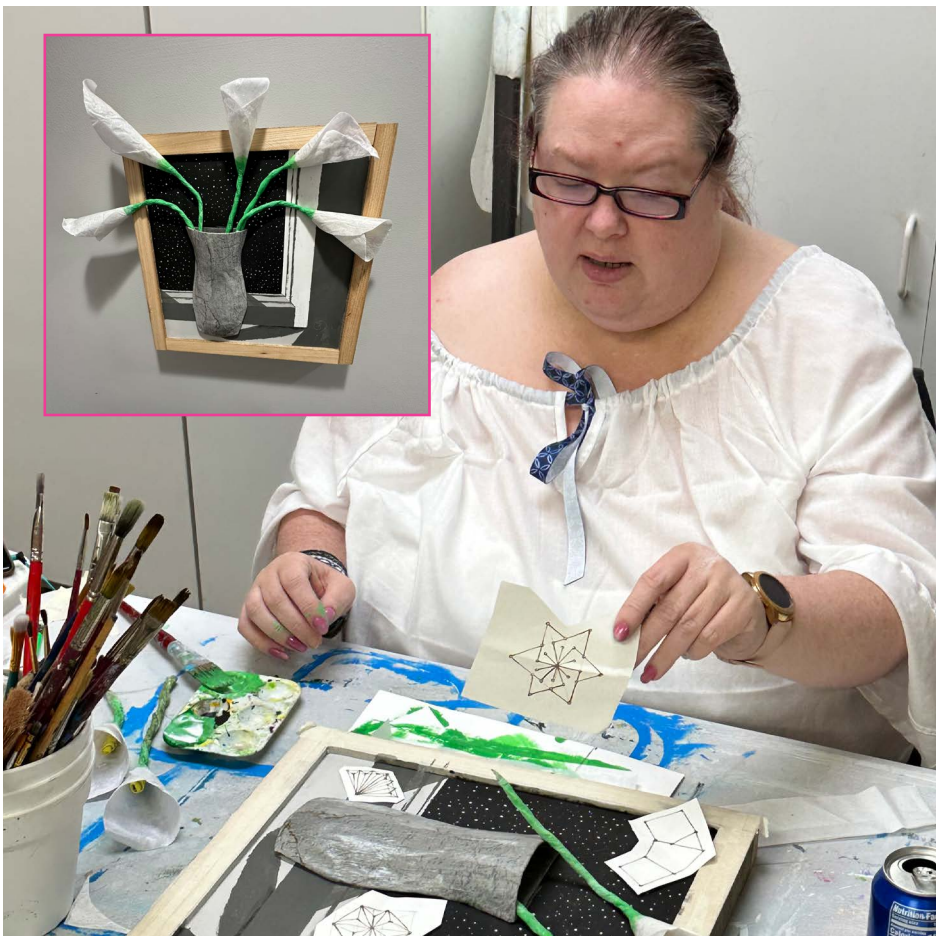




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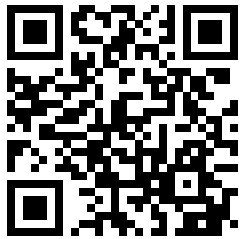


Artist-Client Pictured Above, Andi F.

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Andi often experiments with lots of mediums and has a wealth of knowledge on art history. She educates all that come into class and is always happy to share the intricacies and stories behind her work.

**ANTHONY THOMPSON,  
INSTRUCTOR**



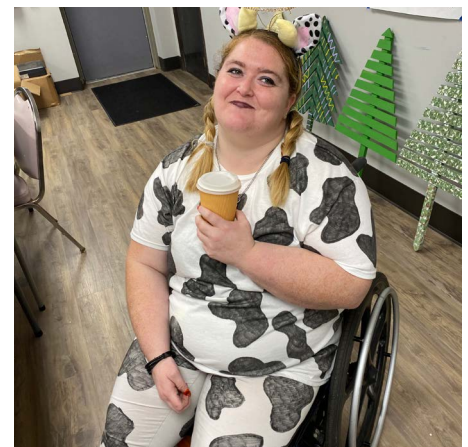
**SHOP OUR ARTIST-CLIENTS' WORK, SCAN THE QR CODE**



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I am incredibly proud to witness the remarkable impact the organization has on the lives of individuals within our community. We Care Arts fosters a nurturing environment where art becomes a catalyst for healing, empowerment, and personal growth.

