The studies are many, the research is clear. Music pro-
gresses children in many areas of development. It is especially
true for children like those who attend the Neighborhood Art House. Real results are shown here and there are more than enough to affirm the need for a quality music program. The studies, however, do not tell the whole story. Our mission calls us to “enable children to experience
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within and the desire to give expression. Our teachers know
music itself is the gift.

Multiple studies report that children
engaged in music programs as a
part of their education:
- Have larger vocabularies.
- Demonstrate higher scores on
reading and spelling tests.
- Achieve better on math tests.
- Show greater language development.
- Achieve greater academic gains.
- Demonstrate significant growth in
non-cognitive skills.
- Engage in less drug use.
- Demonstrate more engagement in
academic work.
- Engage in fewer risk behaviors
such as delinquency.
- Develop stronger friendships
than their peers.

Mary Margaret’s (person) (name) explained
how they cut through the initial difficulties.
It begins to have a sense of security
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A special thank you to the families of Mary Ellen Bujñoski for designating memorials to the Neighborhood Art House in her memory.

Memorials

Wish List

Art Supplies
- Watercolor paints
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- Oil paints
- Pastels
- Charcoal
- Sketching paper
- Drawing pencils
- Erasers
- Sharpener
- Paintbrushes
- Canvas
- Cardboard
- Clay

Office Supplies
- Paper
- Pencils
- Pens
- Post-it notes
- Stickers
- Stapler
- Photo paper
- Printer ink

Personal Care Products
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Body wash
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- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Toilet paper

Healthy snacks
- Fruits
- Nuts
- Trail mix
- Granola bars
- Popcorn

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The canvas prints were so well liked by the Erie Community Foundation that they chose them as gifts and put them on display in the reception area of the Foundation’s new building, The Susan Herd Hagen Center for Transformational Philanthropy, home of the Nonprofit Partnership.

Coaches’ Honor: Dr. Steven Raj with Art House Donation

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Victoria Columbia, Former Art House Director (2005-2010), paid a secon- end visit to the Art House to share her past experiences with some of the older students. Her visits have been few to date because that college education can be their goal if they just want it

From the Desk of Sr. Annette

It’s hard to believe that spring is upon us. The last week of March brought us the promise of a real spring and it was a welcome change. The past few weeks have been busy with Art House children:

Children Reaching Out To Children

As part of their celebr- ation of Catholic Schools Week, students at St. Vibiana, the inner-city Neighborhood Art House, collected socks of every color and style to be given to NAH children who need them.

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