Welcome to Our Circle

Congratulations and a multitude of thanks to co-chairs Lise Chinsky and Annalynn Shultzworth, the planning committee, faculty and children on a memorable Taste of the Arts 2018: Welcome to Our Circle. From audience participation in the Pledge and Circle Song that starts each Art House session, and art demonstrations and performances by the children, guests were able to connect in a new way with the friendly scholastics at the Art House.

Kudos to Sabella’s whose food stations proclaimed the Art House Curriculum, and all those whose sponsorships, silent auction donations, and many kindnesses made the evening such a huge success.

We are deeply grateful to Ed Bernik and Erie Insurance Media Services for creating a new video that tells the story of the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House. The video was enthusiastically received at its inaugural viewing during Taste of the Arts, and is now available on our website, www.neighborhoodarthouse.org.

Taste of the Arts 2018

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New Faces

New faces grace the Art House offices and classes: we’d like you to meet them and join us in providing a warm welcome.

Kelly Stolar (F), CFRE, Development Director and president-elect of the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, began her tenure here just five days before Art & Sole in June! Her experience at both Sarah Reed Children’s Center and Mercyhurst University serves her well as our first full-time Development Director. We are delighted to welcome a mother/daughter team, Rhonda (B) and Katie (G) Berlin, and Nadia Popova, (not pictured), recent Art House student, who are all teaching private piano lessons. Also joining the music department is Pam Verity (K) who welcomes the children to “sing their socks off” under her enthusiastic direction.

Proclaiming the love of poetry is the force of Luchetta Manuel (J), who is herself a published poet. The visual arts department welcomes Eliza Wolfe (L), who teaches at her own class studio, Main Street Art in Girard, and two classroom volunteers, Christine Delgado (C) and former art teacher at Mercyhurst Prep, and Janice Hauser (R) recently the art teacher at Montrose Regional Charter School. The Art House has taken on a notable scope due to the efforts of new housekeepers Jeniece D’Fracia (C) and Rita Begon (G). In addition to her duties as Administrative Assistant, Sue Stygler (I) is often volunteers in the environmental program as a Master Gardener.
Empathy is our ability to take the perspective and feel the emotions of another person. Compassion compels us to recognize that the children need the nurturing care that we strive to give of ourselves to those who attend the Art House. They recognize that the children need the nurturing care they lack. We recognize that these children need self actualizing experiences to grow into the persons we would like to see them become.

I am quite sure that it is compassion that motivates our donors and volunteers to give of themselves to support the Neighborhood Art House. They have been aware of this research, he knew the link between compassion and the ability to empathize.

“Empathy is our ability to take the perspective and feel the emotions of another person; it is our capacity to empathize.” -- Dalai Lama

The students who participated in the Garden Video Camp created the concept, wrote the script, assembled the speaking script, and shot and edited CAT-TV equipment. New Julliana is getting last minute camera tips from Inner-City Television. The Garden Video Camp was made possible through a TANF Grant awarded to the Neighborhood Art House, website, www.neighborhoodarthouse.org.