**DEVON STINSON,  
BOARD SECRETARY**



Artist-Client Pictured, Brooke H.

# Letter from Leadership

As we bring you this Annual Report, we are also reflecting on our mission and the incredible impact we have made on the lives of those we serve. We are proud of our ongoing commitment to the healing power of art and community. As you read on, you will see that 2022 was an exciting year full of transitions and impactful outcomes for our We Care Arts community. Throughout the year, we were focused on creating meaningful programming that served our artist-clients. We are proud to report that over 2,400 hours of programming was delivered both in-person and virtually. This programming and the artistry of our artist-clients led to nearly 1,800 pieces of artwork being inventoried for sale on-line and at our gift shops at the Berkeley Center campus and at the Town & Country shopping center. During the year, nearly 2 out of every 3 works of art were sold, which is a testament to the effectiveness of our programming, the talent of our instructors, and the quality of the work being produced by our artist-clients!

An exciting update is that we have seen the return of volunteers to the building after COVID-19. Their assistance has been a huge help in delivering our programs and services. We are so grateful for their support and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future as we begin to build back our onsite volunteering program.

We want to extend a special thank you to the 2022 board of directors, Darlene Nelson, Caitlin Cartwright, and all the staff who worked tirelessly throughout 2022 to turn disabilities into possibilities. Their commitment and dedication have been instrumental in guiding us through the pandemic years, helping us achieve our outcomes, and set us up for success as we move forward into 2023, our 40th anniversary.

As we look to the future, we know there is still much more work to be done. That's why in this Annual Report we are not just reporting to you but also are calling on our community to help us continue to make a difference. Your support can help us to:

- Expand our programs and services to reach more individuals in need
- Develop new initiatives that promote the healing power of art
- Provide greater resources and opportunities for our artist-clients to express themselves through art, as they work towards their own individual art and life goals, and
- Continue to build a strong and supportive community that uplifts and empowers those we serve

Your donations, at a level that is meaningful to you, make a significant and ongoing impact on the lives of those we serve. So, as you read through this Annual Report for last year, please consider how you can join us in celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2023 by giving the gift of art and community today. Together, we can make a difference and continue to make a direct, positive impact on the lives of those who are living with disabilities, addiction, and mental health issues.

Last but not least, we are grateful for the support of our community. We cannot wait to see what we will accomplish across the Greater Miami Valley in 2023 and beyond. **Thank you in advance for your continued support as together, we are crafting a tapestry of resilience, joy, and boundless possibilities.**

Best Wishes,  
Katie & Tami

*Tami*

**Board President**



*Katie*

**Executive Director**



*PS. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding our summer Art Scramble, our newest team fundraising event focused on creating new works of art. (Think Chopped meets the scavenger hunt from Project Runway!)*



Stay up-to-date on our events, scan the QR code!

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## MISSION

We empower healing through art and community.

# About We Care Arts



Artist-Client Pictured: Shannon W.

## VISION

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

## STAFF RECOGNITION

At We Care Arts, staff members who exemplified the organization's core values and mission were honored with awards. These exceptional individuals were selected by their colleagues through a voting process. The awards serve as a testament to their devotion and loyalty to the the artist-clients and our mission focused on empowering healing through art and community.

Join us in congratulating our award recipients for 2022!

