides select partner sites with multiple ArtWell core programs for students across several grade levels. The multi-program model was developed in 2015 to provide educational partners with consistent, long-term programs for deeper impact on students, and an expanded school presence in support of school staff, families, and the broader school community.

2020/2021 DeepWell Partners: Al-Aqsa Islamic Academy, Camp Sojourner Girls' Leadership Camp, Emlen Elementary School, John H. Taggart School, and Parkway Northwest High.

THE ART OF GROWING LEADERS

The Art of Growing Leaders is an expansion of The Art of Growing Up® program, ArtWell's rites of passage module. Through mask-making, poetry and multi-disciplinary arts, students build trust with one another and explore their identity and aspirations, inspired by cross-cultural coming of age traditions.

Later in the program, students identify their unique strengths as leaders and work together on a social action project using art for advocacy and activism.

ECOARTS

EcoArts uses a combination of art, poetry, and reflection to engage youth in exploring and redefining what the environment means to them. Participants study and discuss how they can impact and care for the environment as well as how it directly impacts their lives and well-being. Through a combination of art forms and garden projects, students imagine the world they want to live in and advocate for environmental justice and sustainability.

HEARTBEAT

Launched in the fall of 2015, HeartBeat builds on more than 15 years of partnership with musicians Marcy Francis and Jan Jeffries, ArtWell's percussion artists in residence. HeartBeat uses the power of West African and Afro-Caribbean music and tradition as a vehicle to engage youth while integrating ArtWell's expertise in poetry for literacy-building and reflection.

"I learned that you can use your differences to inspire other people. You can also learn so much about others." ArtWell Art of Growing Leaders Student, 2021

MASTERPEACE

ArtWell's MasterPeace® program engages students and communities in large-scale arts processes such as murals, mosaics and installations to help participants overcome challenges, build bridges and lift up the strengths of their neighborhoods. Individual and community-focused projects under the Masterpeace program have led to a number of collaborative installations throughout the city, empowering individuals and restoring their neighborhoods.

WE THE POETS

The We the Poets® program, ArtWell's longest running program, builds literacy skills, communication and self expression, and fosters a love of learning through poetry. We the Poets' curriculum is aligned with state and core standards for grades 1-12 and has been used in Pennsylvania districts for standardized test (PSSAs) preparation tied to literacy comprehension.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ARTWELL@WORK (Workshops by Request)
ArtWell@Work shares the transformative power of art, creative expression, and reflection to help adults connect more deeply with purpose and power in their work and lives.

Crafted by ArtWell staff trained in group facilitation and arts education, ArtWell@Work workshops engage teams of individuals and professionals with creative arts processes for strengthening skills and supporting various agency-specific goals such as team building, leadership development, or self-care.

ArtWell@Work is priced on a sliding scale to ensure workshops are accessible to any organization or business. To learn more, email programs@theartwell.org or visit us online at theArtWell.org.

Proceeds from ArtWell@Work support our core programs for Philadelphia youth.

IN THE CLASSROOM

How is ArtWell supporting Philadelphia youth?

11

ArtWell led youth arts programs and workshops at 11 sites during the 2020/2021 program year.

27

ArtWell programs and workshops were held in 27 Philadelphia school classrooms.

500+

More than 500 hours of program and workshop instruction were provided by 15 ArtWell teaching artists.



Across all youth and adult programs in 2020/2021 ArtWell served more than 1,000 individuals including 550 youth.

41K+

Since 2000, ArtWell has partnered with more than 400 organizations and served more than 41,600 participants.



