

Entering our 11th year of working with under-served students in Marin County, our classroom motto remains the same... there is no wrong way to do art. Our students are encouraged to express themselves through art; everyone possesses the ability to create! In our Art From the Heart classes, students are engaged, focused and produce art work that they are proud of. Each year we develop a curriculum that focuses on physical art, appreciation of different cultures, nature and the world around us. Now more than ever our students need a creative outlet allowing them to explore and feel good about themselves. We are extremely grateful that your ongoing support allows us to continue our work!

Thank You!

Kathy Eggert & Sheila Jones

A Year In Review

In 2016, we focused on art from around the world. Using our world map, we talked about different countries and art representing each region. The students weaved colorful African Kente cloths; they created bird Batiks from India using cloth squares and watercolors to dye their Batiks; they learned dances from Afghanistan and Turkey; they drew their own version of St. Basil Cathedral in Russia using oil pastels, chalk pastels and markers; they created Wycinanki designs (Polish paper cutting) using scissors and bright colored paper; and focusing on nature, the students used Q-tips and earth tone acrylic paints to create their own Aboriginal dot art paintings – just to name a few. Our students are always so very proud of their artistic abilities.

AFTH Program Sites Include:

Old Gallinas Center
Short Elementary School
Timothy Murphy School
Novato Children's Center
Canal Childcare Center





Meet A Guest Artist: **WADE PETERSON**



Wade Peterson is a returning AFTH guest artist and one of our favorites! Wade is a noted drummer and teacher of West African drumming in the Bay Area. An enthusiastic drummer for nearly twenty years, he combines a strong grounding in Western music with

a deep knowledge of West African musical traditions. Sharing his amazing drumming skills, Wade mesmerizes the students by having them drum building rhythms in a collaborative approach. He engages the students making the music fun and unusually accessible.

Our Art Gallery



A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Donors and Sponsors:

You help us achieve our goal of bringing the arts to life for under-served children in Marin County, and we are so very grateful.

Marin Charitable



Marin Charitable continues to support our program by awarding us a grant to enrich the lives of school-aged children in Marin County.

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California



Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California once again included Art From the Heart in a grant to reach school-aged, under-served children by sponsoring our storyteller, Kirk Waller.

Frankie Poulos Foundation

Frankie Poulos Foundation is our newest sponsor awarding us with a grant to support our work at the Novato Children's Center. 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 organization in Novato.



Westamerica Bank

Westamerica Bank awarded Art From the Heart a generous grant to support our work with children in Marin County.