- EMPATHY AWARD – **Lacey Lantz**
- INTEGRITY AWARD – **Ines Mauersberg**
- SAFETY AWARD – **Brenda Thieman**
- ADAPTABILITY AWARD – **Micah Karr**
- COMMUNITY AWARD – **Pat Maple**
- MISSION AWARD – **Kelsey Wolford**
- VISION AWARD – **Kimberly Hall**



Photo above (top row, L to R): Kelsey Wolford, Micah Karr, Lacey Lantz, Ines Mauersberg and Pat Maple. Sitting - Brenda Thieman and Kimberly Hall

# Who We Serve

We Care Arts is an organization that strives to promote healing through art and community. Terry Schalnat founded the organization 39 years ago with the aim of supporting individuals in the Dayton area who were facing challenges due to massive layoffs. With previous experience working with women in Appalachia, Terry had seen firsthand how art could positively impact an individual's well-being. She began her work with Lutheran Social Services in a Lutheran church's basement, with the goal of making a difference.

Today, We Care Arts has grown. We now occupy a 10,000 square foot building and maintain two gift shops serving hundreds of artist-clients, their loved ones, and support teams across the Greater Miami Valley. The artist-clients are adults who are living with developmental disabilities, addiction, and mental health issues. We welcome all individuals from diverse backgrounds, no matter their gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, income level, or artistic ability. As we have evolved over the years, We Care Arts remains committed to nurturing the creative spirit of those we serve and foster a culture of inclusivity and expression as we work together to bring our mission focused on art and community to life each and every day.

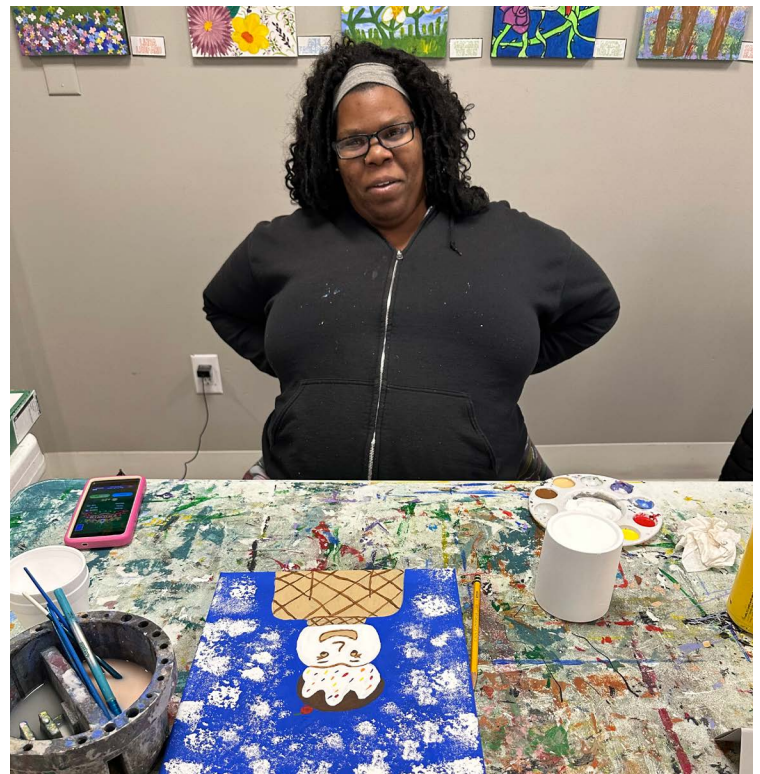


Artist-Client Pictured Above, Micah J.

