

## Donors Making a Difference

### Bobbi Pollock



Bobbi has been a long time supporter of the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, serving on our Women's Core Committee advisory board for over 25 years. In recognition of her many years of service to the Erie community she was presented the 2023 Tocqueville Award from United Way. This is their most prestigious award, and could not be given to a more deserving individual. Something her grandmother said to her when she was younger really stuck throughout the years. She "wanted to give with a warm hand, not because she wanted to be thanked but because she wanted people to be happy." We have been blessed that Bobbi has "given with a warm hand" to so many people at the Art House and within our community. To this day, we are beyond thankful to have her support. Our organization would truly not be the same without Bobbi.



### Annalynn Shuttleworth

We would also like to congratulate Annalynn Shuttleworth, on being named the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwestern PA's 2023

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser! She has demonstrated outstanding skills in coordinating and motivating other volunteers for more than ten years as either a co-chair or as a committee member of the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House's largest fundraising event, Taste of the Arts. Annalynn has also been an active member of our Women's Core Committee advisory board over the same period. Her commitment to the Neighborhood Art House and those we serve is unwavering. She has a heart of gold, and we are truly blessed she has chosen to give so much of herself to us. We thank you, Annalynn!

### MEMORIAL

A special thank you to the families of  
**Ann Marie Bool**  
**Allan Sassman**  
for designating a memorial to the  
Inner-City Neighborhood Art House.

### WISH LIST

Gift cards to stores that sell art supplies, healthy snacks, personal care items or general office supplies	Sunflower seeds & suet for birds
Individually packaged healthy snacks	Potting Soil
	Fiber fill
	Art Kits
	Watercolor Paper

### 2023 Taste of the Arts Sponsors

#### Museum Level

Humes Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM,  
Linda & Terry Irvin, and Reed Manufacturing

#### Stage Level

Tom & Kathy Burik, The Erie Community Foundation, Becky & Bill Hilbert, Martha Hilbert, Mary Lincoln, Marco & Betsy Monsalve, PNC Bank, Barbara Pollock and Stephen & Lalida Raj

#### Gallery Level

Teresa M. Brugger, Chinsky Family, Atty. Mark & Amy Denlinger, John & Nancy Hilbert, Larry Lechtner, Lyndal Enterprises, Inc., Morris Coupling Company, Sharon & Shawn Rooney, Tim & Annalyn Shuttleworth, Thomas J. Loftus Family, and UPMC Health Plan

#### Studio Level

AmeriHealth Caritas PA, Birkmire Trucking/Big Box Rentals, Karen & Matt Clark, Jim & Kathy Dammeyer, Loesel-Schaaf Insurance Agency, Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Jim Toohey, and WJET-TV



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## What's New

### 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit

We have been honored with one of the first Top-Rated Awards of 2023 from GreatNonprofits! We appreciate all of your contributions! Want to share your story? Scan the QR code below and let us know how you've been impacted by the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House.



#### Executive Director

Kelly Stolar, CFRE

#### Program Director

Lourdes Jasso

#### Community Art Director

Sarah Everett, MFA

#### Environmental Director

Pat Lupo, OSB



### Give Creatively!

Now more than ever, our supporters are giving smarter, tax-savvy gifts that not only support youth's creativity but also their own financial goals. The Neighborhood Art House recently partnered with FreeWill to accept gifts from non-cash assets, such as Donor-Advised Funds,



Explore popular, non-cash giving methods (and see bigger tax savings than when you donate cash)



Support children's creativity and self-expression with easy-to-use tools to donate in under 10 minutes

Give smart by December 31

Scan the QR code or get started at  
[FreeWill.com/SmartGiving/NeighborhoodArtHouse](https://FreeWill.com/SmartGiving/NeighborhoodArtHouse)



IRAs, and Stock portfolios. Your gifts have the opportunity to make a powerful impact on the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House today.

### DATES OF NOTE

January 8	Start of Winter/Spring Session
March 25 - April 1	Spring Break - No classes
May 7	Winter/Spring Showcase 6pm
May 11	Art & Sole 5k at 9am

Winter 2023

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



With much  
gratitude and  
appreciation from our  
'House' to yours,  
may your blessings  
be many this  
holiday season and  
into 2024!

