

Studio 4

2014 Annual Report

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." -Unknown-



From Founder and Director

Another full year full of exciting, creative fun. But hey I get to do that every year, it's nothing new really. But it's what I absolutely love about my job!

More importantly 2014 has brought about some incredible new growth in our corner of the art world. From the small things to the big things.

One small thing was getting our very own phone. Really rather small, but here at the Studio it was exciting. The 'mice' (aka staff) now have a phone to play with when the 'cat' (aka director) is away. A rather important thing to have in case of an emergency.

The next smallish thing was a new logo designed by the American Marketing Association at UW-Whitewater. I love it, and it has spurred on a completely redesigned new look with Facebook and our website and some new business cards and brochures. People are saying we are looking pretty snazzy and very professional. I have to agree.

Another area of growth has been the opening of a second location! Now we're talking not such a small deal. I'm excited of the *possibilities* in our partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Watertown and all the artistically inclined and art appreciators in the city. I'm so thrilled to be bringing the arts to more people in Southeast Wisconsin.

As 2014 came to its end a great idea developed quickly into new services and programing to begin our 2015 year with. More mind stretching experiences and days filled with creativity!

Studio 84 is expanding. It's exciting.

Creatively yours, Deborah

2014 Friends of Studio 84

We couldn't do this without our Friends.

Founders Circle \$5,000-\$10,000

Frank Ludicky
United Technology Corporation

Visionaries Society \$1,001-\$2,500

Geneva National Foundation
Whitewater Community Foundation

Cornerstone Friends \$501-\$1,000

Coburn Company Geneva Lake Women's Association LSP of Whitewater United Way of Jefferson & North Walworth County

Program Partners \$251-\$500

First Citizens State Bank North Lima Presbyterian Church

Artistic Mentors \$101-\$250

Ann Engelman
Anne & Thayer Coburn In Memory of Myrna Cohen
Anonymous
Jessica's Family Restaurant
Kiwanis Club
Megan Matthews
Ron Binning

Studio Friends \$10-\$100

Anonymous Amy Whitehead In Memory of Charlie Becky Schulz Beverly & Richard Bundy Chad Kittleson Congregational Church Dan Sable In Memory of Jean Sable Dolores Derouin In Memory of Al Derouin Greg Porcaro Jim Winship JoAnne Nichols John Dynkowski Judith Nowicki Karen Coburn Kirsten Mortimer Lynn Shoemaker Marcie Thayer Mary June Mauser Melissa Anderson Paula & David Nees Robert McCullough

Ryan Germann

Susan Alter



Fun in 2014

Community Involvement Whitewater Main St. Festival Whitewater Arts Alliance Public Arts Project





Special Events After School Film Class July 4th Parade



Exhibits:
We Love Your Smile
Wings of Flight
UnFramed Abstractions

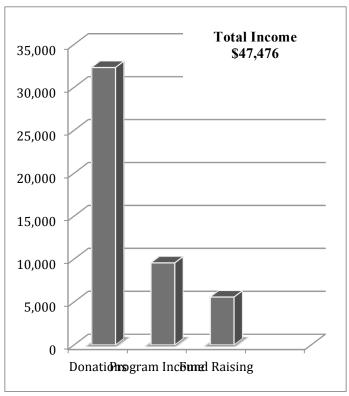
Our goals for the future

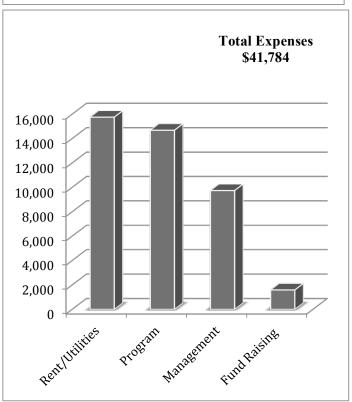
Our newest program/service will keep us busy in 2015 and beyond with its development and fine-tuning. Community Connections will help people with disabilities not only develop their creative voice through visual and theater arts but also hone in on their daily living skills, social skills, and vocational skills. Participants will have the opportunity to try a variety of volunteer positions within the community to put those skills to use. An 8-week intensive 11 hours per week session will split the days up into a volunteer segment, a visual art segment and a theater arts segment. During the visual art portion they will explore their creative voice and create items that will be sold in our Visual Voices store.

As the programing grows, it is planned to have students work or volunteer in the store that would be open more hours for the public to purchase items such as ceramic garden sculptures, ceramic dinnerware, silk screened tee shirts with unique designs and other handmade creative items.



FinancialsA brief view of our budget.







Artists & Volunteers in action



Mission Vision

To provide fully accessible opportunities in the arts

To enrich people's lives

By focusing on the strengths and abilities

Of the individual,

By encouraging the creative voice

With self directed activities,

Thus inspiring self worth, pride,

Confidence and acceptance.

Philosophy and Approach

Our philosophy is to provide open exploration of any medium chosen by the student with individualized guidance.

By looking closely at each student's abilities and skill level, individual instruction is provided. Whatever challenges they may bring with them a creative solution will be sought to nurture their inner creative needs and provide every opportunity for success. Students are challenged and encouraged to grow at their own pace.

Benefits

Enhances self-image and self-esteem.
Change identity from "disabled person" to "creative artist".
Encourages decision-making and independence.
Establishes or preserves sense of identity.
Counteracts social isolation.
Improves communication skills.
Improves motor coordination and manual dexterity.
Provides alternative for unacceptable behavior