



EMPOWERING HEALING THROUGH ART AND COMMUNITY

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Letter From Leadership

Hello and Welcome to the 2021 We Care Arts Annual Report!

The Impacts of 2020 and Going into 2021

Despite the many challenges We Care Arts faced in the past year we are happy to report that we've grown in many exciting ways. With the pandemic still in full effect, the word for 2021 was "Virtual". With a lot of creativity and patience, the We Care Arts team worked with what they had available and made it happen! While the outdoor fundraisers, like the 5K Run, Stroll and Roll and the Golf Tournament, were held in-person, much of our programming and other events had to be conducted online. Thanks to a committed staff, a host of volunteers, and generous donors like you, our mission to empower and heal through art and community, remained steady and strong.

The Possibilities Project

In the beginning of 2021, We Care Arts launched an art sponsorship program called the Possibilities Project. This initiative puts our artist-clients' work on display in homes and businesses throughout the community. The program includes a personal consultation to determine what artwork will be created for the specific space, installation of the artwork, and a personalized plaque that recognizes the sponsorship. Each artist-client who works on a Possibilities Project piece is not only rewarded with the pride and satisfaction of completing artwork that will be viewed by many, but they also receive a commission. This program has been enormously successful! Some of our 2021 installations include the YWCA, the Montgomery County Offices, Dorothy Lane Market, CareSource, Wright State University, just to name a few. We are so excited to partner with the community to bring our artist-clients talents to light and to amplify our message of healing through art.

Job Coaching in Our Town & Country Gift Shop

Our gift shop at the Town & Country shopping center has been operating for several years with the help of staff members and volunteers. In 2021 we incorporated a new initiative called the Employment Services Program, which focuses on helping our artist-clients develop job skills. The Employment Services Program was introduced by employment specialist, Lauren Lintzenich, who was the first job coach. Lauren hired two We Care Arts artist-clients to begin working as salesclerks and the Employment Services Program was born. Months later the program has grown to include three job coaches and five salesclerks.

Thank you for your support of our mission!

Fred Hatton
Board President



Darlene Nelson
Executive Director



About We Care Arts

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MISSION, VISION, & VALUES



OUR MISSION

We empower healing through art and community.

Artist-Client Pictured, Shannon W.



Artist-Client Pictured, Brenden M.

OUR VISION

A future where people with diverse abilities can achieve their full potential and feel embraced by an inclusive society.



Artist-Client Pictured, Elyse A -L.

OUR VALUES

- Community
- Empathy
- Integrity
- Adaptability
- Safety

About We Care Arts

STAFF RECOGNITION

As a way to recognize our staff and commemorate the new core values, **Core Values Awards** will be handed out at the end of each year. These select staff members whole heartedly embody We Care Arts' core values and the mission of the organization.

Join us in congratulating our award recipients for 2021!

- **Empathy Award** – Kim H.
- **Integrity Award** – Sharen E.
- **Safety Award** – Kelsey W.
- **Adaptability Award** – Sydney P.
- **Community Award** – Pat M.
- **Mission Award** – Brenda T.



2021-2023 Strategic Plan

As the organization entered into the 2021 calendar year, the We Care Arts Board of Trustees and Executive Director all worked together to renew the organization's strategic plan for the next three years. This plan acts as a road map for the organization, staff, and board by outlining four major focus areas.



