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Dear Friend of ACG,
Please join Albany Center Gallery in celebrating 10 years of LOOK! youth art programs. These started as 1-day workshops for National Youth Art Month in March. A decade later, because of your support, consistent and impactful programs are offered year-round. Youth gain confidence, comfort, and creative competence through these crucial, free art programs.

Will you donate to support youth learn essential lifelong skills, express themselves creatively, and build community?

Any amount makes a big difference. We aim to raise \$10,000 to commemorate 10 years of LOOK! youth art programs. These funds help cover artist mentor stipends, art supplies, and other critical program expenses. With YOUR help, we work to meet the art needs of the community and provide more art accessibility for youth and the community as a whole.

By supporting LOOK! youth art, you play an important role in keeping the arts alive and educating the next generation of artists. This programming teaches youth how to hone creative skills and use their voices. Dynamic, welcoming space is cultivated, so they can explore self-determination and thoughtful creativity. Youth from the programs share that they “enjoy spending time at ACG, trying different types of art.” Over the decade, thousands of youth have been positively impacted through LOOK! youth art programs, which are entirely free. In addition to connecting with artist mentors and ACG staff, youth also foster connections with their peers - creating friendships across neighborhoods and schools. A family shared that these programs have been “great for [their daughter’s] confidence and building her experiences.”

Please make your donation by Monday, June 17 to be included in this campaign. Without your contributions, Albany Center Gallery cannot sustain this valuable art programming. They are only possible because they are wholly supported by you and the foundational funds we receive.

Together, we can bolster the local creative economy and ensure artists (AND aspiring young artists) have the resources they may need to succeed. **Youth are the future.** With investment and support they can reach their potential - adding their vibrancy throughout the community as they go. A vast majority of these programs provide free art supplies (encouraging youth to make art whenever and wherever), as well as free books AND free meals directly to local youth.

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Albany Center Gallery LOOK! 10 YEARS Donation Response Form

*Thank you for supporting ACG’s youth art programs for 2024.
Your donation makes a HUGE impact.*

Please indicate your level of giving below:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other: \$_____

This is a One-time donation Monthly donation Please keep my donation anonymous

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Address: _____

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Albany Center Gallery facilitates a large range of youth programming. This includes artist mentors visiting schools to host workshops and create murals building creativity and connection among students and teachers. Additionally, organizations come to ACG asking to host arts programming for them in Art.Work.Space. They see Albany Center Gallery as their community arts space, and we want them here. Since the opening of Art.Work.Space. and its associated in-house workshops, two dozen workshops have been hosted ranging in diverse mediums from painting and collaging to creative expression through intuitive movement and nature. ACG strives to host more of these programs and art opportunities as demand only increases.

Art inspires us, and especially youth, to process, appreciate, and participate in life. Your contributions directly support the local creative community, through stipends to artist mentors. Local artists get compensated for their time and talent in creating diverse workshops. A recent artist mentor shared, "The opportunity to invite an intimate, curious, and vulnerable state of being continues to be a gift. We nourished body, mind, and spirit that day. ACG continues to be that essential intersection of community and accessible arts experiences."

The more art that is everywhere, the more demand and acceptance for an artfully vibrant Capital Region there will be. These programs can only persist if our friends step forward with the shared belief in the importance of creativity. *On behalf of the young emerging artists and local mentors you'd be aiding, thank you for considering this request.*

Sincerely,

Tony Iadicicco
Executive Director



Donate here!

| Amount | Level Name | An example of what it can do: | Your recognition: |
|---------|--------------------|---|---|
| \$100 | Creative Connector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays for food & art supplies for student(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in LOOK! related virtual promotional materials |
| \$250 | Arts Ambassador | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays for specific art supplies for workshops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above benefits, as well as Recognition in Annual Report and listing on the Gallery thank you TV for an entire year |
| \$500 | Student Supporter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pays to replenish art supplies packs (includes sketchbooks, markers, colored pencils, pencil cases, erasers, drawstring bags, & more!) for 30 youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in LOOK! related promotional materials Recognition in Annual Report Listing on the Gallery thank you TV for the year Special thank you listing in Art.Work.Space. |
| \$1,000 | Artist Amplifier | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers artist mentor stipends for Art.Work.Space. programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above benefits, as well as 2 General admission tickets to ACG's Annual Fall Gala & listing in the Gala Program |
| \$2,000 | Program Provider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covers cost one Art.Work.Space. workshop entirely including artist stipends, supplies, and materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits from \$500 level, as well as 2 General admission tickets to ACG's Annual Fall Gala ¼ page ad in ACG's Gala Program |

If you have questions, please contact Karina at 518.462.4775 or development@albanycentergallery.org

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Exp Date ____/____/____ Signature _____ Zip Code _____

Check Enclosed. Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to Albany Center Gallery.

I would like to learn more about: stock gifts planned giving volunteering membership

Optional message to ACG: _____

You can also donate online at albanycentergallery.square.site | **Thank you for your support!**

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