



It's estimated that since 2008, more than 80 percent of schools nationwide, experienced cuts to their budgets. As a remedy in some instances, art programs were partially or completely eliminated from affected school districts. Art programs in schools are often the first to be cut, if budget cuts are necessary. As a result, many students are missing out on the benefits of art classes.

Currently, there is more and more information available that shows how crucial arts integration is to create well-rounded, well-prepared learners and leaders. Engaging with art is essential to the human experience. Almost as soon as motor skills are developed, children communicate through artistic expression. The arts challenge us with different points of view, compel us to empathize with "others," and give us the opportunity to reflect on the human condition.

This past summer during the months of June and July, working within the CDC's Covid-19 guidelines, WHAM was open and giving approx. 6 to 10 kids a day a multitude of art experiences. Weekly the kids learned painting, drawing, clay sculpture, wood working, recycled materials, and many other mediums by professional artists for a FEE of only \$5. The low fee was made possible by donors like YOU who gave us \$2,500 for the Apples for Art this year. With families out of work and kids not in school it has been very important for these children to continue with art education.

All of this is possible thanks to our network of donors who help to ensure we have the materials we need and the resources to offer camp and art club scholarships to families who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Our fundraising drive for next year is underway and we'd love your support. Our Goal is \$5,000. Any size donation is very much appreciated. A donation of \$50 will sponsor one child a month of classes. For a \$50 donation you will receive a red apple full of candy and an apple placed on our donation tree at the WHAM Community Art Center of our gallery hallways. Our donation tree will show your name as a kids art education supporter and calculating how close we are to our goal. For a sponsorship of \$500 you will receive a golden apple with elevated recognition on the tree located in our art classroom and our website.

To Donate please go to our website www.WHAM-ART.ORG and click on the APPLE TREE donation button. Please fill out this application with your contact information to receive your apple.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

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