

Our Mission:

Using the
Power of Art
to foster
resiliency in
children facing
adversity.



Letter from the Executive Director

Barnstone Art for Kids is aware of the significant health, behavioral risks, and low life potential children exposed to trauma may experience throughout their lifetime.

We also know that by intervening early in childhood with safe programs that give children healthier coping mechanisms to express themselves can have significant benefit on mitigating the risks of these traumas and reduce carrying the adverse behaviors into adulthood.

According to Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, a noted Pediatrician and trauma expert, children suffering significant trauma are “32 times more likely to have problems in school.” They are more likely to be designated to special education, score lower on standardized tests, or have language difficulties. They miss more school, are more frequently suspended, expelled, or fail a grade. They are more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD. School dropout rates are higher. Teen pregnancy is more prevalent. Illegal drug and alcohol use occur earlier and more frequently. They are 59% more likely to be arrested as juveniles. And these experiences continue to have repercussions throughout their adult life.

In 2016, Barnstone devoted significant energy and resources on further exploration of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). Annually, the National ACE Conference in San Francisco brings the most renowned professionals in the field together to advance current trends and far-reaching evidence pertaining to children and trauma. Information, resources and personal contacts gathered through participation in this comprehensive 3 day conference validates the Power of Art and reaffirms the necessity of providing programs that combine a consistent, supportive adult encouraging healthy skill building activities in a safe environment. Barnstone is helping to assure the concepts of ACE and Resilience are informing the development of healthy trauma sensitive care for our children right here in Chester County and Phoenixville. Through involvement on the Advisory Council of the newly formed Chester County ACE Coalition and Greater Phoenixville ACE Committee, Barnstone is helping our entire community to heal, cope and grow.

The research tells us we are on the right track. The impact we are having substantiates it.

Thank you for joining us on this journey.

Lynn Detwiler



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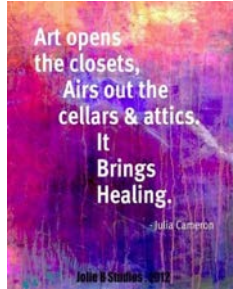
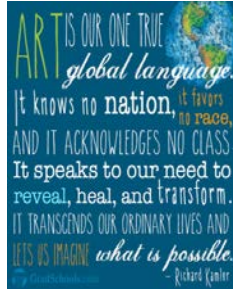
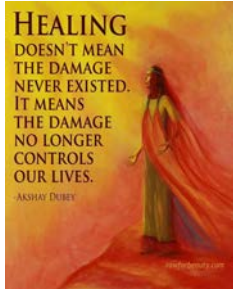
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Interested
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Barnstone Art for Kids addresses Adverse Childhood Experiences as a public health concern and has specifically developed the Power of Art, a trauma informed resiliency program, to reduce the risk of poor outcomes for children with high ACE scores.



Fast Facts:

43 Children served
6% Increase in # of Donors

28 Mentors

490.5 Hours of Volunteer Service

Outstanding!!

Take a look! at our new website!!!
www.BarnstoneArtForKids.org

Heal

Cope

Grow

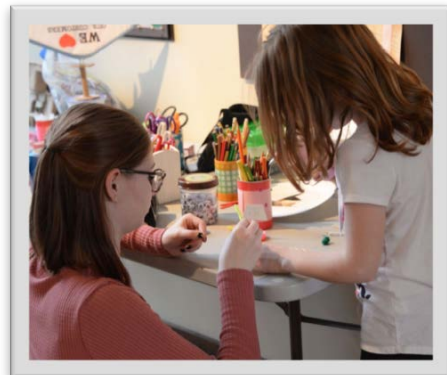
Here's what others are saying about the Power of Art...

"My son now focuses his energy more on creativity than destructive behavior. I've always felt very welcome and positive energy coming here."
~ Father, 9 year old boy

"Power of Art Program has been a great program for my granddaughters. They can't wait to go there every week. They talk so much about what they do and how awesome their teachers are. This is really a great program. Also my girls learn how to work better together at home and they love art more now than ever."
~ Guardian of girls, 7 and 8

The Power of Art program is introducing my daughter to the process of creating art and even more powerful is the process of her finding her voice and confidence – all this through developing a really encouraging relationship with her mentor! We see her grow every single week.
~ Parent, 9 year old girl

"Thank you so much for taking the time to work with my son this past year. He loved going to the art program and was always so proud of his work when he came home. It has really helped his self-esteem."
~ Mother, 8 year old boy



"The Power of Art is having a positive impact on my daughter's feelings. She is more confident about projects and the flexibility of each project she really enjoys and makes things her own. The relationship she is building with the mentors is helping reinforce all we are trying to help her with at home and helping her to see that people care about and stick with her."
~ Parent, 11 year old girl

The Power of Art is Fueled by Our Fabulous Mentors!

