



Celebrating Humanity Through the Arts

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Feedback From Arts for Humanity! Interns

Anndrea Nelson, 4/2/2010

Participating in the Transition Program has been a heartwarming experience. It is refreshing to see how excited the students are when we return each week with new art projects for them. They are so unique and great fun to spend time with. It was interesting how they don't first fret about how their art looks or how they are going to draw, they simply start.

In this way the students showed me something important. I hope to keep this lesson with me - that when beginning a new artwork I will release any worries about what I want to create and instead trust that my creativity and imagination will construct a piece of unique self-expression and beauty.

I am thankful to the opportunity that Arts for Humanity! has given me and I hope in the future I will be able to help spread the arts again.

Lorely Gutierrez, 5/19/2010

My experience working with Arts for Humanity! and teaching theater for the teens at Isla Vista Teen Center was a great experience. The most fulfilling part was meeting children from the community. We forget that Isla Vista is also a home to families, not just college students. I will always cherish working with those children.

Marina Isabel Castro 4/30/10

I was pleasantly surprised upon meeting the students with developmental disabilities from The Transition Program. They were all very welcoming and were much easier to talk to and have a conversation than I had expected. They learned how to create something out of nothing, while at the same time conversing with each other about current events and entertainment. I feel that before I worked with these students I was very ignorant, and I learned something very precious, and that is that these wonderful kids are just like everybody else, with their own hobbies and interests and thoughts about life. After meeting with them, I feel like I should contribute more to society since they are always so positive about life.

Feedback from Arts for Humanity! Community Partners

Thank you so much for working with the kids of the Transition House, all of them had a great time and were more engaged in an activity than I have ever seen them. Your program really makes an impact. We are so grateful to you for donating your time and energy to help these kids and look forward to a lasting relationship.

Jett Black, Transition House, Program Director

On behalf of everyone at *Family Service Agency*, I wish to **thank you** for participating in our **26th Annual Children's Festival**. It was truly wonderful to see how much the kids enjoyed and benefited from your **Arts for Humanity!** booth and activities.

Thanks to support like yours, our event was a great success. Over **3,000 children** and their families attended the Festival for a day of fun, growth and family. Thank you again for being such a wonderful community member; we are honored and grateful to call you our partner.

Debbie Roets, Volunteer Program Director

Arts for Humanity! has been an integral part of **Solstice** and our festival for many years. Their fine work helps to nurture creativity in a variety of individuals from kids to adults. Their creative approach to self expression encourages "play" which an important component of Solstice.

Claudia Bratton, Executive Director

The Arts for Humanity! interns did an excellent job at the Transition Program, this summer and last semester as well. They always arrived with great new projects for our students each week. The students were inspired to challenge themselves and try different artistic mediums. Some were so excited they entered art projects in the county fair last spring.

The students look forward to the art classes. Thanks again for all the wonderful teaching provided by the Arts for Humanity! interns for our special needs students.

Kathy Hanley, Transition Program Instructor, Santa Barbara School District