**Build New Generation
of Donors and Reengage
Former Donors**



**Staff Growth and
Empowerment**



**Enhancing the Client
Experience**



**Growth and Engagement
of Volunteer and Partner
Network**

Impact Report

2,422 hours of programming

\$6,844 amount of commission given to our Possibilities Project artist-clients



\$190,937
of grants received



4,292
social media followers

123

total artist-clients served

8

service locations

11

high school partnerships

5

counties served



1,040
total works of art sold



270
volunteer hours

Programming Update

CREATIVE EDGE IS NOW THE POSSIBILITIES PROJECT

At We Care Arts, we believe that when you give people an opportunity to collaborate on something beautiful and meaningful, they grow closer to one another and they gain an appreciation for the world around them. That's why we offer our artist-clients an opportunity to get hands-on experience by working together to provide curated pieces for local businesses, organizations, and homeowners. Our Art Handler works with both the sponsor and our artist-clients to craft a fully curated piece for their space. After the piece is commissioned, all artist-clients who contributed to the curated piece receive a portion of that commission. This program not only helps our artist-clients heal and grow through art but helps them to grow their financial well-being.

Interested in sponsoring a fully personalized piece of art for your home, workplace, or organization? Email us at info@wecarearts.org.



Mont. County Board of Commissioners, Possibility Project Recipient



Wheat Penny, Possibility Project Recipient



We Care Arts Staff, Anthony D. & Kyndall T.

Programming Update

JOB COACHING THROUGH THE GIFT SHOP

A new addition to our programming is Job Coaching through our gift shop located in the Town and County Shopping Center. The gift shop is stocked with artwork created by our artist-clients in the Berkeley Center studio. It is staffed by artist-clients that wish to learn transferable job skills, such as cash handling, inventory control, time management, sales, and customer service. Our artist-clients receive guidance and tutelage from our Employment Specialists, i.e., job coaches. These skills help to empower our artist-clients and increase their growth through self-sufficiency and fulfillment. As a result of being in the program, some of our artist-clients have moved on to be successful employees in our community.



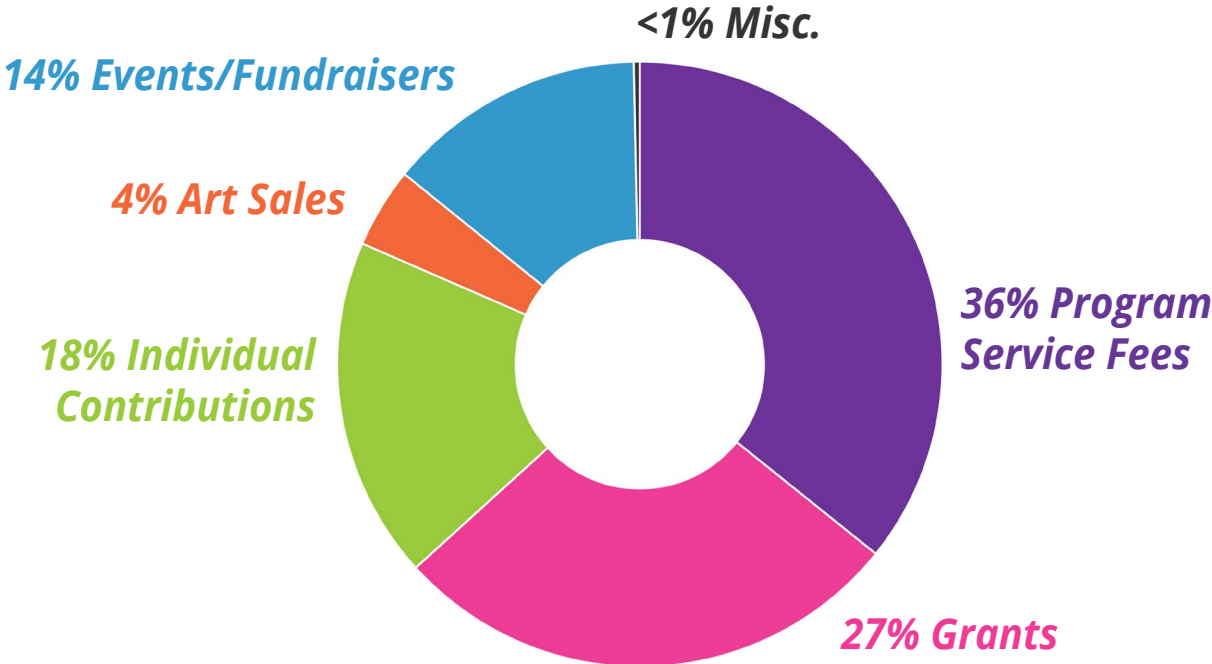
Shop our gift shop at Town & County or [shop online](#) by scanning the QR code or by clicking [here](#).