## BECOMING AN ARTIST-CLIENT



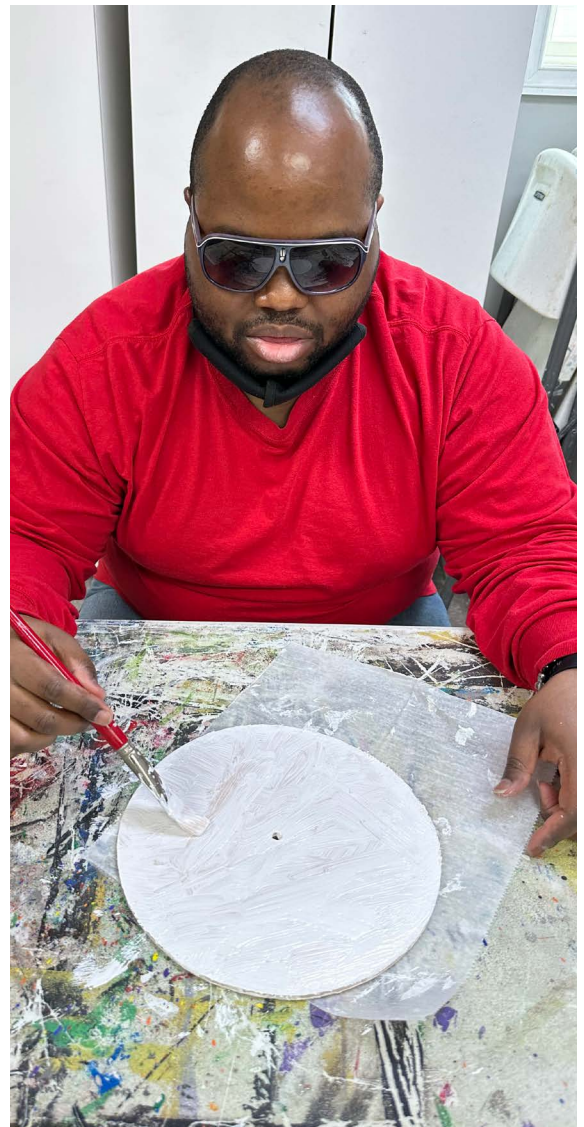
Know someone who may be interested in becoming an artist-client? New clients must be referred to We Care Arts by a therapist, religious leader, doctor, or Service and Support Administration (SSA).



Artist-Client Pictured Above, Mikelle S.



Artist-Client Pictured Above, Cheryl F.

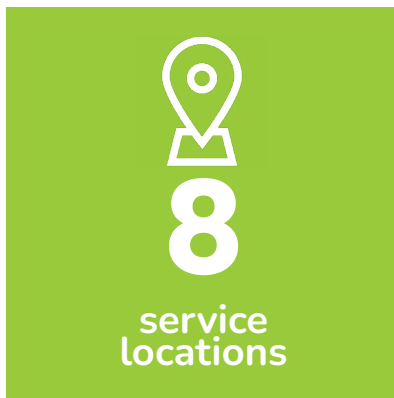


Artist-Client Pictured Above, Paul S.



Artist-Client Pictured Above, Jim R.

# Impact Report



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# Strategic Plan Updates

Our organization has been executing its strategic plan effectively by focusing on several key areas. Firstly, we are working towards building a new generation of donors while also reengaging former donors. This involves implementing creative fundraising strategies and leveraging new technologies to connect with younger audiences. Secondly, we are committed to staff growth and empowerment, which includes providing training and certifications, professional development opportunities, fostering a positive work environment, and promoting diversity and inclusion. Thirdly, we are continuously enhancing the artist-client experience by improving our services and tailoring them to meet the evolving needs of our community. Lastly, we are focused on the growth and engagement of our volunteer and partner network, which plays a critical role in helping us achieve our mission. We are dedicated to building strong, collaborative relationships with our partners and volunteers to maximize our impact and reach.

We Care Arts recently underwent a significant restructuring to better reflect a hierarchical structure under the guidance of our new Executive Director.

As part of this reorganization, a new Director of Programming was brought on board in the fourth quarter of 2022 to oversee and coordinate all programming activities. To further clarify departmental responsibilities and streamline operations, new roles were created within each department, including new managerial positions and support staff. These changes have been implemented to ensure greater efficiency and accountability throughout the organization, with the goal of delivering better services to our artist-clients and stakeholders.

Our team has also been focused on strategically enhancing our facility to improve accessibility. In 2022 plans were started for updating all entrances to our Berkeley Center Campus. This included planning for and identifying funding opportunities for the construction of a ramp and the installation of an automatic opening door out the South Side of our building in Zone 2, as well

as our front door and our Main Zone 1 door off of our parking lot. With the planning completed in 2022, 2023 will see We Care Arts writing grants and seeking funders to underwrite the cost of these accessibility and safety focused upgrades which will result in a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

## STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS



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



**Enhancing the Client Experience**



**Staff Growth and Empowerment**



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

## ARTIST-CLIENT SPOTLIGHTS

For those receiving our monthly newsletter or following us on social media, starting in the fourth quarter of 2022, you have had the opportunity to begin enjoying our “Meet the Artist” and “Artist of the Month” campaigns. These campaigns were designed to celebrate our artist-clients and their individual works of art. The very first person to be nominated by our instructors to be the We Care Arts Artist of the Month was Tonia W.



