

Donors Making a Difference

2024 Art & Sole

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Art & Sole 5K Run & Walk such a success! Please save the date for next year's race on Saturday, May 10th, 2025.

Thank You to Our Third Party Fundraisers

The Neighborhood Art House is extremely grateful to the **National Art Honor Society at Cathedral Preparatory School** for holding a dress down day before school was out for the summer that raised \$1,691.00 to benefit the programs at the Neighborhood Art House.



The **Great Lakes Cars & Coffee** event held on July 14th from 8am to noon at Lake Erie Speedway was a great partnership between **PNC Bank** and **Lake Erie Speedway**.

The event was free for anyone wishing to bring their car to "show" on the racetrack, and open to the public to attend and enjoy free coffee. About 100 cars were on display for all to enjoy, while the Art House was on hand to share information, meet with the guests, and receive donations in place of the entrance fees. It was a fun first-time event supporting the Neighborhood Art House.

MEMORIAL

Thank you to the Family of
LYNN M. FLOWER

For Designating Donations in her memory

Erie Gives 2024

- Erie Gives is right around the corner! You can help support the Neighborhood Art House on
- Erie Gives Day, August 13th, 2024 from midnight to midnight.



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New Staff

Hannah Borczon

Development Assistant

Hannah, a former Art House student, fosters deep personal connections to the Art House. She is a cousin of the Neighborhood Art House founder, Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki, and her father was the first full-time lay person on staff at the Art House. She graduated from Temple University, where she obtained her BFA in Dance and Certificate in Entrepreneurial Business. After graduation, Hannah was drawn to public service and arts education. She has also previously taught dance through our Summer Program.



Lucy Ventura

Receptionist

Lucy Ventura began attending the Neighborhood Art House at the age of 7 and came back as a volunteer at 17. She was hired on as part-time personnel in 2022 and has remained steadily involved ever since! She loves art in all forms and is especially interested in music. She has performed with her band, Life Through Music, at performance spaces across Erie including Celebrate Erie 2023.



Executive Director

Kelly Stolar, CFRE

Program Director

Lourdes Jasso

Community Art Director

Sarah Everett, MFA

Environmental Director

Pat Lupo, OSB

DATES OF NOTE

- August 10th August Second Saturday 10am-12pm
- August 13th Erie Gives Day Midnight to Midnight
- September 10th Taste of the Arts: Starry Night, 5pm
- September 14th September Second Saturday 10am-12pm
- September 17th First Day of Fall Classes



Summer 2024

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



Taste of the Arts 2024 Starry Night

You are officially invited to join us at **Taste of the Arts Starry Night**. We are thrilled to announce that this year's luminous festivity will be held on **Tuesday, September 10th** beginning at **5p.m.** "under the tent" at the Neighborhood Art House. We have some stellar ideas planned that are sure to awaken your emotions.

Our interactive stations will once again provide you with the opportunity to meet the students and personally observe how they create their art here at the Neighborhood Art House. Our stage will

showcase brilliant dance and music pieces the students have worked hard to prepare.

Student artwork will be exhibited and available to purchase, plus the silent auction of donated work by many local artisans will be offered for bidding. Last year we kicked off a special attraction titled, "Six in the City," which is back by popular demand. It involves over 100 [6"x6"] canvases created by roughly one hundred artists whose names will be unveiled once sold. All of this will shine brightly while you take delight in a light buffet and cocktails.

Sponsorships & Registrations Available at:

icnah.org/events/taste-of-the-arts



Kids Corner

Summer Program

133 students registered for our 2024 Summer Program. This year featured 27 instructors and 68 different classes where our students' artistic abilities were put on full display.



Chef Showdown

Taught by Tess Frawley, teams of students received a group of ingredients and were instructed to prepare a tasty and nutritious meal. They especially enjoyed taco day, making everything from scratch including their own tortillas.



Storm Drain Art

Students collaborated with Sarah Howard, Art House teacher, and Jenny Thompkins of PennFutures to raise awareness for stormwater runoff in the City of Erie. Students painted four storm drain decals and placed them at the intersection of 10th and Holland, in the Neighborhood Art House parking lot, and a final will be placed on State Street as part of PennFuture's Stormwater Campaign.



YMCA Summer Lunch Program

The Neighborhood Art House once again hosted this lunch program. It was free and open to the public as well as our Summer Program students.

