



Who We Are

Community Arts Foundation is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to provide need-based scholarships enabling children, teens, adults and seniors to participate in the wide range of visual and performing arts programs offered by Center for Community Arts.

The Need is Right Here

The need for scholarships in this area is significant – 29% of Walnut Creek residents are low-income; 11% of people in Contra Costa County live below the federal poverty level; and, 32% of them are children. Over 60% of Walnut Creek’s extremely low-income households are senior citizens.

Who Benefits?

- **Children** -- Art education provides children with critical developmental benefits: motor skills, language, decision making, visual learning, cultural awareness, inventiveness and more.
- **Teens and Adults** -- Students with an education rich in the arts have better grade point averages, score better on standardized tests in reading and math, and have lower dropout rates.
- **Seniors** -- Researchers find that older Americans involved in the arts demonstrate better health, fewer doctor visits, and less medication usage—saving money and improving quality of life.

What We Provide

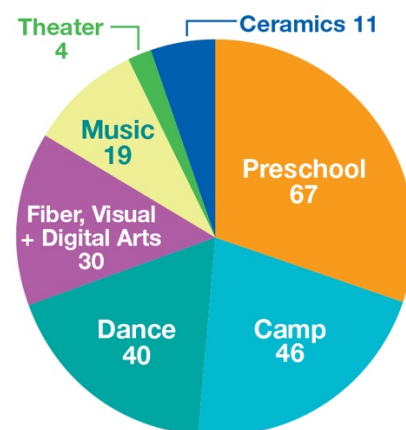
- **Creative Opportunity** -- At a time when many arts programs are at risk, we strive to ensure that opportunities exist in our community for creative exploration, learning and expression.
- **Social Connection** -- Shared art experiences provide social, physical, mental health and academic benefits to seniors, children, families new to our community, and others.
- **Expanded Access** -- Residents of all ages, regardless of their financial status, should have access to the personal enrichment and developmental benefits that arts programs provide.
- **Arts Advocacy** -- Through community outreach, education and civic advocacy, we work to promote the value and need for arts education and support its expansion.

We Make a Real Difference

2019 Total School Year Scholarships Awarded



2019 Scholarships by Program



Look at the impact your donation makes

- \$100 - A Scholarship for 10 weeks of art class to a senior
- \$500 - Two weeks of Full-Day Camp
- \$1,000 - One year (9 months) of preschool



The Foundation provided the *equivalent of an entire preschool classroom* in scholarships!

\$17,509 was given in 2019 just for summer camp scholarships alone!