GIRLS AGE 8 TO 16 FROM CAMP SOJOURNER GIRLS' LEADERSHIP CAMP JOIN ZOOM WORKSHOPS LED BY ARTWELL

PARTNERS

YOUTH PROGRAMS SITE PARTNERS

INDEPENDENT & FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS

Al-Aqsa Islamic Academy

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME / COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Camp Sojourner Girls' Leadership Camp
Need in Deed / Andrew Jackson School
Need in Deed / C.C.A. Baldi Middle School

Need in Deed / Eliza Butler Kirkbride School

PUBLIC / CHARTER SCHOOLS

Add B. Anderson Elementary School

Emlen Elementary School

John H. Taggart School

Kensington Health Sciences Academy

Parkway Northwest High School

The U School

ArtWell is an Approved School-based Partner by the School District of Philadelphia Office of Strategic Partnerships.

NETWORK PARTNERS

The Center for Youth Development Professionals,

A Project Of Fab Youth Philly

City of Philadelphia Office of Arts, Culture and the

Creative Economy

Philanthropy Network Greater Philadelphia,

Extracurricular Collaborative (GPEC)

Philly Youth Media Collaborative

Teaching Artist Project

ARTWELL@WORK TRAINING & WORKSHOP PARTNERS

Parkway Northwest High School

Thomas Jefferson University

Together For West Philadelphia

University City Science Center Quorum

Vision Driven Consulting

Warren G. Harding Middle School

"This class made me feel good about myself, and I learned how to stick up for myself."

ArtWell We The Poets Student 2021

2020/2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 BARTOL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS PROGRAMS
 July 6, 2020. ArtWell is selected as one of the 23 Philadelphia
 arts groups to be awarded the Bartol Grant, which allocates
 \$5,000 towards organizations uplifting community arts amidst the
 pandemic.
- ² JUMPSTART PHILLY: "ARTWELL JAM" & "THE WELL" July 9, 2020 & August 13, 2020. ArtWell launched JumpstART Philly to create space for radical joy in the face of global tension and injustice. In this two-part virtual series, "ArtWell Jam" & "The Well", comunity members are invited to participate in workshops and social action projects, in addition to experiencing live performances and spotlights on Black Philadelphia artists.
- ³ PHILADELPHIA CULTURAL FUND YOUTH ARTS IMPACT July 15, 2020. ArtWell is a recipient of the 2020 Youth Arts Impact Grant, which, issued by the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, awards Philadelphia organizations providing meaningful cultural and arts experiences for Philadelphia's youth.
- 4 ANTI-RACISM, RACE, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES July 16,2020. In support and continuation of anti-racism and social justice efforts locally and nationally, ArtWell publishes an online archive of educational resources that intersects with its practices and serves as a support tool for collective healing and conversation for young people, educations, and parents. The archive includes articles, books, videos, and podcasts for various age groups.
- PERSONAL JOURNEY MAPPING
 July 20, 2020, How do we harness the

July 20, 2020. How do we harness the resources inside and outside of us to overcome obstacles? In this virtual workshop hosted by the University City Science Center Quorum, ArtWell Program Manager



Briana Clarke leads participants through a guided art activity to map out personal pasts and futures.

- 6 ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTS PARKWAY NORTHWEST August 13, 2020. Arts and science activities at local Philadelphia schools securely transition to virtual formats, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Chestnut Hill Rotary Club. Notably, contributions to Parkway Northwest High School give it the support needed to bring ArtWell's multidisciplinary art initiatives online.
- 7 ARTWELL@HOME REACHES MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS October 29, 2020. In support of ArtWell students confined to their homes and with limited access to art supplies, teachers and volunteers put together supply kits as part of the ArtWell@ Home initiative. More than 300 student art kits are packaged and delivered!
- 3 2020 ARTWELL AWARDS, CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
 November 12, 2020. ArtWell hosted an evening of celebration and
 community to recognize visionary leaders, Sidney Hargro, Jennifer
 Templeton Simpson, and L'tajh Carter. The evening also marked
 ArtWell's 20 year anniversary of helping young people thrive,
 dream, and lead through multidisciplinary arts expression.



