



ANNUAL REPORT 2019





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From the President

With the help of our dedicated and amazing staff, board members, volunteers, and clients, 2019 was a banner year for We Care Arts. We continued the growth of our on-site client programs at the Berkeley Center by an impressive nineteen percent. We Care Arts also obtained key re-certifications with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. These certifications are important in allowing We Care Arts to serve its clients as effectively as possible regardless of their individual challenges. Finally, after much work and effort by the We Care Arts staff, including our Executive Director, Darlene Langhout, We Care Arts was able to secure Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Certification for the next three years. Achieving CARF Certification is a rigorous process and is the gold standard for organizations like We Care Arts to ensure they have procedures in place to provide the best service possible to our clients.

While these are some of the highlights of the past year, even more important is the daily interaction we have with our clients, and the interactions they have with each other, while creating art. The progress made by each of our clients and the friendships formed is truly at the core of what We Care Arts is all about. As 2019 concludes, we look forward to another year of helping our clients turn disabilities into possibilities through art.



Fred Hatton | President
We Care Arts Board of Trustees

From the Director

Entering 2019, We Care Arts had a bright new studio space to accommodate our growing artist population. Once a gift shop space, the new studio was renovated to expand space for programming. With the capability to offer our artistic services to more in our Dayton community we quickly grew, filling our new space to capacity!

Another new component to our programming in 2019 has been the ability to host gallery shows. There is a lot of pride instilled from selling work in our We Care Arts' gift shops, but a gallery show is a completely different experience. In June, we hosted what we hope to be the first of many artist gallery shows. Mitchell Knight and Teresa White were highlighted artists, chosen by the development of their artwork in We Care Arts programming. A reception was held with family and friends in attendance, they sold several pieces and most importantly they were able to share their experiences at We Care Arts.

Our greatest accomplishment of 2019 has been recertification through all of our accreditations on behalf of those we serve. I assure you; much work goes into our recertifications with Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), this important work is necessary and offers transparency in all we do. We Care Arts is and will always remain a safe environment where those who visit us heal through the power of art. Our certifications through these agencies allow us to highlight the work we achieve within our Dayton community and enable us to continue our work with county and state affiliations offering the best of care to our artists.

I thank Fred Hatton and the We Care Arts' Board of Directors for allowing me to lead our mission for 2019 and invite you to join our family in 2020 for an event, a gallery show, or a studio visit.

Darlene Langhout | Executive Director
We Care Arts



About We Care Arts



Mission

We Care Arts believes in the healing power of creating and producing art that transforms physical, developmental and mental challenges into a future rich with possibilities.



Vision

Diverse partners, community and philanthropic funders support the studios and the committed and qualified staff of We Care Arts to provide a place of choice, of healing, and of safety for individuals from the Dayton region who develop their creativity and learn how to turn their permanent or temporary impairment into possibilities.



Values

- Community Involvement
- Service
- Individuals
- Experience
- Participation
- Dedication
- Shelter
- Opportunities
- Community Needs

