Art Spark Texas

# 30 STORiES 30 YEARS

1996 - 2026



IMPACT REPORT

# DEAR FRiENDS

In 1996, Art Spark Texas was an all-volunteer organization with a budget of $13,000. Through partnerships with the Texas Commission for the Blind and Very Special Arts (VSA), revenue grew first to $30,000 and then $50,000, an amount that seemed immense at the time.

Today, Art Spark works with artists across Texas, throughout the country, and on international stages. We have developed innovative programs, built new connections, elevated stories of access and inclusion, and inspired change across our community.

While this impact report looks back on our successes, it is also an invitation to the next thirty years - which will include professional development, leadership training, and innovative partnerships.

We are deeply proud of what Art Spark has accomplished - and so very grateful for supporters like you who have made it possible.

Together, let's spark what's next.

**95,000**
Texans served over 30 years

**1,000**
audio description events

**500**
veterans served through art exhibits

**4,720**
attendees at public art exhibits and performances in 2025



**Celia Hughes**
**Executive Director**



# MiSSiON

Art Spark's mission is to spark meaningful change in the cultural landscape by supporting the creative growth of people with disabilities, empowering them to explore, create, and lead with confidence and strength.

# ViSiON

- The arts enhance quality of life
- The arts are a claim on public space
- Access to the arts is a civil right
- An individual's creative experience has inherent value
- Inclusive creative expression fosters empathy, confidence, and systemic change
- The arts are a path toward broad, accessible, social, and civic engagement

# VALUES

- Accessibility in the arts
- Multidisciplinary programming
- Community-building
- Collaboration
- Advocacy

As a disability-led organization, we take a justice-based approach to accessibility for artists, audiences, and operations. Our team reflects the communities we serve, and our programs are shaped by lived experience. Through continuous learning, community input, and partnership with other equity-focused organizations, we ensure our programs serve as models of authentic inclusion across Austin and beyond.

# BELONGiNG




"Art Spark made me feel appreciated and praised, something many in the art world never find."
**Joan Fabian**

**442**
annual community arts workshops & classes



**3,240**
art workshop participants per year



# VOiCES



"My best experiences in Austin all involve Art Spark. The whole organization is wonderful. I love what we stand for."

**Jennifer McKinney**

**208**
Voices of Access original radio shows on KOOP 91.7 since 2022

**144**
monthly Lion & Pirate open mics since 2014

**6,000+**
podcast downloads since 2023



# COMMUNiTY



"Art in the Park is one of our favorite events of the year. We felt an initial, and very strong, impetus to become significantly involved... and that this event was going to be life-changing and affirming."

**Dallas and Diana Webster**



**1,200**
attendees at Art in the Park each year

**264**
professionals from the fields of dance and disability engaged in a 5-year research initiative



# FiNANCiALS

| | FISCAL YEAR 2025 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total |
| REVENUE | | | |
| Govt Contracts | 214,657 | 0 | 214,657 |
| Program Fees | 209,388 | 0 | 209,388 |
| Donations | 65,554 | 70,475 | 139,029 |
| Net Assets Released | 51,725 | (51,725) | 0 |
| | 541,324 | 18,750 | 560,074 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Program | 445,348 | 0 | 445,348 |
| Fundraising | 31,442 | 0 | 31,442 |
| Administrative | 25,161 | 0 | 25,161 |
| | 501,951 | 0 | 501,951 |

Art Spark is proud of its track record of fiscal management. About 88% of our expenses are program-related; only 12% is related to fundraising and administration. Public funding partners include:

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Texas Commission on the Arts

Austin

30 YEARS

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