



CoachArt *Connections*

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Welcome!

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

- Jillian Branco
- Angela Chavarria
- Tiffany Chavarria
- Jesse Corcoran
- Phyllis Eckler
- Marc Gardener
- Melissa Mendoza
- Larry Reneau
- Pamela Rice

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Greetings, CoachArt Volunteers!

As we embrace the first week of Summer, CoachArt is proud to announce the enrollment of over 300 students thus far for summer lessons! For those of you providing lessons to CoachArt children this quarter, we thank you for spending your time and energy in promoting safety, happiness and the joyous feeling of creative expression for our budding artists.

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

Thanks to the incredible responses from our hospital workshop volunteers, July Art Workshop at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) are almost full! If you have any questions or wish to sign up for a workshop listed below, please contact Rosie at Roselvy@coachart.org.

One spot available for each workshop for an experienced volunteer:

Thursday, July 23 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Friday, July 24 from 9:30am-11:30am



Needles for Knitting

CoachArt would also like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the pilot *Needles for Knitting* program hosted at CHLA during April and May. The Needles for Knitting program allowed approximately a dozen male and female patients learn a new activity, build relationships with adult mentors and provide a meaningful distraction during their two hour dialysis treatment. To view photos of the participants, [click here](#).

A second phase of the *Needles for Knitting* program will launch in August



This week CoachArt says goodbye to Andrea Carrillo, who has been an invaluable staff member of CoachArt for over two years. Andrea will begin studying law at Boston University this Fall. Though she will be sorely missed, we wish her the best of luck in her next step. Thank you, Andrea, for your incredible commitment to the children, families, volunteers and supporters of CoachArt!

Opening at CoachArt

With Andrea's absence, CoachArt seeks a bilingual (English/ Spanish) Outreach Coordinator to join our team. If interested in this full time employment opportunity, please contact Ashley Fontanetta, Interim Executive Director, at Ashley@coachart.org.



Announcing the Coach & Champion of the Year!

This October, CoachArt honors the contributions of two incredible individuals during its annual Champions Awards Dinner. Andy Pudzer of CKE Restaurants will be honored as the Champion of the Year for his many years of financial support.

We will also recognize the dedication of singer/songwriter Paula Ferraro and her Music 4 the Kids program with the Coach of the Year award. Through Paula's class, ten CoachArt students have written, recorded and come

to include volunteer knitting opportunities on weekdays at CHLA and also in-home knitting lessons for patients and their siblings. Join us to share your knitting skills with a child in our program! For more information, e-mail karina@coachart.org.

Outpatient Coaching

This month CoachArt honors Maiteeny Pumpuang, a CoachArt volunteer who will be leaving Los Angeles this summer to pursue her medical school studies in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Maiteeny joined CoachArt in May 2008 after viewing a volunteer post at LAWorks.org. She delved right into providing in-hospital workshops to children at CHLA and just two months later signed up to teach West African Dance to three CoachArt students in her area. Maiteeny was adept at keeping the girls ages 4, 6 and 9 engaged in group dances despite the confines of a small living room and a range in ages. Maiteeny's students enjoyed her so much that she returned to provide lessons to them this Spring!



Maiteeny has also served as an Ambassador and was an integral part of launching the *Needles for Knitting* program by connecting CoachArt to *Unwind* knitting studio. Thank you, Maiteeny, for the tremendous impact you have made. We wish you the best of luck!

Share CoachArt at your Workplace!

CoachArt is always in search of more volunteers. If you are interested in sharing CoachArt volunteer opportunities with your co-workers, please contact karina@coachart.org. We can provide a brief overview or in-depth training on site at a time that is convenient for you!

Program Events

This late spring, CoachArt had the opportunity to share the arts and its program with families throughout Los Angeles. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the Britticares International 5K, Celebrate Life fair, Kaiser Picnic and Padres Contra El Cancer Picnic to decorate all styles of hats with the kids! The hats not only allowed a shady reprieve from the hot sun, but gave the participants an opportunity to showcase their artistic talent! Through your support, CoachArt provided arts and crafts activities to over 400 patients and their families! We also enrolled over 25 students to join us in classes for



the summer.

Karate 4 Kids

Highlighting the Commitment of a CoachArt Program Partner

In March of this year, Karate 4 Kids joined CoachArt as one of our newest Program Partners. Since joining the program in March, Karate 4 Kids has donated scholarships to 13



together through the healing powers of music. To hear their songs, view pictures and learn more about M4tK, [click here](#).

patients and siblings of CoachArt. Master Vince DonVito and his staff continually offer lessons in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment to help students learn the art of self defense and have fun! Many students are donning karate uniforms for the first time, thanks to Karate 4 Kids! Located in North Hollywood, this partnership opened up numerous opportunities for CoachArt children living in the surrounding areas.



Karate 4 Kids offers daily martial arts classes for all levels, from ages 3 1/2 to adult all year round. Classes include Beginner, Mixed levels, Women Only, Weapons/Sparring and more! Family discounts and birthday parties are also available. For more information on classes offered, please visit their website at www.Karate4KidsUSA.com.

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