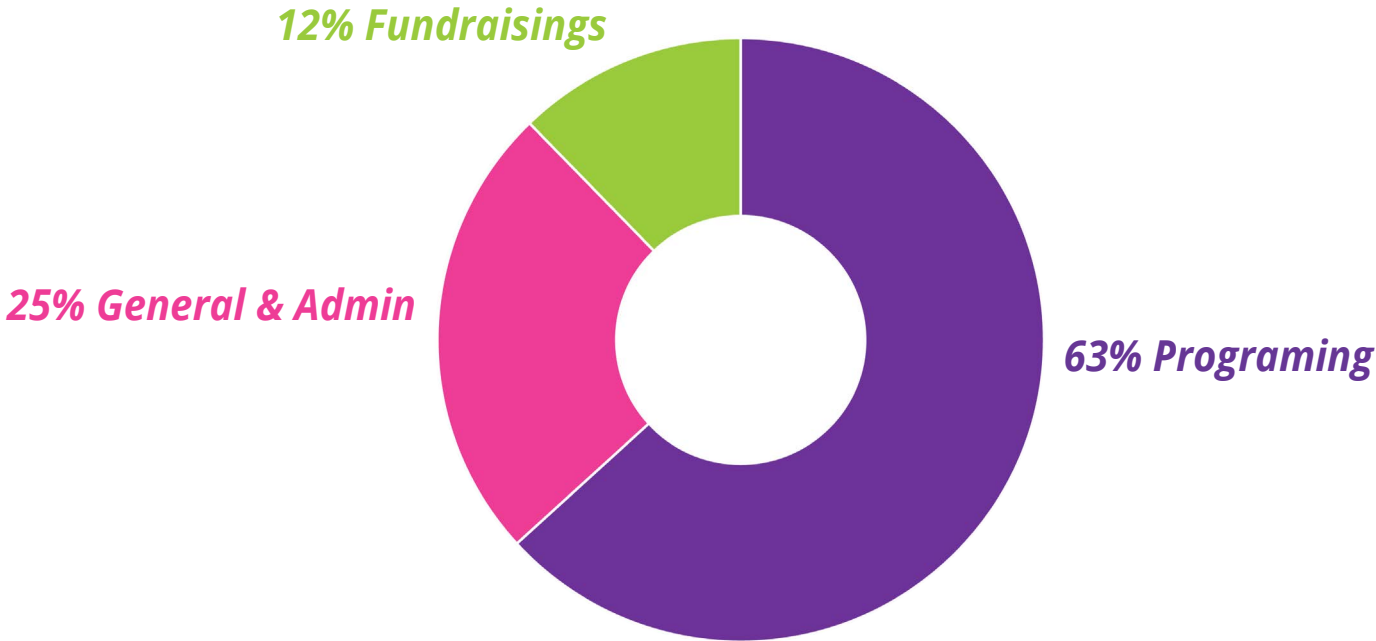
Artist-Client Pictured,
Janet S.