Programing Overview



1384 clients **served**



38,940 hours of **programming**



29 locations of **service**



8 different **high schools**



10,755 works of art **created**



3585 pieces of **client work** inventoried



99% of artists are **represented** in We Care Arts' gift shops



59% of artists have made a **sale** in We Care Arts' gift shops



\$32,653 in **total** art sales

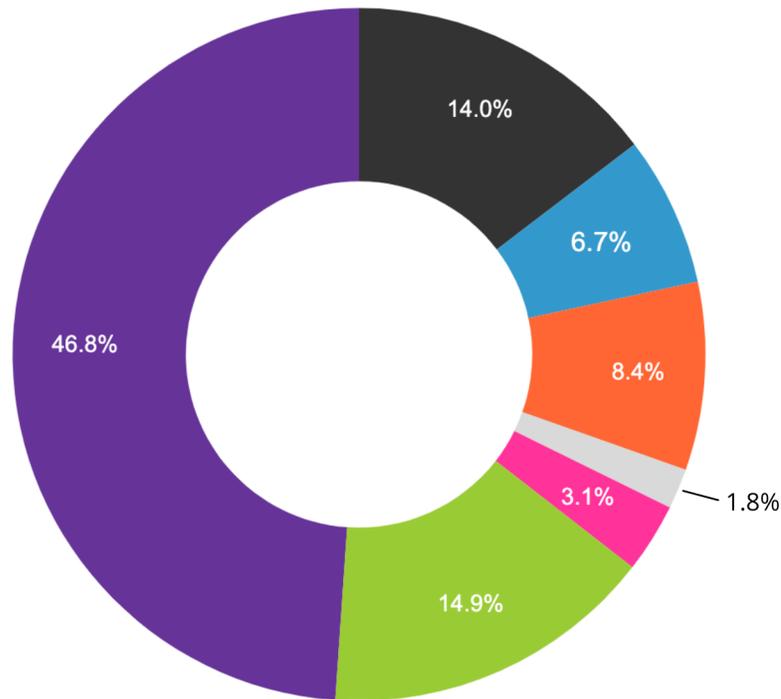


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“I am grateful for WCA as a place where I can express my creativity and I feel more comfortable around people who are similar to me” – Client

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Who We Serve



- ArtWORKS
- Transition to Work, High School Outreach
- Creative Seniors
- Adult Day Program, Offsite Locations
- Art Café
- Mental Health, Offsite Locations
- Art on a Cart, Cancer Centers

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“I am more motivated to get out of the house and communicate my needs to others at We Care Arts” - Client

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Welcoming New Program Leadership



In July, We Care Arts welcomed **Caitlin Cartwright** as our new **Director of Programming**. Caitlin joins We Care with a vast amount of professional art education and experience. She identifies as a social change artist. Her vibrant, narrative works combine painting, drawing, and collage to explore the stories that connect people of all cultures and ages. She strives for each piece to contain elements of community, comfort, and hope.

Caitlin spent many years living and working with vulnerable populations in locales such as Madagascar, Namibia, India, and elsewhere influence both the emotional and geographical scope of her pieces.

Caitlin earned her BFA from Maryland Institute College of Art, as well as a masters in sustainable international development from SIT, and recently completed a six-month residency at the Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft in Columbia, NC. In combination with a long career in global health, she uses art as a storytelling tool for economic empowerment, peace building, and healing and wellness. We are happy to welcome her to our nurturing family of artists and look forward to her plans for our program!

Accreditation

We Care Arts is extremely proud to have been reaccredited in 2019 for three years by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Our staff consistently works to maintain a higher level of care for all who attend We Care Arts' programming. Our CARF accreditation assures families their loved ones are in good care. By maintaining our accreditation, our person-centered programming aimed at enrichment and developing independence is validated for the families of those we support, our donors and the community.



Visiting Artists

In our studios, artists work on projects of their choosing. A developing artwork can take time to be truly complete in the artist's eyes. We encourage artists to develop skills slowly before giving up. Teachers guide them through learning different techniques and using different materials or mediums. An artist who works in one chosen medium is continuously achieving better results. Results can be in content, with technique or even a social skill such as patience.

We also encourage our developing artists to try new things! Our visiting artist programs ensures there is always a new opportunity to explore! We seek out talented local artists to demonstrate their chosen craft to our program participants. In 2019, several local artists including Samantha Mang, Austin Pearson, Carrie Longley and our own Caitlin Cartwright conducted classes. These classes help our artists have a different experience in our studios. There is often a new mix of program attendees at Visiting Artist, resulting in new friendships.

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“I believe the projects I work on helps reduce my stress levels and lowers anxiety as well.” -Client

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Gallery Shows

Mitchell started at We Care Arts and slowly adjusted to working on art. He has an electric personality that lights up the studio. Initially, he preferred to work on his word puzzles. His teacher encouraged him to try new art mediums, but he was not overly interested. One day, she shared one of her favorite abstract artists with Mitchell. He was interested immediately. Over several weeks of work, Mitchell worked on techniques for his painting. How to chose colors, how to place shapes on the canvas and using paint.

