

Studio 84

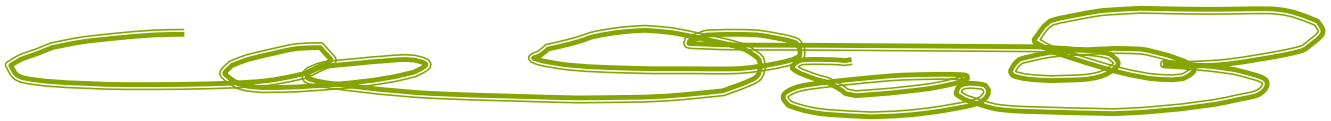
A Creative Focus on the Abilities Through the Arts

2012 Annual Report

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“This isn’t good. All our idea balloons are empty.”



From Founder and Director

I came across the front cover cartoon and had a good laugh that day and still chuckle at it every time I see it. And although I still find it funny I am happy to say that empty idea balloons never happen at Studio 84!

Creativity blooms eternal here so our idea balloons are NEVER empty. Students self esteem have been the most beautiful bloom of all. Since last year we have more than doubled the number of students we have. Each one exhibiting more confidence and growth in the work they produce, through exploring new mediums and techniques. This is what our mission statement is about!

One idea balloon we just started is our youth at risk programing. It's been an idea waiting for its time since developing the concept of Studio 84. And 2012 was time to get it started! We hired a theater director who is specifically working with our youth at risk program. This new program is designed to reach our local youth who seem to fall through the cracks in our schools. Not that our schools are deficient, but one person or organization can't do it all and we all need as individuals or groups a little help from our friends. Studio 84's programing is here to help with the already great programing in the schools. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." Studies show that kids who are involved in creative processes do better in school and life. With budget cuts looming around every corner, our schools need to look to this village more and more for help.

We have other non-empty idea balloons in the process of getting blown up. One is the development of a community theater program. And another is the growth of an annual Art Walk. Studio 84 is not a singular entity, but one that looks to the community and is involved with it. We believe in inclusion on many levels!

We look forward to more idea balloons as we move into our fourth year here in Whitewater. We hope you will join us with your continued support.

Creatively yours,
Deborah



Ideas of 2012



Young Artist Exhibit
Souper Arts Night at Washington School
Big Read with The Young Auditorium
Annual Gala Night
Operation Beautiful with W-3
Whitewater Arts Alliance Public Arts Project
UW-W Art Faculty/Student Exhibit
Best Buddies Workshop & Exhibit
3rd Annual Art in Motion Fun'd Raiser
Veteran's Art Exhibit
Art and Disability Awareness Month Events
Student Field Trip to Milwaukee Art Museum
Students of Studio 84 Exhibit
Book Signing
First Citizens State Bank Exhibit
Whitewater Cares Charity Weekend

Each year there are things that just stick in your mind as really special. In 2012 we made arrangements for a field trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum for our students and also invited many group home facilities in the area. We had a nice group of over 25 people attend, saw some great art and made some of our own great art after the guided tour in the Museums hands on studio. For many this was a first time experience. We have plans to do this again for sure because we just had too much fun!



Future Ideas

These are our idea balloons for the future.

- Grow our youth at risk after school programing to include not only the theater arts but also the visual arts that ties in to a homework mentor program.
- Development of a community all inclusive theater program
- Increase funding to support our programing and hire additional staffing.
- Increase our specialized workshops offered.
- Continue to develop community collaborative events that help bring community and businesses together for the good of all.



The Friends Idea

To all our Friends of Studio 84, we want to thank you for
helping us get our ideas funded.

With out this support our balloons would surely burst.

Individual Friends

Alex Gubbins	Gwen Slocum	Patricia Henry
Andre Ferrella	Henry Smith	Rachel Scott
Andrea Musher	Janet Sather	Rachel Sterwald
Angela Myrin	Jay Schmidt	Ray Blackwell
Ann Engleman	Jeanne Cizon	Rex Wilson
Ann Schuh	Jim & Karen McCulloch	Richard Bundy
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Anonymous	John Wickenberg	Richard & Karen Csavoy
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Carol Pilger	Katherine Fincutter	Robert McCullough
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Connie Wiersma	Ken Kohberger	Saskia Lodder
Constance Macarthur	Kevin & Nancy Brunner	Sheryl Stark
Corey Schojoth	Kim Carlson	Shirley & Donald
Cyndie Palbicky-Pena	Kirsten Mortimer	Wickersheimer
Dallas Pena	Laura Bursh	Susan Clark
Dan Sable	Laura Graham	Travis Pena
Daniel Lippett	Linda Kimbal	Stasia Wilson
Dante Conti	Linda Long	Sue Hughes
David Pawl	Lori Barquest	Sue Samuels
Dawn Hunter	Lynn Shoemaker	Susan Messer
Dawn Kist	Mark Delaney	Tami Zwicke
Deborah Blackwell	Mark McPhail	Travis Pena
Dennis & Debbie Lee	Marshal Anderson	Teresa Munger
Dennis McEssey	Mary June Mauser	Terry Houdek
Erin Amundson	Mary Potratz	Thomas Gentili
Erin Diercx	Mary Uecke	Tim Cullen
Frank J. Ludicky	Max White	Tracy Felland
Gayle Lunder	Megan Matthews	Wade Dazey
Gloria Vasquez	Mike Kelwia	Walter & Carina Boyd
Graceila Colin-Delaca	Nancy Palbicke	Whitney Richardson
	Nedra Ohm	William Thomas

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Whitehead
In Memory of Charlie