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## Kids Corner

### Fresh Meals

In Fresh Meals classes, students have been cooking a variety of delicious meals, including favorites like tacos, smoothies, grilled cheese, pear jam and build-your-own breakfast. They are learning techniques for food preparation, and how to enhance every meal with a rainbow of colorful fruits and vegetables, some straight from our gardens! Vibrant colors mean lots of nutrients and minerals!



### Spirit Week

The return of Spirit Week was a highly anticipated event! Our themes this year included: Stuffy Day, Color Wheel Day, Wacky Wednesday, Throwback Thursday and Pajama Day. The lessons learned during Spirit Week went far beyond the fun get-ups and crazy hairstyles. It was a reminder that the true spirit of the Art House lies in our strength to provide a safe, nurturing, and caring environment for the students.



Kaden, age 8, created a tasty looking clay donut!



### Lions, Tigers and Spiders Oh My!

Spiders might not be everyone's favorite creature, but these are very cute. Students in Critters class had fun creating their own version of a spider. Some of them chose to add more legs, extra eyes, or lots of color. These are the only spiders we want hanging around!



"Sunset in the Mountains," by Jameson, age 17.

## Community Art

### Open Studio

Open Studio takes place Tuesday mornings from 10 am- 12 pm. Members of the community are invited to bring their own projects or take part in planned art activities lead by teaching artists.



### Fun Fitness

Certified Silver Sneaker instructor Jackie George teaches the aptly named 'Fun Fitness' class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10-10:45 am.



### Autumn Watercolor Class

Artist and Art House instructor Chris Bowler taught a five-part Autumn Watercolor Class on Thursday evenings this fall. Adult students learned about color theory, watercolor techniques and created some exciting new work of their own. Watch for new evening classes to be added this spring.



More information about these and additional upcoming events is available on the Community Art Events page of our website.

Looking for a creative team building workshop for your company or organization? The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House can help facilitate this! Learn a new art form or participate in a kinesthetic activity as a group through our Community Art Program.

For more information email Community Art Director Sarah Everett at [seeverett@icnah.org](mailto:seeverett@icnah.org)

## Teachers and Volunteers

### Barb Gerenser

Eight years ago I responded to Sr. Peg's ad, asking for volunteer tutors for the Neighborhood Art House. It seemed like a good fit since I am a St. Benedict Academy alum and a former elementary teacher. Now I could give back to one of the Benedictine ministries. I've grown to love my time at the Art House more and more. This place is full of love, talent, caring, discipline and respectful attitudes. I am so impressed by what a happy environment the youth come to each day. It's obvious that the kids appreciate being here, just as much as I do.



### Sarah Howard

Teaching at the Art House has reminded me that creativity is born within us all, it's up to us teaching art to let it organically blossom. Don't get caught up in the finished piece, let the kids enjoy their individual creative processes. I felt that as a teacher it was my responsibility to invest my time in the fundraising effort's because without community support we don't exist. How better to do that than getting involved with the Taste of the Arts Committee. This committee truly shows the importance of developing community support.



Looking for a way to get involved with the Art House? We are always looking for more volunteers in all of our programs and events. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Art House, email Jill Bucceri at [jbucceri@neighborhoodarthouse.org](mailto:jbucceri@neighborhoodarthouse.org) or give us a call at 814-455-5508 to get started!

## Take a Moment with Kelly



Some say word of mouth is the best form of advertisement. David J. Greer, Wind In Your Sails writes "A customer talking about their experience with you is worth ten times that which you write or say about yourself." Keeping this in mind, I am sharing a sampling of anonymous survey responses seven students ages 10-18 gave as to why they like coming to the Neighborhood Art House.

*"I enjoyed the projects we did and how well everyone in the class got along."*  
*"Learning new art forms and learning new names of artists so I can study them."*  
*"It's a healthy environment where everybody can be themselves."*  
*"I love art and I am grateful that the art house is for art."*

*"Because I make new friends and most classes are fun and teach new things I haven't tried before."*  
*"I like seeing my friends, it gives me something to learn or do in my free time, it's fun and the teachers are nice."*  
*"Because when I came here last semester it was super fun. I was shy and didn't talk much, but I learned to ask questions and raise my hand and talk with a firm voice."*

What we offer our students varies for every person who attends, but the resounding consensus epitomizes these words so aptly expressed by an 11-year-old, "I like coming here because the Art House is very fun, I love art and at the Art House I feel free to be me and do what I like." I couldn't have said it any better myself! Thank you for helping with inspiring a better future for so many through the arts. And please - keep spreading the word!