



This past year was filled with challenges, but 2020 also offered opportunities for learning, growth, & innovation. Without a doubt, the year tested the skills we learn through the arts: creative adaptations, problem solving, empathy, perseverance, and collaboration, to name only a few.

I hope the arts have helped sustain you during these difficult times. Movies, music, reading, dance, and the visual arts allow us to stay connected to our own personal humanity, as well as to all of humanity around us.

Because the arts are a vital part of our social, educational, and economic landscape, I thank those who have helped sustain the arts for our community during the chaos and uncertainty of 2020.

I look forward to the time when we can gather again to celebrate and experience the arts together.

- Lisa Bergh
Executive Director

When the Art Center was forced to close just as the Annual Youth Art Exhibit was set to open we re-designed the exhibition as a Window Display and left the lights on for viewing 24/7.

The creative adaption of our *Visual Arts Exhibition Series* meant we were able to keep this program going all year. The gallery was allowed to open with proper safety protocols while public artist receptions became ZOOM gallery talks.

70 people were able to meet and connect with our exhibiting artists in 3 different ZOOM calls. These individuals came from throughout the state and the WORLD. One ZOOM talk had an attendee from Australia! An experience not likely to have happened in our pre-Covid world.

Canceling the *Annual Night for the Arts* left a hole in our hearts and balance sheets. This event accounts for 10% of our operating budget! Thankfully, CARES funding through the Hutchinson EDA and a PPP loan forgiveness agreement from Citizen's Bank helped to reduce the financial loss of this important fundraiser. We look forward to the time when we gather again for an updated and reimagined Annual Night for the Arts.

Unable to present the beloved Art Kids Drop in Days & Popular Summer Studio Programs in their traditional forms, we sought to nurture kids' artistic energies in another way. To achieve our goal, we shifted the delivery of our educational programs to a FREE weekly art kit program.

From the end of April through December we distributed nearly 1,000 kits to area children. Partnerships with the McLeod County Emergency Food Shelf and McLeod Alliance as additional pick-up sites increased accessibility to the program.

Financial Statement ending 12/31/20

INCOME		EXPENSE	
PPP Forgiven Loan	9,000.00	Salaries	39,844.27
Grants	42,261.00	Rent & Utilities	29,129.64
City Funding	15,000.00	Events	1,332.28
Donations	13,693.53	Programs	3,455.89
Membership	6,365.00	Equipment/software	4,816.93
Events	4,780.00	Professional Fees	5,177.99
Banner Sales *	17,000.00	Maintenance & Repairs	540.88
Merchandise Sales	1,099.63	Office Supplies & Postage	573.52
Facility Rental	362.89	Advertising	1,314.00
Programs/Classes	1,096.00	Bank Charges	365.71
Interest	36.36	Insurance	4,152.66
Other	25.00	Taxes	146.00
		Membership	100.00
		Misc	138.94
TOTAL INCOME	110,719.41	TOTAL EXPENSE	91,088.71

NET INCOME 19,630.70

*expenses from banner project will post in 2021

2020 Partner Groups

Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO)

Crow River Youth Choir

Crow River Singers

Historic Hutchinson

Hutchinson Parks, Recreation, & Community Education

Hutchinson Photography Club

Hutchinson Theatre Company

Litchfield Area Male Chorus

MN Pottery Festival

No Lines Improv Troupe

RiverSong Music Festival

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