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A&C PROGRAM TURNS 5!!

Celebrating Inclusive Creativity

When our Executive Director Gretchen Dubie, established the OSLP Arts & Culture Program in 2012, 30 particpants attended classes and workshops in its first year. Now, five years later, over 500 people particpate in the Program's offerings and exhibitions annually!

In celebration of these achievements, we hosted a birthday party on October 6th, 2017, during the Lane Arts Council's First Friday ArtWalk. Hundreds of community members came into the gallery, some for the very first time, and explored the current exhibition of artwork by summer quarter participants and the local artist collective, ArtForum, in the Community Room. The new "raining" S.L.U.G. Queen, Santa Frida Babosita, graced us with her presence and shared stories on two featured mentorships with the gallery audience.

See more photos on our Facebook page or Instagram account!

Want to send a birthday present to the gallery? We have a wish list posted on our website at:

www.artsandcultureeugene.org

Take a look and see how you can support the growing needs of the A&C Program and ensure the next five years of success!

Going the Extra Mile!

On September 13th, 2017 the Oregon Resource Assocation offically awarded OSLP House Manager, Melinda Petersen, with the ORA Extra Mile Award. Recipents of this award have "performed a significant contribution to their organization that has led to an increased effectiveness in the program they oversee. They are the 'rock stars' that help shape the advocacy efforts within the DSP field." (ORA, 2017)

Melinda, in her own words, "I was surprised and honored to receive this award. It's a privilege to serve the ladies that live at Taylor Street. It's also a responsibility that every one of us that work here takes to heart. Above my desk I have this quote from Maya Angelou,

'Do the best you can until you know better; then, when you know better, do better.' I believe that."

Thank you Melinda for taking the extra step every day and we are honored to have you here at OSLP!

Pictured L-R: Nurse Susan Allen, Exectutive Director Gretchen Dubie, House Manager Melinda Pertersen, Associate Director Don Prentice

Sponsorship Shoutout

As we approach the end of 2017, we look back at all the wonderful partnerships we have formed within our community. The generous philanthropy of area businesses and organizations can be seen in contributions made to the OSLP Arts & Culture Program's Mentorship Program and Scholarship Fund, OSLP's One Dream at a Time Fund, So Small Art Auction, quarterly classes, and monthly art exhibitions enabling us to fulfill our mission of building bridges to a more inclusive community.

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Your support of OSLP is lasting and impactful. Thank you!

If you would like to be a spectacular sponsor of OSLP and see your name here next year, contact our Development Director, Mija Andrade, at mandrade@oslp.org or call 541.343.4196 for more info.

Monthly Giving Impacts Artists

Cherisse and Sherlyn are two of our most prolific artists and regular class attendees at the Arts & Culture Program. The impact of this program on both of these women can be hard to measure in words but those who support them see its importance and how it helps them grow as individuals and as artists.

Ben House, direct support staff for Cherisse, has noted that the "Arts and Culture Program has been a huge benefit in Cheri's life. Open Studio provides her with a workspace and materials to pursue her love of painting."

Sherlyn is experiencing similar benefits. Supported Living Program Manager, Anne Baker, explains, "Sherlyn has benefited greatly from the A&C Program. It enhances her social skills by meeting and talking with people she would not usually have contact with... She has learned new skills and been exposed to 'art ideas' that before she hadn't considered. It has helped staff to identify, up to this point, hidden skill-sets where she excels."

We create opportunities for connection, expression and well-being through the arts each day and YOU can be a part of it! Become a recurring monthly donor and help provide access to materials, workspace, and quality instruction for program participants. Your donations help purchase the ingredients for a great recipe for happiness for the people we support!

To set up your recurring donation, go to our website:

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Cherisse with her painting at ArtCity's Studio Without Walls

Sherlyn working with Sterling, A&C Program's Artist-in-Residence, on a portrait painting

OSLP Celebrations and LMITE Corner Campaign!

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Waterfall picture taken by Tony along the McKenzie River

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14th thru December 28th- Portfolio Project Exhibition @ Lincoln Gallery

December 1st - Opening Reception for Portfolio Project Exhibition @ Lincoln Gallery

December 13th - OSLP Holiday Party for Clients, Client Family, and Staff

January 5th - Opening reception for Sunshine Exhibition

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