Financial Overview

INCOME



EXPENSES



Our Supporters

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In Honor of

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Jacob Walker
Audrey Clark
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Jacob Walker
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Darlene and Eddie
Caitlin Cartwright
Jenny
Tim Williams & David's UCC
Darlene and Eddie
Suman Mediratta
Courtney & Kunal Patel
University of Dayton Dance Ensemble
Denver Jacobs
The Cartwright Family
Lauren Daidone Snowdon
Maureen Patterson
Darlene Langhout

In Memory of

Marcia and Richard Hartmann
Ella Yoeckel



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artist-clients.**

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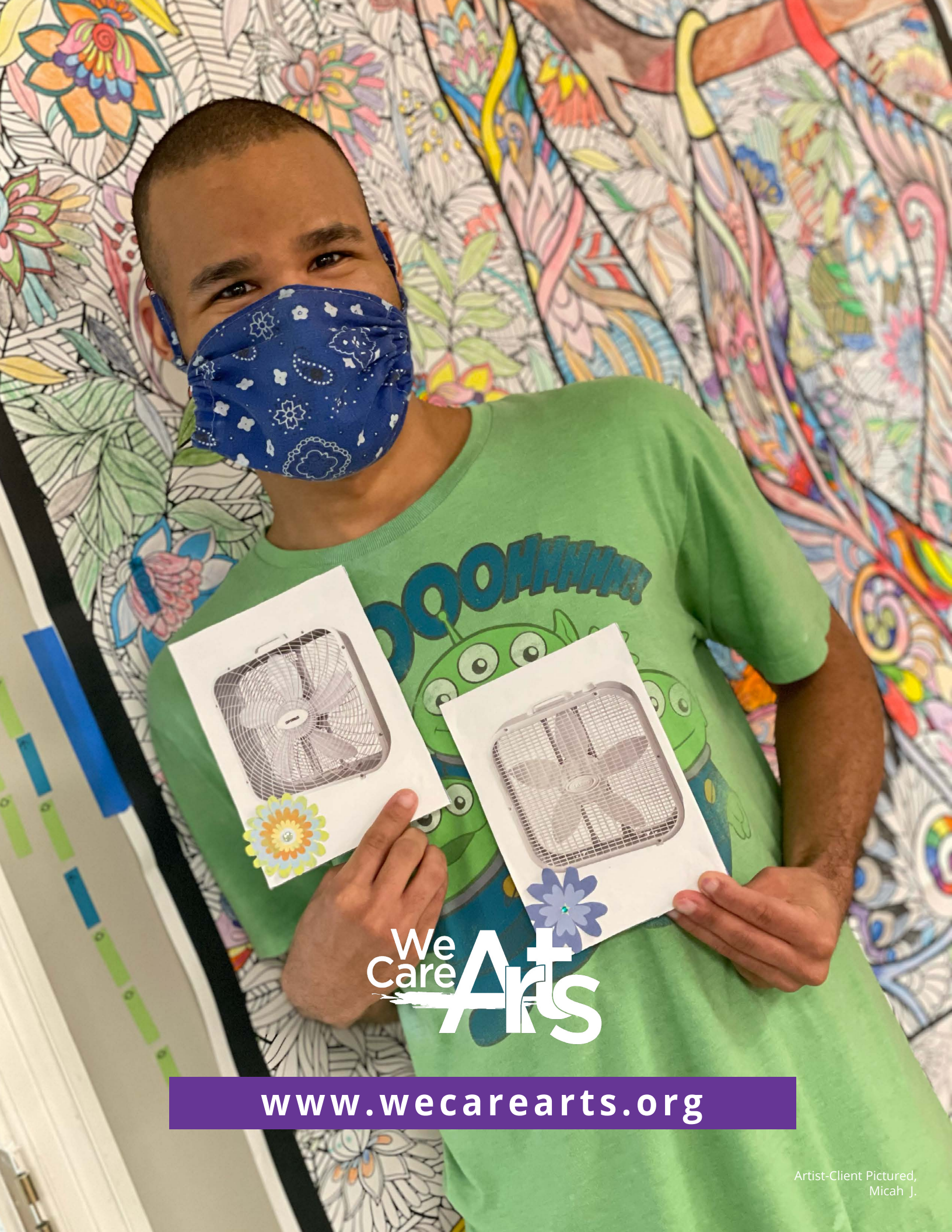
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Artist-Client Pictured,
Micah J.



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February 24, 2023

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