Artist-Client Pictured Above, Tonia W.



Visit our Town & Country store to see the artist-client of the month's artwork!

# Staff Updates

## WELCOMES

We are thrilled to welcome Katie Neubert as the new Executive Director of We Care Arts. With a strong background in nonprofit leadership and a passion for the transformative power of the arts, Katie brings a dynamic energy to our organization. Her dedication to our mission of empowering individuals through artistic expression is evident in her diverse experience. Katie's ability to build partnerships and foster inclusivity aligns perfectly with our values. As we embark on this new chapter, we are confident in Katie's vision and expertise to lead us to greater heights. Together, we will continue to uplift and inspire our community through the transformative power of the arts. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Katie Neubert as our new Executive Director.



We Care Arts welcomes our new Director of Programming, Carlette Jewell. Carlette is a nonprofit professional with experience wearing many hats such as graphic design, community engagement, volunteer management, event coordination, and informal education with a focus on art, prosocial learning, and service learning experiences.

Ms. Jewell has contributed to the work of Rosewood Arts Centre, Dayton Metro Library, SICSA Pet Adoption Center, and Dayton Society of Natural History with a drive to make life better for vulnerable populations in the Miami Valley and beyond.



## ARTIST-CLIENT SPOTLIGHTS



I appreciate the dedication and genuine encouragement that I find at We Care Arts. My favorite thing to do is pet portraits. I tend to get lost in detail, which is something I feel that I like.

**JO E.**  
**ARTIST-CLIENT**

## LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Kimberly Hall has a BS in Elementary Education and a M.Ed from Wright State University. In addition to Wright State, she completed coursework from the University of Dayton and Miami of Ohio. Kimberly was a teacher and elementary principal for 31 years. After retiring she started working at We Care Arts first as an Administrative Assistant, and now as Special Projects and Documentation Manager. Kimberly has been employed at We Care Arts since February, 2020. Join us in congratulating Kim on her new position at We Care Arts!



Kelsey joined We Care Arts in 2020. Kelsey joined We Care Arts because she believed in our mission and wanted to be part of making that happen. Kelsey graduated from Miami University with a BFA in Studio Art, focusing in Photography and Ceramics. She enjoys experimenting with various media, combining processes, and discovering through improvisation. You can find some of her work for sale at Detry Art located at Front Street in Downtown Dayton. Kelsey first joined We Care Arts as an art instructor and has been promoted to Curriculum & Education Manager. Congratulations, Kelsey!



## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

With deep gratitude we bid farewell to our former Executive Director, Darlene Nelson. After leading We Care Arts for five distinguished years, she has chosen to embark on a new chapter in her journey. Darlene's leadership guided us through the challenges of COVID-19 and beyond. Her unwavering dedication and compassion ensured the continuation of our vital services to the community. Under her guidance, We Care Arts thrived, expanding its reach and impact through virtual programming. As we say goodbye, we express our deepest gratitude for her resilience and boundless commitment. Darlene's legacy will forever inspire us, and her influence will continue to uplift lives through the power of art. We extend our warmest wishes for her continued success and fulfillment. Thank you, Darlene, for your inspiring and evolutionary leadership and for leaving an lasting mark on We Care Arts.





# Community Engagement

We Care Arts strives to foster a sense of community among its artist-clients, not just by facilitating social interactions, but also by providing avenues for them to engage with the wider community beyond the organization. We are appreciative of the support from the larger art community and organizations that share our vision. Throughout the year, various events provide opportunities for artist-clients to expand their artistic and personal growth.

