

creative partners

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A Quarterly Newsletter
for CTAC's Supporters



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Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Creative Partners Quarterly, created especially for YOU! Your support of Crooked Tree Arts Center makes this work possible, and we're honored to share a closer look at the impact of your generosity and the creative energy it sustains.

Fueling the Arts

See the direct impact of your giving

CTAC hosts the annual Youth Arts Festival celebrating young creatives in Northern Michigan. Gallery walls at both campuses are covered from floor to ceiling in art by K-12 artists from local schools.



Proud students showing off their work!



TC Awards night



School of Ballet accomplishments

Powered by our Partners:

Awards funded through
Private and Corporate
Donations \$4,300

CTAC, Hicklen, and
McAndrew Merit
Scholarships
\$21,000

College for Creative Studies,
University of Michigan STAMPS,
Interlochen Center for the Arts
\$31,425

By the numbers:

Combined from both campuses

2800 Pieces of artwork

67 Schools in CharEM ISD,
Traverse City, NW
Education Services and
Cadillac

\$56,725 Awarded to students
through awards, and
tuition

Seen and Heard at CTAC

An insider's look at our participants



Artists of all ages have a place at CTAC. Because of your support, we are able to provide safe, accessible, and inspiring places for creativity in our communities.



Open Studio made possible through generous donations by the CasaSanta Family and the Oleson Family Foundation.

“It was so special getting to experience my son make his first brush strokes at CTAC. I grew up taking classes at CTAC Petoskey, so getting to watch him enjoy the art center was so special and a full circle moment.”
— Alyssa Brienne Spytman, mother, Traverse City

Looking Ahead

Join us soon for a class or event! Our galleries in Petoskey are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Our galleries in Traverse City are open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

- Vernissage and Swirl, Thursday, May 21 @ 5:30 pm
- Dance Legends: Little Traverse Bay Celebrates Graham100 at Great Lakes Center for the Arts , Friday, May 29 @ 7:00 pm
- CTAC School of Ballet presents Queen Bee, Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13
- Paint Grand Traverse, June 21-28
- Dart for Art, July 8 Preview Night tickets still available! Join the waitlist if you would like tickets to attend Main Night!



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Thank you!

If you have any questions, please reach out.

