

# FREE ARTS 2022: CONTINUED GROWTH

**Free Arts could not have thrived and grown without the support of donors and partners like you.**

## NEW LEADERSHIP + NEW PARTNERS = RENEWAL AND HEALING

Executive Director Bianca Hunter officially took the helm June 15, 2022 after a six month transition, hitting the ground running and sowing seeds for expansion in 2023. Free Arts served 16,500 children in 2022 through art mentorship and art festivals, adding ten additional partner sites where children and their families regained self-esteem and learned new life skills while creating happy memories together.



## THIRD-PARTY EVALUATION = CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In 2022 Free Arts partnered with Hello Insight, an online evaluation tool that uses validated instruments to measure impact ongoing. The program is new, but we are learning plenty about the baseline of the children and families we serve. Free Arts hopes to have in depth results to report by this time next year.



## PARTNERING WITH DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS) = GROWTH

After Edelman D. Edelman Children's Court decided to go fully virtual during the pandemic, Free Arts forged a partnership with DCFS to reach children and teens in the foster care system directly. This partnership paves the way for more direct, effective programs benefiting more children and families.



## POISED FOR THE FUTURE: WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2023

**FREE ARTS IN HOSPITALS** Free Arts has partnered with the Child Life Program at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, to pilot Free Arts Mentoring, Family and Festivals in hospitals. The curriculum for this program is specifically designed for seriously ill children to best restore hope in children and their families.



## SHELTER CARE AT EDMUND D. EDELMAN CHILDREN'S COURT

After months of discussions, Free Arts will resume work at Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court through their "Shelter Care" program, where children and teens meet with their families under one-on-one court supervision to prevent further violence and trauma. Free Arts is delighted to be able to create curriculum tailored to the needs of these children, who struggle with trauma, feeling unsafe and unloved.



**MORE FREE ARTS FOR MORE CHILDREN = A BETTER WORLD** Free Arts is moving forward with a capacity building initiative that will help Free Arts continue to grow and bring more healing to marginalized, underserved children. As part of a larger system of care, Free Arts is thrilled to provide what is usually the initial tool that helps children begin to heal and regain their self-esteem and resiliency.



# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT FREE ARTS



*"Doing art with Free Arts lets me see my daughter in another way. I understand her needs and emotions so I can be there for her. It's life changing for both of us."*

- mom

*"I always feel better after Free Arts. We always make art that makes me happy and smile."*

- child, 10 years old

*"Being a mentor at Free Arts is one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. The trainings prepare me to give my best."*

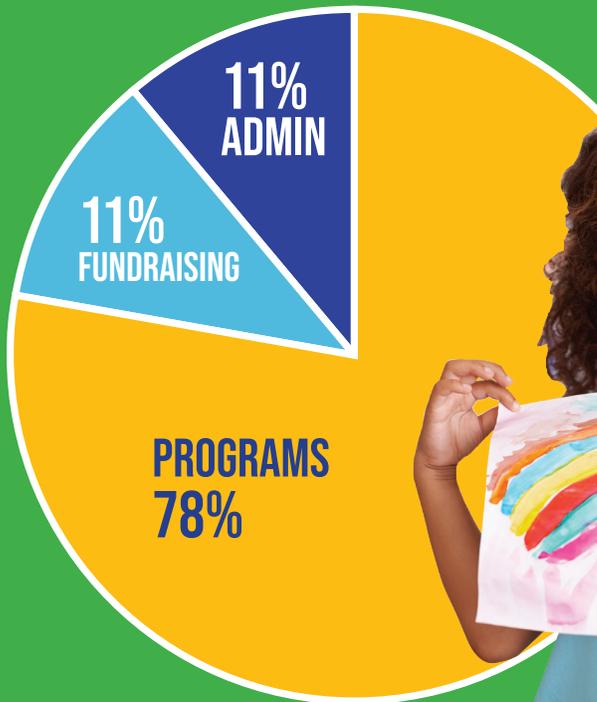
- teaching artist

*"This program doesn't just bring smiles to children's faces, it helps them cope with deep and disastrous trauma they endure. It has been a boon to morale and helped many children and their families through COVID-19. We truly value our partnership and are committed to working together into the future."*

- Department of Children and Family Services

## 2022 BREAKDOWN OF FREE ARTS EXPENSES

78 cents of every dollar is spent directly on programs, which use art and mentorship to inspire hope in the lives of children in Los Angeles.



### YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT FREE ARTS!

We hope you will join Free Arts in breaking the cycle of violence and poverty that plagues more than 30,000 children each year. Please consider making a donation, so that Free Arts can continue to help children thrive and create a better future through our programs.

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