## ARCADE INSTALLMENT

With the artistic supervision of Yetunde Rodriguez, a professional artist and instructor at We Care Arts, the production class was able to craft an impressive piece of wall art in the form of a large hanging made entirely of paper flowers. The purpose of this wall hanging was to adorn the historic Dayton Arcade rotunda with an exquisite work of art, showcasing the artist-clients' creative talents and dedication. With the guidance of their skilled mentor, the class was able to collaborate and create a beautiful, eye-catching installation. (Pictured Above: Art Installation at the Dayton Arcade, L-R: Todd S., Yetunde R., Aylsie G., Tonia W.)



## VISITING ARTIST – PEACE MUSEUM AND METRO PARKS

Visiting Artist is a monthly class that invites an artist from the community to teach a skill and create a piece of artwork for the artist-client to take home. The class is open to all artist-clients enrolled in the program and occurs outside of ordinary class times. One of the 2022 Visiting Artist sessions was taught by a museum representative from the International Peace Museum for a project called the "Peace Pole." Each artist-client painted a tile with a representation of their idea of peace. In this instance the artist-clients didn't get to take the project home, but the tiles were collected and attached to a pole that is showcased in the museum. (Pictured: Art created with Peace Museum Visiting Artist)

## ARTIST RESIDENCY

Our Art Residence with Kyndall Trickett was a unique and exciting opportunity for our artist-clients to explore their creativity in the kitchen. This cooking class series allowed participants to learn new culinary skills and techniques while also fostering a sense of community and collaboration. Kyndall Trickett provided expert guidance and inspiration throughout the program. Our Art Residence was a truly enriching experience that brought together art and food in a meaningful way for our artist-clients. (Pictured: Artist-Client, Micah J.)



## 1ST ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

We Care Arts held its first annual Trunk or Treat event with great success. The event invited the community to participate by decorating their cars and passing out candy to eager children dressed in their Halloween costumes. The event brought together families, friends, and neighbors for a fun-filled afternoon of trick-or-treating and community bonding. The participants went above and beyond in their car decorations, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. We Care Arts looks forward to hosting the Trunk or Treat event annually as a fun and safe way to celebrate Halloween with the community. (Pictured: Executive Director Katie N. and Board Member, Paul G.)