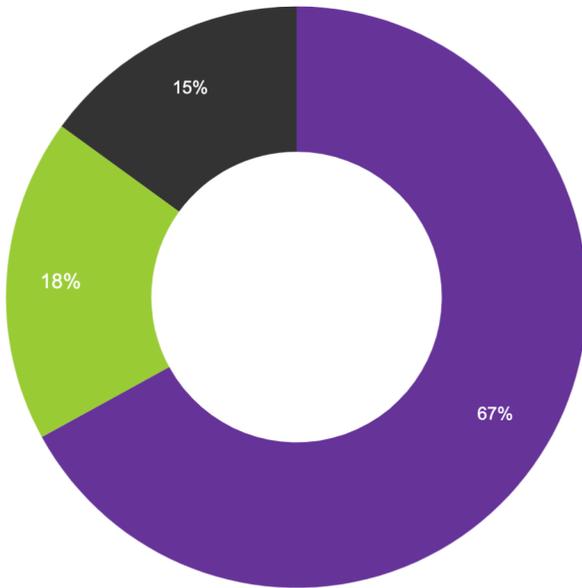
Over a few months, Mitchell built a body of work. With his paintings, Mitchell inspired the idea for We Care Arts to host gallery shows. Our executive director, Darlene Langhout said, ***"I want to connect our artists with the art world. They are making incredible strides and the community deserves to see their successes!"***

Without a gallery to host, the new studio was transformed into a gallery space for one weekend. Paintings by Mitchell were exhibited on easels and walls while ceramics by Teresa White were highlighted on pedestals. Family of the artists, and friends of We Care Arts were invited to a traditional opening on Friday evening. Saturday was an open gallery for the community to see the exhibition. The show was well received by attendees, prompting our second gallery show in November. Our gift shops have always highlighted our artists within the community. Gallery shows add another opportunity to connect our artists to the community. Many of our artists are working hard on their skills with a goal of "having a gallery show" of their own.



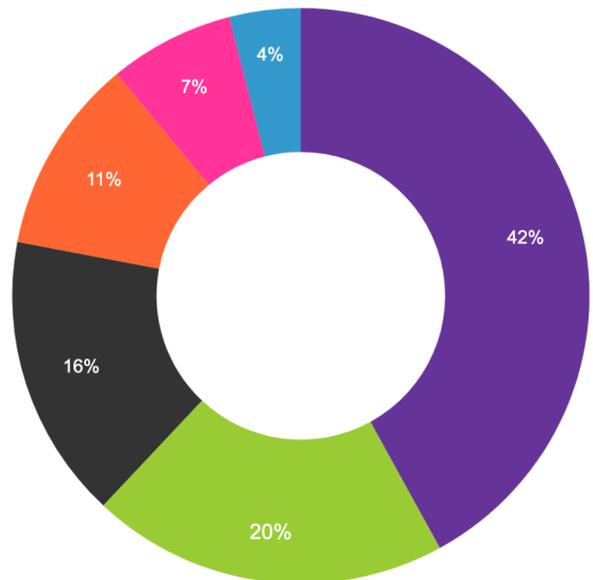
Financial Highlights

Expenses



● Programming ● Management/General ● Fundraising

Income



● Earned Income ● Individual Contributions ● Grants ● Events
● Other ● Artist Sales

“
I appreciate the atmosphere and sharing I receive here.” -Client
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Volunteer Contributions

745

total volunteers

6,534

total volunteer hours

\$166,159

worth of volunteer time

370

hours donated to
Arts & Drafts event

569

hours donated in
the woodshop

Special Thanks To

Alter High School
Carroll High School
Dayton Woman's Club
Fairmont High School
Faith Lutheran Church
Generation Dayton
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Kettering College
Kohl's
Lexis Nexis Cares

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Miami Valley College
Might Fortress Lutheran Church
Montgomery County Adult Court
Montgomery County Juvenile Court
Sinclair Community College
University of Dayton
WPAFB
Wright State Philanthropic Students
Wright State University

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**“The feeling in this room
is amazing” - Samantha
Mang, Visiting Artist**

