

The Healing ARTS INSPIRE 2017

Lifespan
139 Point Street
Providence, RI 02903

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John Smith
The Providence Journal
75 Fountain St.
Providence, RI 02902

Dear Mr. Smith,

Friends of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital Healing Arts Department are hosting their very first fundraiser—Healing Arts Inspire 2017—on October 19, 2017 at the Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas St., Providence, RI 02903 to benefit the Healing Arts Program.

Healing Arts is an integral part of patient care, and the Healing Arts Department, for nearly twenty years, has been solely operating on donations and small grants. Current research shows that creative expression in a hospital setting plays a critical role in promoting overall health. The Healing Arts programs help pediatric and adult patients, and their families, cope with the stress of illness and hospitalization by offering a wide variety of hands-on art projects and performances, such as Art While You Wait, Music on Rounds, and Museum on Rounds.

We think your readers would like to know about this event and learn more about Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital unique Healing Arts Program. If you are interested in covering this event and/or have an interest in sponsoring the same, and need additional information, or for all questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Nancy Gaucher-Thomas
Artist; Arts Advocate;
Founder, Art League RI



Paula Most
Coordinator for the Arts,
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Arts Coordinator for
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Paula Most

BIO:

As the Coordinator for the Arts at Lifespan in Providence, Rhode Island, Paula Most initiates and coordinates multidisciplinary, collaborative art programs for both adults and children at Rhode Island Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital and other Lifespan affiliates. Paula, who is founder and director of the hospital-based Museum on Rounds Art Program, an art program for pediatric patients, supervises and trains students from various colleges and universities by introducing them to methods of incorporating the arts into a healthcare setting. Museum on Rounds began as a collaborative effort between the Child Life Department of Hasbro Children's Hospital and The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD).

Paula is a former adjunct professor in the Art Education Department at Rhode Island College and former art instructor in RISD's Pre-College Program. She was employed for over ten years at the Museum of Art, RISD. A former board member of Society for the Arts in Healthcare (SAH), now known as the National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH), Paula provided consultation services to numerous healthcare institutions throughout the country and was the recipient of the 2011 SAH Janice Palmer award. She remains an active member of the organization. She was the 2010 recipient of the Rhode Island Arts and Business Council Encore Award.

The central theme of Paula's work is heightening awareness of the benefits of art in a healthcare setting. Hospitals offering expressive art programs for their patients, families and staff, and who display artwork throughout the facility, help to raise the public consciousness about the role art plays in humanizing health-care institutions.



"I have countless examples where the introduction of art into a health care setting was an invaluable comfort to patients and families. In addition, health care providers have often indicated to me how beneficial the arts have been in their professional lives and the lives of their patients."

– Paula Most

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Why arts matters in therapeutic healing:

\$4.85M

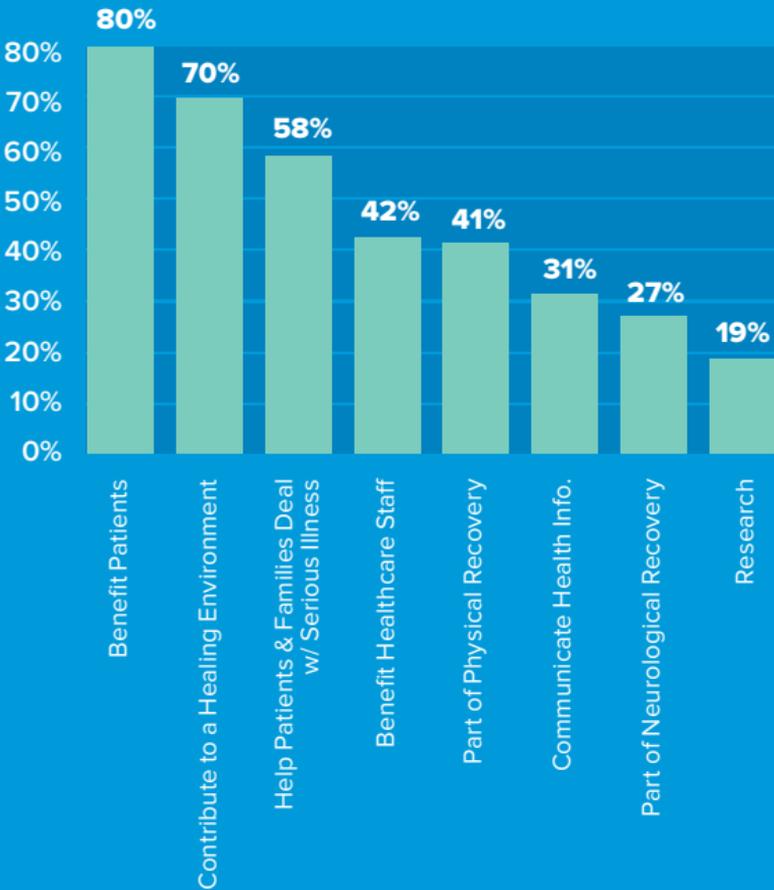
Given over the past 10 years to healing arts projects²

218

Grants since 2006²



Why Healthcare Institutions Invest in the Arts:¹



¹ Arts and Health Alliance (formerly Society for the Arts in Healthcare and Global Alliance for Arts & Health) (defunct)

² The National Endowment for the arts and healing arts



“THE HEALING ARTS PROGRAM IS AN ABSOLUTE ASSET TO THE HEALING PROCESS.”

It gets the kids out of their rooms and doing something other than thinking about IVs and other medical procedures. It encourages them and gives them hope. I saw it with my own daughter — she came back to the room happier and more content. Paula is such a wonderful person and her dedication is unbelievable. I would be happy to be a part of anything for the program.

– KAREN PRASKI
Mother of Healing Arts Program patient



Art created by Healing Arts Program patients

“THE WHOLE PROGRAM IS A GIFT.”

When we started at the hospital, everything was taken away from my daughter, all her sports — everything. But the Healing Arts Program gave her this time where she was in her own little world, and Paula and her staff embraced her and brought her into their art world.

As a result, when her treatment ended, she started taking art classes at RISD and embarked on a special project for the children at Hasbro diagnosed with cancer. She made bags containing various art projects for the children to bring back and forth when they go into Hasbro for clinics or other appointments.

Because of the program, and Paula’s encouragement, she decided to be a social worker, hoping to work with children with cancer or long-term illnesses.

– DORI ALGER
Mother of Healing Arts Program patient



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**Thursday, October 19
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Historic Providence Art Club
11 Thomas Street, Providence, RI**

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