

*Art From the Heart* is proud to be entering our 13th year of providing quality art enrichment classes to low income, under-served children in Marin County. We believe our mission of empowering children by building their self-confidence, and giving them the opportunity to develop an appreciation and love of the arts by participating in hands-on experiences is very important. We strive to make our classroom environment safe, creative and fun, and we've seen first-hand how a completed art project can brighten the day for a 5 year old student as well as a middle or high school student. The opportunity to be creative inspires joy, hope and self-confidence and gives our students the chance to express themselves.



This year we are teaching 34 sessions a month, compared to 26 classes a month last year. Your donation dollars go directly to our program and our students, and with this increase in classes we need your help now more than ever. Thank you for your continued support.

Kathy Eggert

Sheila Jones

## THIS SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS SOME EXCITING CHANGES

★ In June, the Timothy Murphy School for Boys sadly closed their doors. AFTH has been working at TMS since 2008 and we are extremely disappointed that we will no longer be working with these students.

★ We are excited to bring AFTH to the Irene H. Hunt School at Side by Side in San Anselmo. We now work with 60 boys and girls ranging in age from 7 to 17, as well as several of our students from Timothy Murphy who are now in this program. Side by Side offers young people impacted by adversity a positive, supportive, safe, educational environment to help them heal from trauma, restore resilience and embrace their own potential.

★ AFTH added five new classes at the San Pedro Elementary School.

★ We also added two new classes at North Marin Community Services in Novato.



### AFTH Program Sites

- Hamilton Child Development Center
- Old Gallinas Children's Center
- San Pedro Elementary School
- Side by Side – Irene H. Hunt School
- North Marin Community Services

## YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year our curriculum continued to focus on introducing our students to many different art genres, methods and techniques. We had projects working with acrylic paint, watercolor, chalk pastels, oil pastels, paper, tape, tissue paper, shaving cream, marbles, sand, straws, tin foil, recycled materials, print rollers, fabric, canvases, decoupage, and salt. Yes, we used salt on some of our watercolor pieces to simulate rain, snow, or bubbles underwater. The kids love it!



## Meet one of our Guest Artists: MARGIE BETTS

Margie Betts is sharing her talents as an AFTH guest artist for a second year and we are thrilled to have her back! Margie is a fabulous children's book illustrator and graphic designer. She also spent 18 years as a teacher, bringing the gift of creativity through art to students. Margie's projects are messy, fun, and creative!



**Our heartfelt thanks** to you, our donors and sponsors!  
Together we bring the arts to life for the under-served children in Marin County!

**Marin Charitable** supports our work at Side by Side and offers grants to enrichment programs for school-aged children in Marin County.

**The Frankie Poulos Foundation** is sponsoring our program at the Novato Children Center, and supporting our work at North Marin Community Services. This Charitable foundation was created in honor of Frankie Poulos who died in a car accident in 1993. Each December the foundation raises money to support youth organizations in Novato.

**Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California** once again included AFTH in a grant to reach under-served, school-aged children by sponsoring our storyteller, Claudia Cuentas.