Our mentors continue to impress us with their dedication to Barnstone Art for Kids! This year we trained 13 new mentors. Seven mentors completed the Mandated Child Reporter Training, which was presented by Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance. One mentor, along with the Executive Director participated in the Youth Mental Health Certification.



“Volunteering for Barnstone Art for Kids has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It is inspiring to see what a positive influence this program has on the kids, and it’s a really fun way to give back to the community.”

2016 Volunteers

Zachary Bloom
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Mentor Profile:

Tony Riley-Hill

Tony has been volunteering with Barnstone for 2 years and is a **fav** among children and mentors! His positive energy is truly contagious!

Fun Facts About Tony

What do you like most about volunteering as a mentor?
Creating fun projects and playing fun games with the kids at Barnstone. After working a hard day at work, it's nice to spend time working on cool projects and seeing how focused the kids are on their projects. It's awesome!

My favorite Power of Art project *is the Jackson Pollack splatter paint project*

When I wear my 'Optimist Glasses' *I see a world where everyone accepts everyone from all walks of life.*

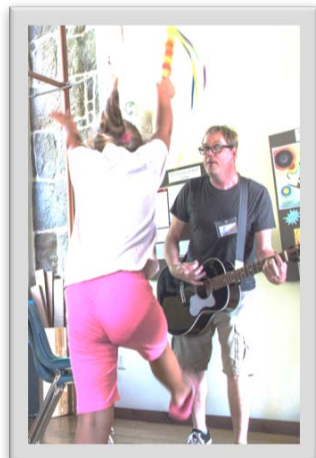
I could eat a million *gummy bears & sweet tarts!*

My go to karaoke song is *'Holiday' by Madonna*

Dance Party

with special musical guest **Cliff Hillis**

We were so happy to have Cliff Hillis join us for our Dance Party this summer! He rocked out on his guitar while kids and mentors jammed on inflatable instruments and danced around with their ribbon dancers! Our Summer Block titled "We Can Work it Out" consists of more group activities that promote team building and group play. We join a band, put on a puppet show and have a dance party!



2016 Donors

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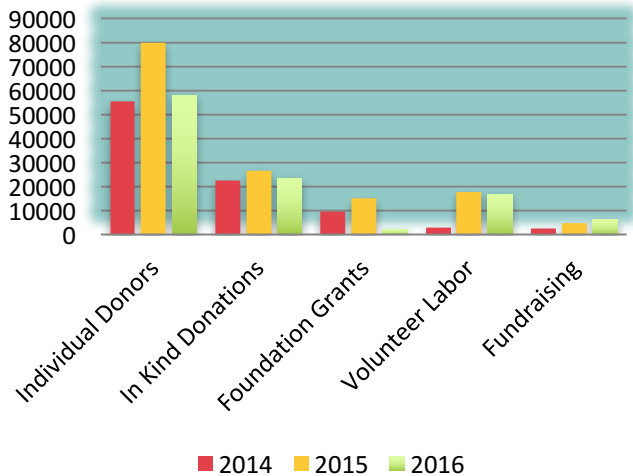
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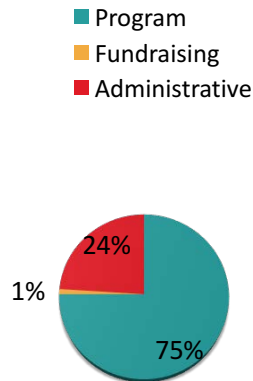
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Revenue and Support



2016 Expenses



The Power of Art is a creative arts program offered in a safe, structured environment that targets the development of effective coping skills to counteract the risks of childhood adversity.

Without the contributions and commitment of our friends, volunteers, and donors, Barnstone Art for Kids would be unable to provide services to the children in our community. Thank you for the important role you play in our success.

- \$20** supports the *Power of Art*
- \$50** provides art supplies for a child facing adversity
- \$100** pairs a mentor with a child in the *Power of Art* program

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