Adagio Health

Representatives from Adagio Health visited our students twice a week for five weeks to educate us about tobacco awareness. Thank you to Kylee Frazier, MS, Youth Services Coordinator, Brandy M. Alexander, MPH, CCM Healthcare & Policy Coordinator - Tobacco Prevention Control, for facilitating these classes!



Community Art

Homeschool

Wednesday morning homeschool art classes wrapped up for the spring with ten six-week sessions completed since the program launched in fall of 2022. Each six-week session of classes featured different guest artists from the Erie region. Guest artists for spring included Christine Bowler, Evan Everhart, Caelin McDaniel, Joe Krol, Jamie Keim Pomorski, April Cox, Amy Emmett, and Cathy Ferraro. Jonilee Hlusko and Amy Emmett lent their art teaching expertise to each session of classes as well. We're happy to say the program has nearly doubled in size and continues to grow and evolve.



Community Art Classes

Fun Fitness and Open Studio relocated to St. Mary's Club's gym space, just one block from the Art House, for five weeks due to the summer program for youth. Thank you to St. Mary's Club for sharing their awesome space with us!



Second Saturday Classes

Learners of all ages are welcome to join us for a new project each month on the second Saturday from 10 am - 12 pm. Weather permitting, summer Second Saturdays are held in our Sorce Outdoor Learning Space. Recent themes included tie-dye, a mixed-media bug workshop, and Art & Sole art activities. Second Saturdays have grown, so make sure to sign up early to reserve your spot!

Day Camp at Glinodo

Following the end of the summer program, youth ages 8-18 were invited to spend a week in the outdoors with the Community Art Program's Day Camp at Glinodo. Lunch was a big hit and was provided by the kitchen staff at Mount St. Benedict. The YMCA provided excellent, interactive swim lessons with three lifeguards through a Safety Around Water grant. Funding for the field trip to the Titusville and Oil Creek Railroad was provided by the Sierra Club through a Huplits Grant with additional funding from the local Sierra Club.



Teachers and Volunteers

Sr. Pat Lupo, OSB

Congratulations to Sr. Pat Lupo, OSB, a recipient of Freshwater Future's 20th Annual Hero Award! Every year, Freshwater Future highlights and celebrates the work of everyday people jumping into action to solve some of the most pressing water issues across the Great Lakes region. Pat Lupo has committed decades to fostering environmental awareness and advocacy among youth as well as fighting for water quality in Erie, Pennsylvania. Pat is a respected leader, courageously speaking up to protect the environment, Lake Erie, and public health. As a passionate advocate, Pat inspires her community to speak up about threats and impacts to their environment.



Volunteers

How do we begin to thank the 200+ volunteers who generously shared their time, talent, and expertise with the students at the Neighborhood Art House? Our volunteers' dedication has been nothing short of extraordinary, and together, we created a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for both youth and adults in the Erie area. Please accept our sincere gratitude for everything you do. You are truly the heart of our mission.



Looking for a way to get involved with the Art House? We are always looking for more volunteers for all of our programs and events!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Art House, email Jill Bucceri at jbucceri@neighborhoodarthouse.org or give us a call at (814)455-5508 to get started!

From Kelly's Desk



"Be Doers of the World"

Did you ever feel the impact of someone's life whom you have never met? I am grateful to say that I've had that opportunity. I can honestly say that I didn't even realize this donor had touched me in such a way until his passing. It wasn't until then that I recognized that the few enjoyable conversations we had via phone resonated with me in ways I couldn't explain. I didn't really know him, except that when we spoke, I could sense his gentle nature and true care for others.

This struck me because he was not even from this area, he had no real connection with our ministry physically, yet his passion for what we do for our community resonated with me when we spoke and still now, although he is no longer with us. For this reason, I feel compelled to share his legacy with you as he left it with me. His memorial card quoted James 1:22, "Be Doers of the Word" which profoundly exemplifies why the Neighborhood Art House was established and how we continue to make an impact on our community. Being "Doers of the Word" means to not just hear the word, but to act on it. Honoring this experience is my way of acknowledging all of you as "Doers of the Word" because you have stood firmly with us, not only hearing us but actively helping to keep us rooted in the community. You have surrounded us with your gifts and therefore we will continue to be active doers for which our dear friend so proudly supported.