



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 April:

Andrea Lockhart
 Anneline De Croos
 Karina Pyrak
 Kristin Codiga
 Sheri Meyer
 Sue Li

Sign Up for the following Volunteer Opportunities!



This Summer, CoachArt has the opportunity to share its program with patients and siblings throughout Los Angeles. Join CoachArt at one or more of the following community events to share an art activity with prospective students and their families!

BrittiCares International

Greetings, CoachArt Volunteers!

We look forward to the coming Summer season and have many volunteer opportunities for those interested in sharing the arts with students for a day! Please see the information below to sign up for one or more program events with CoachArt!

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

Sign up to host a June Art Workshop at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)! Volunteers provide art activities to patients who are hospitalized or awaiting treatment and their siblings. All interested volunteers should contact Rosie Flores, Program Coordinator, at Roselvy@coachart.org or via (213) 736-2850 to sign up. Two volunteers are needed for each of the dates listed below. If you are a new volunteer, you will be paired up with a veteran volunteer who can guide you through your first workshop. Please note that all volunteers should arrive at the hospital 20 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to sign in and set up the activity. Thank you for your interest in servicing the children of CHLA!



Monday, June 1 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Wednesday, June 3 from 9:30am - 11:30am
 Wednesday, June 17 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 Thursday, June 18 from 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Thursday, June 18 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 Thursday, June 25 from 9:30am - 11:30am
 Friday, June 26 from 9:30am - 11:30am

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Roselvy@coachart.org! You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you

5K Run/Walk

Saturday, May 30th
 9:00am - 2:00pm
 Pacific Palisades High School
 15777 Bowdoin Street
 Pacific Palisades

Celebrate Life with HOPE,
hosted by Childrens Hospital
Los Angeles

Sunday, June 7th
 11:30am - 2:00pm (shift 1)
 2:00 - 4:30pm (shift 2)
 Paramount Studios
 5555 Melrose Avenue
 Los Angeles

Kaiser Picnic

Saturday, June 13th
 12:00pm - 3:00pm
 Griffith Park Travel Town
 4730 Crystal Springs Dr.
 Los Angeles

PADRES Contra El Cancer
Annual Family Picnic

Saturday, June 20th
 11:00am - 2:00pm (shift 1)
 2:00 - 5:00pm (shift 2)
 Whittier Narrows Regional Park
 1600 N. Rosemead Blvd.
 El Monte

For more information regarding the above or to RSVP, please contact karina@coachart.org or call (213) 736-2850. All event volunteers must RSVP in advance.

CoachArt Welcomes
Summer Intern



Joining our staff this summer is Intern Eric Willner, a junior at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania who is majoring in International Relations and minoring in Spanish. He is involved in the Bucknell

have been assigned to your workshop date. Note that workshops often fill up quickly so sign up today!

Outpatient Coaching

Volunteers often fulfill the Coach role above and beyond many other CoachArt and personal commitments. Jennifer Lafferty and Britt Berg both joined CoachArt in October 2008 and have poured their hearts into our program ever since. This month they fulfilled a longtime dream of



CoachArt's to host an art exhibition featuring the artwork of both students and coaches! Thank you to all participating coaches for including your work in the exhibit and to Daniel Lahoda of Lahoda Fine Arts, LLC for donating the gallery space. To view pictures from the exhibition, please [click here](#).

In addition to hosting the art exhibit, Jennifer has begun teaching cooking lessons with siblings Luis, age 5, and Marieann, age 7, on Monday afternoons. Through her energy and persuasion, the young students are tasting foods they never opted for before and she is teaching their mother how to involve the little chefs in her dinner preparation on a regular basis. Britt shared her creative passions with student, Jenna, by hosting weekly art lessons during our Winter Session. She also helped launch CoachArt's blog and, alongside Jenn, hosts many hospital workshops at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

If you are a coach interested in providing one-on-one lessons to a student for the Summer Session (July - September), please contact us! For any questions or comments, please contact karina@coachart.org.

Program Events

A huge thank you to those volunteers who shared their time with the children and families of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles on Saturday, April 25th for our annual carnival! Over 100 patients and siblings boogied on down to the Jungle Party to make animal ornaments, wild animal visors, pin the tail on the monkey and take a turn at the Safari Spinwheel! We would also like to extend a tremendous thank you to our event partners, the Junior League of Los Angeles "Done in a Day" committee and the Chase Child Life Program at CHLA.

**Chef Eric's Culinary Classroom**

Highlighting the Commitment
of a CoachArt Program Partner

In June of 2006, CoachArt welcomed Chef Eric's Culinary Classroom as a Program Partner. For the past three years, Chef Eric has donated scholarships to nearly 20 CoachArt students to attend their sought-after Children's Culinary Academy Summer



Cooking Camps. Donning chef hats and aprons, these CoachArt students create dishes such as ravioli, gourmet sandwiches and recipes from many international cuisines. 10% of CoachArt's students list cooking as their first choice of requested activities, and nearly half of all students request

community and founded a chapter of Active Minds, a nationwide mental health organization that advocates for mental health awareness on the college campus.

In his free time he enjoys staying active by running, biking, practicing yoga, and weightlifting. We look forward to having Eric with us this summer and introduce him to you as a new face to the organization!

cooking in their top four choices. Located in West LA, this partnership opened up numerous opportunities for CoachArt children living in the surrounding areas.



After her son's first class with Chef Eric, a CoachArt mother said, "Lucas had so much fun. The first day I picked him up from cooking he had a huge smile on his face. He said, 'Mom, I love the class!'"

In addition to the wonderful Children's Academy classes offered over the summer, Chef Eric's Culinary Classroom offers a multitude of adult cooking classes, from a romantic Couples Cooking party to Sushi Making classes. For more information on classes offered, please visit their website at www.culinaryclassroom.com.

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