



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release, June 11, 2007
 www.koart/awah

Contact: Carol Conrad, 317.823.9555 ex. 60
 awah@koart.us

Art With a Heart's LiterARTure Encourages Kids to Read, Write, Create Visual Arts

Week long camp sessions culminate in puppet shows and art exhibits featuring children's work

Who: More than 450 at-risk students are participating in Fine Arts summer camps orchestrated by Art With a Heart. The camps provide students with good alternatives for summer activities to help deter crime and give them a chance to learn and grow during the summer months.

Art With a Heart is a not-for-profit organization that fosters the emotional, intellectual and creative empowerment of youth through a mentor-intensive program. This program uniquely integrates the fine arts with core academic areas, encourages self-esteem, and builds problem-solving, analytic and teamwork skills while maintaining the joy of the artistic process.

What: During the camp, students will have the opportunity to study illustrations from books they are reading. Each camp week culminates with an art exhibit, where students can showcase their artwork as well as perform plays, songs, and puppet shows about their books. In addition, each age group will be given the chance to design their own marketing plan to promote their book being read in class. Activities will include handmade posters, poems, songs, and skits to advertise their favorite books.

When: Camps are held in the months of June and July at 5 different sites in Indianapolis. Friday night events are a chance for family, friends, and community members to come together and support the students and their work.

Site	Camp dates	Time	Friday night event
Horizons (St. Richards School)	June 11 – 15	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	June 15 th , 5:00 PM
St. Florian Center	June 18 – 22	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	June 22 nd , 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Holy Angels	July 2 – 6	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	July 6 th , Time TBD
St. Phillip Neri	July 9 – 13	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	July 13 th , Time TBD
Lutheran Child and Family Services	July 16 – 20	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	July 20 th , 12:00 PM

Why: Art With a Heart believes that people who can give should help those whose lives could use an infusion of inspiration to see and create beauty. In addition, the organization is seeking participants, volunteers, and new board members interested in serving Indianapolis children at risk.

About the Camp:

The primary objective of the Art With a Heart camp is to provide the space, high-quality materials, inspiration and expertise for students to become successful in creating art for themselves and the community. Art With a Heart camps plan to meet four basic needs of each student: mental, physical, creative, and emotional. The week will include activities in art, reading comprehension, business, speech, and English. Each student will learn art concepts using different media each day with the emphasis on children artists as illustrators.

The camps are funded through private and corporate donations. Supporters include: the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc., Youth as Resources of Central Indiana, a program of United Way of Central Indiana, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, the Penrod Society, Indianapolis Power and Light, and Pepper Construction.