

Donors Making a Difference



Donor Recognition

As we reflect on an amazing 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the support that allows us to make a difference in our community. We had the joy of delivering appreciation gifts to some of our amazing business advocates

and want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our marvelous business champions who continue to support us



year after year allowing us to bring creativity, joy, and opportunities to youth in our community, thank you! Your generosity makes our mission possible. We couldn't do it without you.

We heART you for all you do!

*Special thanks to Ben Davis for creating these fantastic metal pieces and Gene Davis Sales & Services for donating our custom project.

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2024 Grants Received

2024 Catholic Social Ministry Grant
Benedictine Ministry Fund
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Charles I Blake Family Foundation
Find Your Light Foundation
Gannon University Schuster Arts Re-Grant Initiative
Huplits Grant (Sierra Club)
John Nesbit Rees & Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation
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The Erie Community Foundation-William & Ethel Hovis Fund



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What's New

Smart Giving with the Neighborhood Art House

As you file your 2024 taxes, many donors are thinking ahead! Giving one of the gift-options below can make an impact on our mission, while also offering tax benefits for future returns.

- Grants from a Donor-Advised Fund
- Contributing Cryptocurrency
- Giving Appreciated Stocks
- Donating from an IRA

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DATES OF NOTE

- May 2nd** Last Day of Spring Classes
- May 6th** Spring Afterschool Showcase
- May 10th** Art & Sole 5K Run & Walk 9am, Youth 1K at 9:45am, May Second Saturday at 9am
- June 23rd** Start of Summer Program



Spring 2025

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benefit for the Neighborhood Art House

2025 Art & Sole 5k Run/Walk Plus Teams Division and Youth 1k is Open for Registrations!

The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, celebrating its 30th year, is excited for this year's Art & Sole 5k Run/Walk. The 5k race begins at 9am on Saturday, May 10th and the 1k Fun Run for youth 12 & under starts at 9:45am. This year we are planning to have more mascots joining us to cheer on our 5k finishers and run along with our 1k participants. You can even grab some photos with your friends and family alongside your favorite mascots!



The Art & Sole 5k race is unique as the course begins at the Art House, loops through downtown Erie (through many of the neighborhoods we serve) and finishes back at the Art House. The popular Team Challenge has returned with some fierce competitors vying for special prizes for the top 3 teams - top 3 finishers from each team score. There will also be art activities sponsored in part by Remake Learning Days and a variety of games for all ages held in the Neighborhood Art House parking lot. If you know of any mascots willing to join in the fun, please contact us.



As is our custom, the top 3 finishers in each age category in both the run and walk divisions will win fabulous student artwork as prizes. Plus, everyone who registers by April 21st will receive a limited-edition race shirt featuring artwork specially designed by an Art House student. Participants can pick up their shirts and race bibs at the Art House on Friday, May 9th starting at noon and ending at 6pm.

Don't wait! Register now at getmeregistered.com/ArtSole5k and help to inspire a better future through the arts!

For more information, please feel free to contact: **Kelly Stolar, CFRE, Executive Director** at kstolar@icnah.org or **814-455-5508**



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Kids Corner



Disney on Ice

We're filled with gratitude to Feld Entertainment for bringing joy to our 15 families and 23 students through their Disney on Ice: Into the Magic event. The smiles and excitement were truly heartwarming, reminding us of the lasting impact these experiences have on everyone involved. Thank you!



Teacher Speakers

Our students have had the enlightening opportunity to connect with our talented instructors through guest speaker sessions. These creative minds have shared their unique artistic journeys, inspiring students to explore various mediums and discover new ways to express themselves. It's been a fantastic way for our students to learn from the best while closely examining the innovative process behind the art they love!



Thank You to Our Amazing Partners!

We are so grateful for the wonderful organizations and individuals who make our Afterschool Program a success. A special thank you to our workshop collaborators: expERIENCE Children's Museum, China'e Williams (Sia Chi), Highmark Caring Place, Erie Federal Credit Union, and Gannon University Occupational Therapy for their participation. Together, we're making a lasting impact on the youth and families we serve!

Owl Pellets

What is an Owl pellet? Students in the Habitat class at the Art House dissected owl pellets. The owls eat their food whole, then use their strong beaks to rip their food apart and swallow large chunks. An owl pellet is a mass of indigestible materials, like fur, bones, and teeth, that owls regurgitate after digesting their prey.



Community Art



Felting

We've had a wonderful time discovering and diving into the art of Felting this fall and winter. April Cox is a fiber artist who raises alpacas on her farm in Spartansburg, and she has been teaching students about needle felting as well as flat felting. We've made penguins, felted vessels, and scenes with birds,



all to the delight of participating students. If you missed it, or if you'd like to join us again, there will be more felting classes coming up this spring, including a Felted Pod workshop on April 10th.

Register now at:

www.neighborhoodarthouse.org/community-art-events

Second Saturday

Have you attended a Second Saturday workshop at the Art House yet? Each month we spotlight a different activity that can be adapted for creative folks of all ages. We had a full house for February's Valentine's Day observance and March's Recycling themed activities. Next we'll be showcasing umbrella designs in April. Then in May, a Community Art Celebration featuring fabulous

suncatchers, face painting and more will coincide with our Art & Sole 5k race.

We're also planning special activities for summer, so watch for our announcements! Registration is required (except in May). Please visit the Community Art events page for more information.



Teachers and Volunteers



Welcome the New Members of our Leadership Committees

Women's Core Committee

Carol Gleichsner
Robin Smalley
Ann Quinn

Taste of the Arts Committee

Sheila Grove

Art & Sole 5K Committee

Caity Henry DeWolf



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: "Who Are You?"



"Well, who are you? I really wanna know!" Lyrics by The Who lead me to my following topic. Since 2018, when I joined the Art House, I had been surrounded by Benedictine sisters who seemed to know everyone who was connected to the Art House. It wasn't until I really became immersed in my development role that I realized that much of that knowledge was from years of educating or working alongside many of our donors and it was housed in their glorious memory banks.

That's when I decided to find a connection through phone calls, letters of acknowledgment, and even visits so that I could learn what inspires you to give to the Art House. I have learned that you each have your own story to share, and all are special in their own way. It is truly one of my favorite parts of my job.

This is why I am appealing to you to answer my questions, "Who are you?" and "What inspires you to give to the Art House?" I really do want to know! I would enjoy hearing your story. And all I ask is for you to send me an email (kstolar@icnah.org) or call me (814) 455-5508 and share your story or even request a visit. I would be more than happy to provide a tour of the Art House or stop by and visit you in person.

Lastly, please accept my apologies if you can't seem to get this song out of your head, but maybe that's your cue to drop me a line and tell me who you are and what inspires you to support the Neighborhood Art House. I can't wait to hear from you!