PICASSO PROJECT

ARTS EDUCATION GRANT FOR TEACHERS

AMY at James Martin School
Bache-Martin School
Crossroads Accelerated Acad.
D. Newlin Fell Elementary
Eliza B. Kirkbride School
F. Amedee Bregy School
Farrell Elementary School
Francis Scott Key Elementary
John B. Kelly School
Kensington Health Sciences HS
Lankenau Env. Sci. Magnet HS
Mastery Charter - Lenfest
Robert Lamberton Elementary
Southwark School
The U School
Tilden Middle School
Vaux Big Picture High School

9 ARTWELL JOINS TRAUMA-INFORMED PLC

January 18, 2021. In response to the collective trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic and racial injustice, ArtWell joins hands with the Trauma Informed Professional Learning Community, which equips executive leaders of youth-serving and nonprofit organizations with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to engage in sustaining trauma-informed cultures and day-to-day practices.

10 ECOARTS PROGRAM TAKES ROOT

January 18, 2021. To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, ArtWell artist-in-residence Sonia Galiber teams up with high schoolers in the EcoArts Garden Club at Parkway Northwest to establish their school's Pathway to Peace Garden. Together, the students shape a future school landmark and investigate what environmental impact means to them.

11 ARTWELL JOINS PHILLY YOUTH MEDIA COLLECTIVE February 3, 2021. ArtWell becomes a member of the Philly Youth Media Collaborative, an online resource strengthening connections between and increasing the visibility of youth media programs and opportunities in Philadelphia. Through this wide network, organizations can let students' work shine, establish ladders of progressive learning, and highlight new career opportunities.

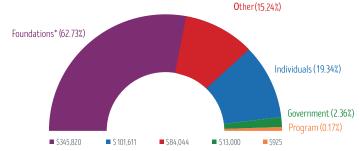
PICASSO PROJECT GRANT SPARKS NEW PARTNERSHIPS February 11, 2021. PCCY's Picasso Project Grant gives Philadelphia public schools the boost they need to implement innovative and high-quality arts projects. Via this connection, ArtWell fosters new partnerships with Kensington Health Sciences High School and The U School.

VIEW MORE HIGHLIGHTS ONLINE AT THEARTWELL.ORG

REVENUE & SUPPORT

Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

MAJOR FUNDING SOURCES



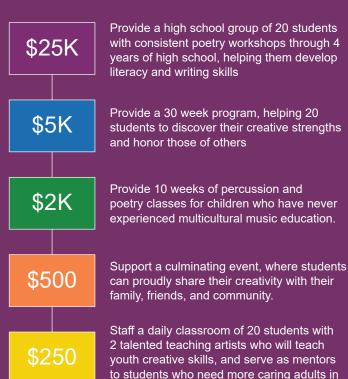
*Foundations category also includes support from corporate, community, and faith groups.

YEAR-TO-YEAR REVENUE & SUPPORT



AWAKENING DREAMS

Gifts of all sizes make a difference for students.



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their lives.

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Children First (formerly Public Citizens

For Children and Youth)

Christopher Ludwick Foundation

Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation

Harry Chapin Foundation

Henrietta Tower Wurts Memorial

John Templeton Foundation

Pennsylvania Council on the Arts

The Philadelphia Foundation Fund

for Children

Psalm 103 Foundation

Rosenlund Family Foundation

William Penn Foundation

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Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Chestnut Hill Rotary Club

Main Line Children's Festival

Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim

Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers

Tabernacle United Church of Christ

United Church of Christ at Valley Forge

CORPORATE MATCHING

PROGRAMS

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LPL Financial Foundation

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Chartwell

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ADVOCACY SUPPORTERS

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Philadelphia

City of Philadelphia Office of Arts,

Culture and the Creative Economy

Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

Interfaith Philadelphia

U.S. Department of Arts and Culture

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\$25,000+

Jennifer and Scott Simpson

\$10,000

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\$5.000+

Cathleen and David Cohen Susan and Steven Dubow Angela Steel and Matthew Harrington

\$2,500+

Julie Lazarus Brad and Jamie Murtha Patricia Pearce and Kip Leitner

\$1,500+

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\$1,000

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\$500+

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