



CoachArt *Connections*

Sharing news and resources with CoachArt volunteers



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Welcome!

CoachArt welcomes the following new volunteers who joined our volunteer network in February:

Jaclyn Allen
 Michael Binkow
 Jose Hernandez
 Jacqueline Kiwata
 Anne McNally
 Amanda Schuster
 Elizabeth Wong

Bragging Rights!

Check out what coaches do when they're not working with CoachArt students!

- Cooking coach, Rochelle, opens tonight at the Roxy with her new band "5 O'clock Shakedown." See her tonight at 8:45pm! [Click here.](#)

Want to share your talents, shows, and pastimes with other coaches? E-mail karina@coachart.org with information or a link to your website and we'll include it in our next newsletter.

Greetings, CoachArt Volunteers!

As March brings the excitement of Spring, CoachArt excitedly enrolls new and returning students in art, music and athletic lessons of their choice. Through the generous support of Coaches and Program Partners, over 260 students enjoyed lessons during the Winter session. Spring promises the opportunity to extend services to even more children, thanks to the addition of 77 new student referrals and 31 new coaches thus far this year.

Thank you for playing a tremendous role in the lives of children with chronic and life threatening illnesses and their siblings. If you ever have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Karina Nordbak
 Program Manager

In-Hospital Workshops

Starting next month, all upcoming volunteer opportunities for hospital workshops will be listed in this monthly e-newsletter. As always, please contact Andrea Carrillo, Program Coordinator, at andrea@coachart.org or call (213) 736-2850 with any questions.



Running out of ideas for your next art workshop? Click on "Coach Corner" on the CoachArt website to view resources and ideas for your next activity! If you need login information, please [contact us](#).



Outpatient Coaching

This month we feature the commitment of long-time coach, Adrienne. Adrienne has provided one-on-one coaching lessons for over a year in addition to her involvement with hospital workshops and program events. She has been sharing the art of photography and painting with 11-year old student, Zach (below), for over a year and most recently began working with a second student, Oscar, in yoga.

What are Coaches Saying about CoachArt?

"In all ways... the [coaching] experience was rewarding and it helped me grow... Thanks CoachArt!" - Joanne

"I really enjoy providing this service and always feel like I'm the one that's learning." -Susa

"This is my first session with a CoachArt student and I'm honored to be a part of this wonderful organization!" - Holly

"This was a great experience and I am looking forward to my next student in the summer!" - Chris

In-Kind Donations



Cleaning out the garage? Upgrading that digital camera? CoachArt is always in need of new and gently used art materials, athletic equipment and musical instruments for student lessons. Below is a partial list of items needed on an ongoing basis. Should you have an item you would like to donate or wish to organize a collection drive, please contact us! All donations are tax-deductible.

Arts and crafts supplies: drawing pads, paint brushes & paints, stickers, clay, smocks, children's scissors, fabric, markers, crayons & colored pencils, art books

Musical instruments: guitars, keyboards, violins, drum pads,

Both students have blossomed through their lessons, says Adrienne. Zach has become an outgoing artist who sells his artwork to friends and family and has aspirations of attending Otis College of Art and Design! For a peak at some of Zach's recent photographs, [click here](#). Oscar's yoga lessons have increased his flexibility, decreased his pain and supplemented his physical therapy exercises. Oscar enjoys practicing his yoga poses and his mom has recently joined in the lessons. What advice does Adrienne have for other coaches? "Be patient with the students and adjust the lessons to his/her interests and learning styles."



Through the generous support of incredibly committed and talented coaches such as Adrienne, CoachArt is making a difference in the lives of children every day! If you're available to coach a student during the Spring session (April - June), please contact karina@coachart.org.

Program Events

In February, CoachArt launched its second annual *Art in the Park* series in partnership with the Barnsdall Junior Art Center's Living Arts Program. Local community agencies are invited for lunch and an art workshop for patients and their siblings. In addition, families have the opportunity to enroll their children in CoachArt's Outpatient Coaching Program.



We thank all the volunteers who made the February 22nd event such a success for the children of [Starlight Children's Foundation](#)! For more information about the Barnsdall Junior Arts Center, [click here](#).

Santa Fe Springs Dance Center

Highlighting the Commitment of a CoachArt Program Partner

The Santa Fe Springs Dance Center is a family-run performing arts center that has been an active Program Partner since September 2008. In that period of time, SFS Dance Center has welcomed eight CoachArt students to enjoy Beginning Hip Hop classes!



The goals of the professionally trained and credentialed instructors at SFS Dance Center are to provide a rewarding and fulfilling experience, and to meet the needs of any student interested in the performing arts. These talented instructors stress not only safe and correct training in the performing arts, but also social development and effective interaction between all students, office staff and teachers.

This supportive and inclusive model has provided a wonderful setting for CoachArt students to immerse themselves in the world of dance. CoachArt thanks Santa Fe Springs Dance Center for their continued support and

music books

Sporting equipment: yoga mats, tennis rackets and balls, soccer balls, basketballs, children's golf equipment

Cameras: digital cameras, film cameras, film

dedication to our mission. For more information about Santa Fe Springs Dance Center, please [click here](#).

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