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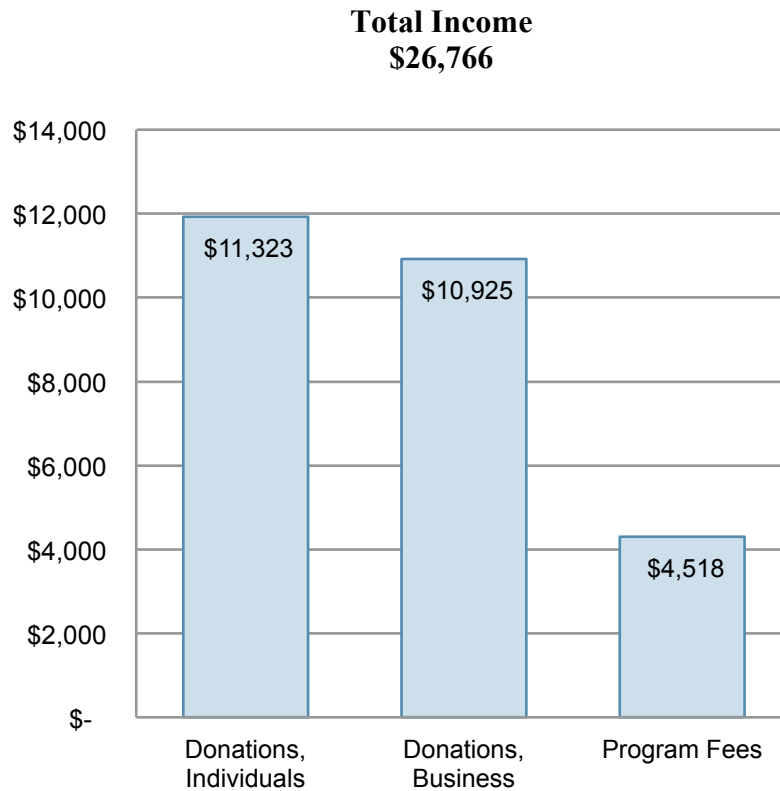


“Stuffy Friends”

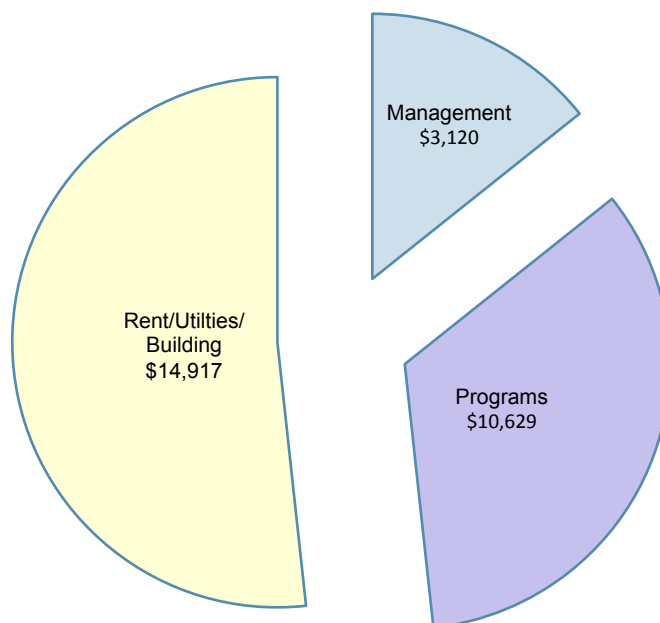
These are our friends who bring us STUFF!!
Wonderful stuff for our creative energies to use.
Too numerous to mention, many are anonymous
and we appreciate them all.

Financial Idea

Where does it come from and where does it go?
This is a simplified version, as a non-profit our books are always open for public viewing if you want the details.



Total Expenses
\$28,666



Student Ideas

“As an artist I enjoy observing what comes from other artists’ idea balloons. I find this very fascinating.” Deborah

Kelly Gunn

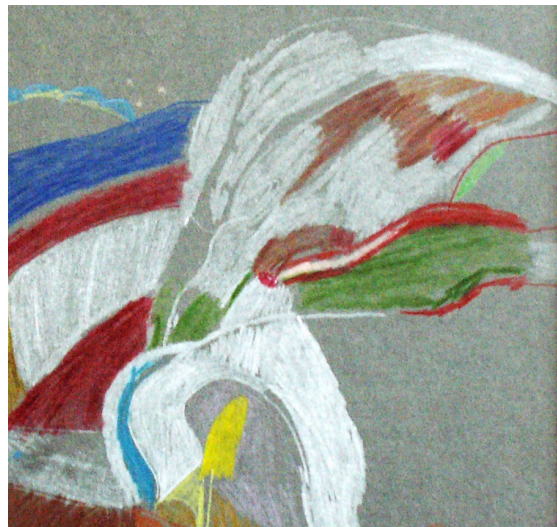
Kelly is very new to art and has been having a blast. She loves thunderstorms and so one of her very early paintings is of a thunderstorm. Kelly is legally blind and has been experimenting with a wide variety of methods to help her create what she has in her head.

One way she has found success is by painting very large with large brushes. Recently she has begun using her fingers to paint with. Kristen Senft, our UW-W intern this semester has been helping her work with these various mediums and methods. Kristen plans to get her Masters in Art Therapy. Kelly is seen here painting her first large scale landscape.





Self Portrait
By Jessica Barden
Acrylic



Wild Lilly
By Ron Hahn
Colored Pencil



Thunderstorm
By Kelly Gunn
Acrylic

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.