This year marks VisArts' 35th anniversary of serving as a community gathering space, celebrating and sharing the transformative power of the visual arts. VisArts was founded in 1987 as a grassroots artists' organization and has since evolved into a regional hub for the visual arts. In the last fiscal year, VisArts has continued to serve our audiences by expanding our programming in response to demand, reaching new and underrepresented audiences, and investing nearly $200,000 in our community. I’m pleased to report on our impact through this snapshot of FY22 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022). We couldn’t do any of it without you.

Alice Nappy, Executive Director
VisArts is your center for the visual arts. Whether you're a professional artist, hobbyist, enthusiast, or supporter, we provide opportunities for you to engage with the visual arts and connect with each other.

You Spoke, We Listened!

VisArts is always eager to hear your ideas about how we can serve you and our community better. Here are some examples of how community input has impacted programming in FY22:

- To increase financial and geographic access, we developed a new afterschool arts program for students in local community centers.
- To meet increased demand for ceramics programming, we dedicated more space, purchased additional equipment, and expanded programming for experienced students.
- To build on summer campers' excitement around cosplay, we created Cosplay MakerSpace classes for tweens and teens throughout the year.
- To support artists interested in teaching, we launched the Emerging Teacher Mentorship Program, providing guidance and paid student teaching opportunities.
- To engage seniors, we partnered with assisted living communities to provide a variety of arts activities for their residents.
- To make creative experiences more accessible, we provided free classes, student discounts, and scholarships to those who might otherwise be unable to participate in our programs.
As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, VisArts relies on a combination of earned and contributed revenue to sustain the organization. During COVID-19, VisArts was grateful to receive several emergency government grants to offset a significant decline in earned income. We're happy to report that our financial strength is now recovering and we're currently achieving 88% of our pre-pandemic levels of earned income.
VisArts believes that the arts are essential and should be accessible for everyone. In FY22, we invested $191,753 in our community to reduce financial barriers by providing scholarships and discounted fee classes as well as paying artists for their work, providing affordable studio space, and underwriting VisAbility Art Lab, our supported studio for artists with disabilities.

- **$19,560** Offered in studio rent discounts for resident artists, making creative spaces more affordable for working artists.
- **$47,593** Provided in free classes, discounts, and scholarships, making creative experiences more accessible to our community.
- **$65,600** Awarded as stipends to exhibiting and resident artists, ensuring that all artists are paid for their work.
- **$59,000** Invested in VisAbility Art Lab, providing a supported studio space for artists with disabilities.