

2016 Impact Report

Inspiring
creativity
through
art education
& art therapy

CREATE
Arts Center ●
30 years of inspiration



1,992

CREATE brought inspiration through art to nearly 2,000 people in the past year.

72%

children

28%

adults

71

teens and adults with autism, intellectual disabilities and mental illness found self-expression and community through art therapy

53

at-risk students experienced success and creativity in our free smARTkids Afterschool Art Program

610

community members explored their imagination at 10 local events

237

people attended our Studio Downstairs exhibits and learned how those living with mental illness find healing through art

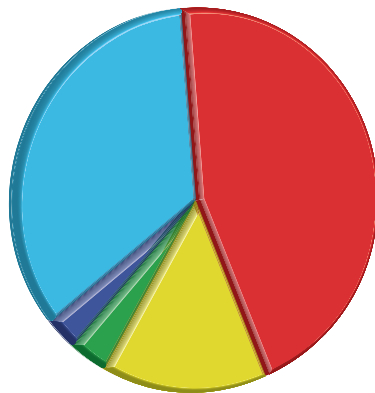
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CITs, high school volunteers and college interns gained skills as they helped with classes, camps and art therapy programs

1,531

volunteer hours helped make this possible

Who We Serve



- Art Camps - 901
- Art Classes - 289
- Studio Downstairs & Art Therapy - 71
- smARTkids Afterschool Art Program - 53
- Community & Other Events - 678

2016 was a busy year at **CREATE!** We kicked off our 30th anniversary celebration with the “Art is Just the Start” campaign, thanks to the pro bono help of Discovery Communications. Our popular art classes and camps continued, art therapy services expanded and the total number of at-risk students helped by smARTkids hit 500. To strengthen our organization, we recruited 9 new board and committee members and doubled the number of grant proposals submitted. Recently we announced the departure of Heena Genti, who is moving to New York City after serving as executive director with creativity and passion for the past 6 years. Our search is well underway and we look forward to announcing a new ED as we start work on our next 30 years!

– **Alana Coyle, Board President**