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Gifts In Memory

In Memory of Don Bertke

In Memory of Dave Clark

In Memory of Carolyn Geeting

In Memory of Benjamin Paul Griego

In Memory of Marie Scott- Hamied

In Memory of Rich and & Mary James

In Memory of Jacqui Theobald

In Memory of Ella Yoeckel

Sue MacDonald

Terry & Roger Schalnat

Terry & Roger Schalnat

Rachel Goodspeed

Constance Brown

Kathryn Byrd

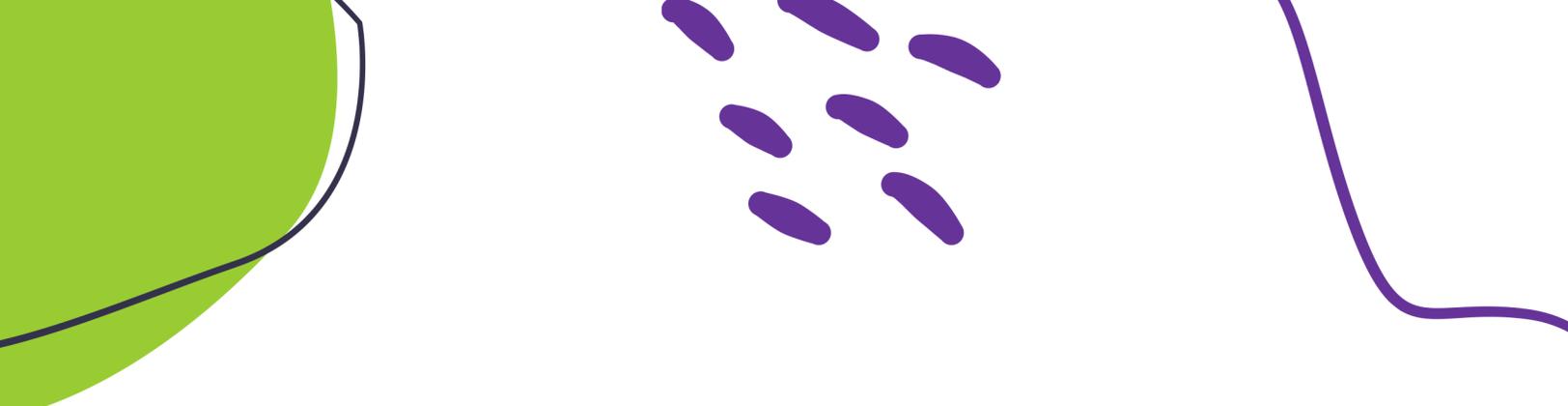
Charlene Bayless

Dorothy Gibbs

The Reading Group

Brenda & Ed Thieman





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In Honor of Susan Binder

In Honor of Caitlin Cartwright

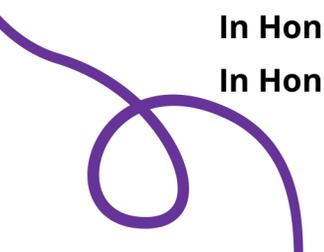
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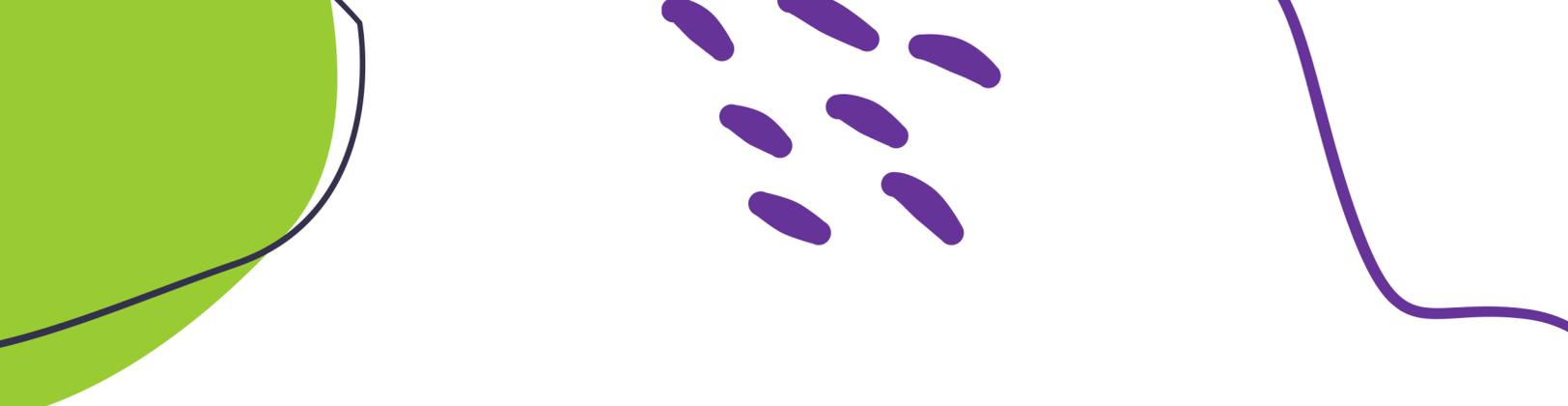
In Honor of Ed Yoeckel



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