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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

The Tulsa Girls Art School Project empowers underserved girls through visual arts education in a supportive environment teaching financial management and life skills.



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our eighth year of providing visual arts training and teaching life skills to underserved girls in Tulsa Public Schools has been a wonderful one.

The art shows were a great success this year, earning \$10,000 with 30% of sales going into micro-savings account for our students.

Our senior, Adalid Ciriaco, hosted her senior art show, *Colorful Elegance* and earned \$6,000 for her college education. Adalid started at Tulsa Community College this fall and also took time to give back to TGAS through her participation in our fundraiser, *Through a Child's Eye: Beauty Beyond Borders* Gala, where she spoke in front of hundreds of people about her experiences at TGAS. We are so proud!

Beauty Beyond Borders was an incredible night where our advanced girls were the stars of the show: modeling handcrafted headdresses and creating their own life sized living portraits of famous paintings. This year's fundraiser was also our biggest and best, selling out to 500 patrons and raising over \$180,000!

We traveled with 23 girls to San Francisco with help from The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation and T.D. Williamson. We made wonderful memories while touring the San Francisco Art Institute, viewing incredible art and visiting Fisherman's Wharf. We took our Littles and Middles on their summer trip to Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Ar., to see the latest exhibits and tour the art garden in the Ozark Mountains.



All of these great events and activities help us to focus on three areas of development at TGAS: Youth Development, Nurturing Creative Vision, and Teaching Vital Life Skills. We could not be successful without the dedication of our board members, partners, patrons, interns and volunteers, and thanks to you, The Tulsa Girls Art School Project continues to provide quality visual art training to underserved girls in Tulsa and is growing and becoming a stronger presence each year.

Matthew Moffett - Founder and Executive Director
of the Tulsa Girls Art School Project

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Who We Are

The Tulsa Girls Art School (TGAS) is a Tulsa based nonprofit organization that acts as an after school visual arts program for underserved elementary, middle, and high school girls in the Tulsa community. Since its inception in 2007, TGAS continues to develop and evolve into one of the most unique art organizations in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

TGAS offers a safe environment that allows the students to build their self-confidence and develop leadership skills. It is our hope, that this program will enable these girls to mature into empowered young women that continue to work toward a bright, successful future, once their time at TGAS comes to an end.

TGAS is entirely funded through donations, which enables the program to provide transportation for our students to and from class, in addition to all the supplies needed to create work of art in a multitude of different mediums – at no cost to the students, parents or Tulsa Public Schools.

What We Do

The goal of Tulsa Girls Art School is to provide specialized art training to talented and motivated elementary, middle, and high school-aged girls who live and attend public school in the underserved communities of Tulsa. TGAS imparts professional level art instruction by local, national, and international art teachers and artists, in a small classroom environment. Students receive specialized and focused individual instruction and encouragement.



The Tulsa Girls Art School is an actual working art studio and gallery. Our students have the opportunity to display and sell their artwork at the public shows TGAS holds each year. Before each art show, the girls write a letter to the public, where they convey what they have learned and mastered during that particular semester. The letters are proudly displayed at the event next to each student's work. The young artists also attend their own art events, and they are encouraged to politely respond to any questions the guests have about their artwork or their love of the TGAS program.

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Program Components

Each year TGAS partners with one elementary school in the Tulsa Public School district, focusing on those located in urban areas of Tulsa, and in close proximity to downtown. Twelve girls from the third grade are carefully selected to form the “Beginners” class. Each girl is interviewed and recommended by her art teacher, homeroom teacher, and principal of her school.

After completing one year in the program, the girls are invited to continue their involvement by joining the “Intermediate,” and eventually the “Advanced” class, which they may participate in until their graduation from high school.

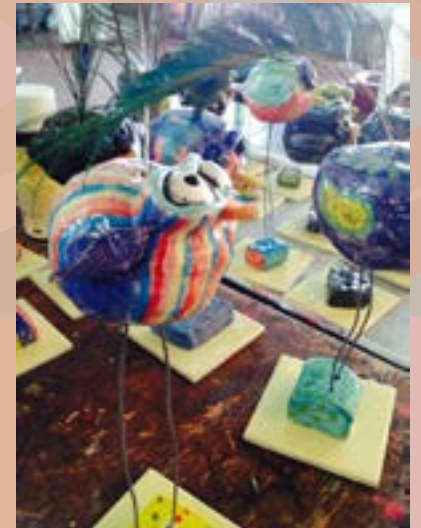
Exceptional students are urged to fully develop their artistic talents, and stay with the program through the entirety of their high school education. We assist in the college application process for those with the goal of pursuing a degree in art (or one related to the arts). Our hope is to identify gifted young girls with limited access and exposure to creative experiences, and to support and cultivate their interest in the visual arts.