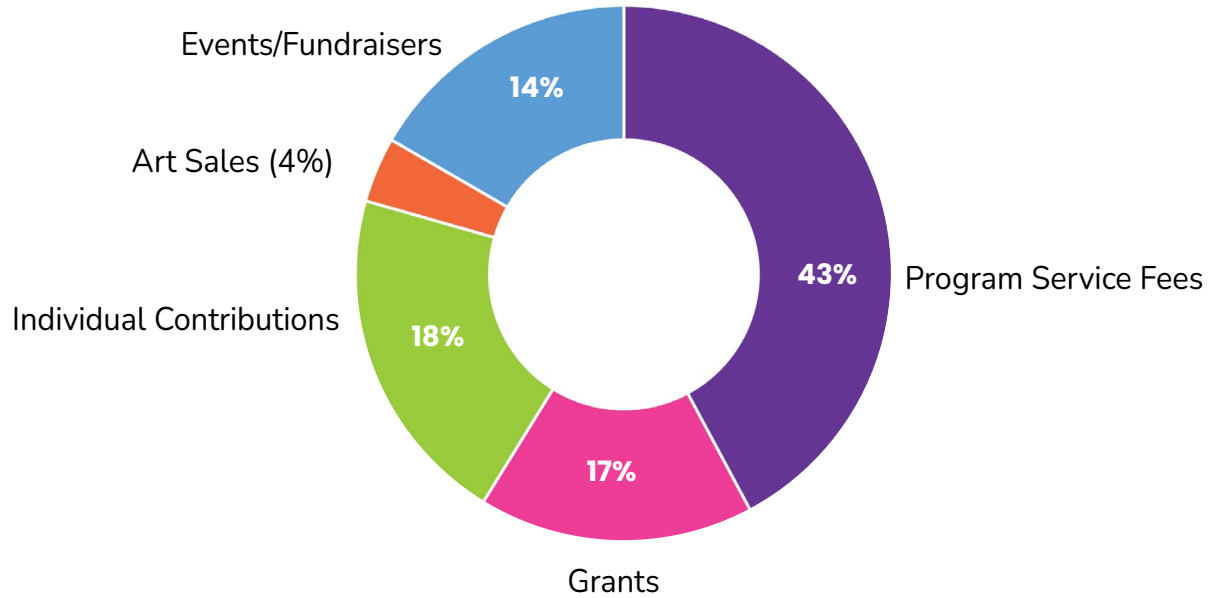
## ART ON THE LAWN – YELLOW SPRINGS, OH

Art On The Lawn is a free art festival that has been organized for more than 35 years by Village Artisans Gallery. The festival draws over 100 artisans from around Yellow Springs, OH, and beyond, who exhibit and market their unique arts and crafts. We Care Arts recognizes the event to be an excellent platform to display and sell the artwork created by the artist-clients. In 2022, the festival was especially successful and We Care Arts experienced almost a complete sell-out of artwork. We Care Arts appreciates having the chance to showcase the artwork made by the artist-clients to the community and provide them with the opportunity to earn an income. (Pictured Below: Art On The Lawn Yellow Springs)

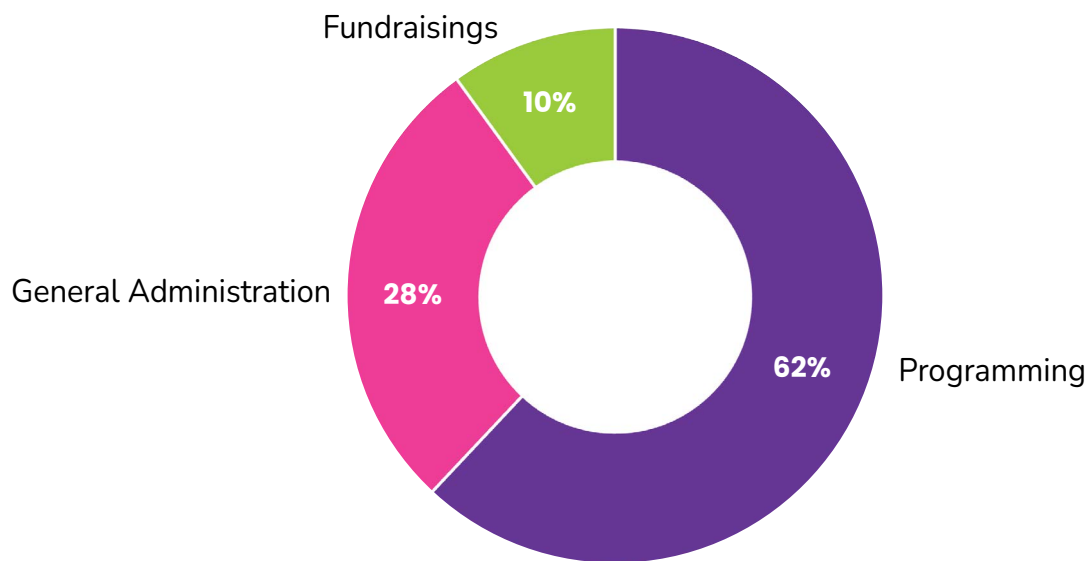


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*Pictured Above: Centerville HS volunteers, Cookie Walk event*

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**SCAN TO SUPPORT!**



Artist-Client Pictured, Katie T.

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Staff Pictured Above, Kim H. (L) and Kelli C. (R)



Board Member Pictured Above, Paul G.



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Artist-Client Pictured Above, Kris T.

Outside of creating art, Kris likes to listen to music, play video games and watch movies. Comic book superheroes, especially Batman, are Kris's primary inspirations. Kris enjoys painting watercolors, drawing, creating abstract art and socializing with friends at We Care Arts.



I don't have a specific way of making my art. I just do whatever comes to mind. But I mostly do outdoor landscapes and sunsets. I also like doing ceramics. I like portraying positivity and cheerful outcomes in my paintings.

**CLIENT-ARTIST,  
THERESA S.**



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