Developing Essential Life Skills

TGAS aims to enrich its students' understanding and appreciate of art, and the life of an artist. By cultivating strong leadership skills and promoting responsible financial management, the girls are encouraged to see themselves both as artists and life-long participants in the arts community.

The Tulsa Girls Art School hosts multiple art shows each year where the TGAS art studio is transformed into an art gallery. The events are open to the public and guests are able to meet and greet the young artists! All of the artwork featured in the show is for sale. TGAS places 30% of the earning of every piece sold into a special micro bank account for each girl.



Beyond learning to responsibly manage their personal finances, the savings allow the girls to purchase art supplies, not provided by the school, to build their own personal collection of tools. The funds can also be used to pay for museum and gallery admittance, to cover entry fees for any art contests they wish to enter, or, when the time comes, to help sponsor the costs associated with college applications and ACT/SAT admission tests.



STUDENT LETTER

I'm proud to say I've been a member of the Tulsa Girls Art School for eight years now. Every year I've gained new knowledge about becoming a better artist. We aim to stay inspired and to create with no limitations. I've become a stronger person in the process because I always try to put my best foot forward in the work that I do. The class is constantly motivated. We have the best support system and through that nourishment it has made my goal of becoming a fashion designer even stronger. I've learned to see art in a new perspective; it can be applied to anything. Our most highlighted trip, which paved the way for me to find my goal college destination, was the Art Institute of Chicago. The Tulsa Girls Art School has readily prepared me for the real world through the exposure of triumph, dedication, and discovering an inner eye.

Monae King

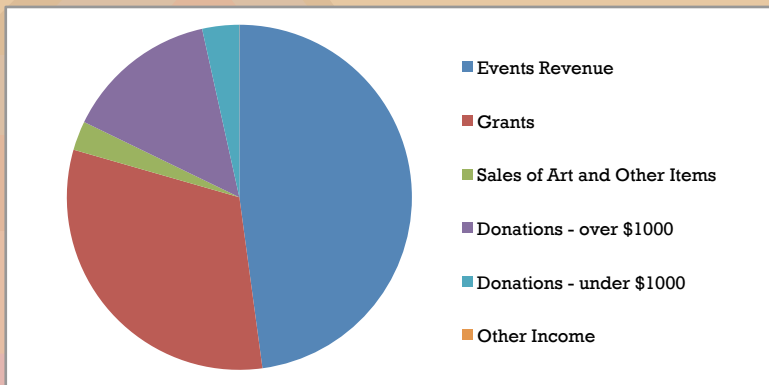




Sources of Income

Events revenue	\$202,167
Grants	\$133,421
Sales of art and other items	\$11,562
Donations - over \$1,000	\$60,600
Donations - under \$1,000	\$14,588
Other income	\$60

Total income **\$422,398**

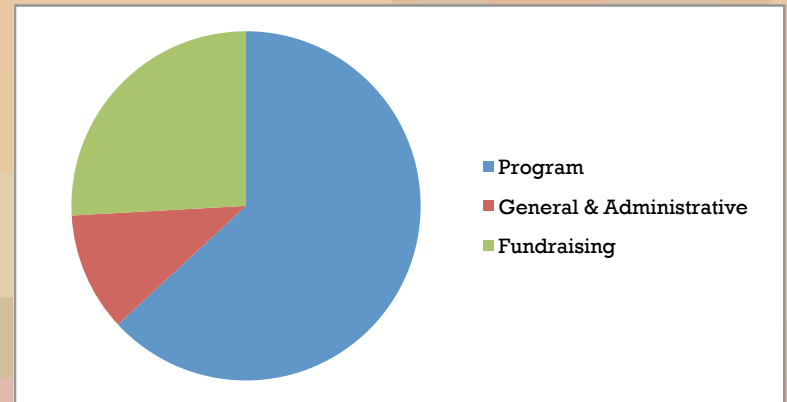


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Expenditures

Program	\$213,696
General & administrative	\$37,267
Fundraising	\$87,632

Total expenditures **\$338,596**



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