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### AATA NEWS AND EVENTS

## Tracy's Kids Red Carpet Fundraiser 2016



Tracy Council, MA, ATR-BC

Feb. 10, 2016 marked the 11th annual Tracy's Kids Red Carpet fundraiser at Gallery Place in Washington, DC. Tracy's Kids is a nonprofit organization that has grown out of the work begun by Tracy Council at Georgetown University Hospital's Lombardi Cancer Center in 1991. The work of Tracy's Kids makes a difference for thousands of young people and their families each year, and its DC Red Carpet event raises awareness of the



profession of art therapy among politicians and the public. Council's work, championed by Tracy's Kids Chairman and childhood cancer survivor Matt Gerson since 1998, serves patients in five hospitals: Lombardi and Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC; Pediatric Specialists of Virginia in Falls Church; Inova Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia; Methodist Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Texas; and New York Presbyterian Hospital. **READ MORE**

## AATA Offers New Professional Scholarship Opportunity for 2016



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The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donors will provide an opportunity for New Professionals, who are also first-time conference attendees, to join us for our National Annual Conference in Baltimore! AATA aims to encourage the growth of the profession by helping our newest professionals access information and resources for networking and by supporting them in the work that they do. Award applicants must be current New Professional members of AATA. All applications must be received by April 1 with full attachments. Recipients will be notified in May about the decision on their application. Members can find more

information about the New Professional Scholarship and applications by clicking [here](#).

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## Assessment bibliography now available

Megan Robb, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC

Art therapists are diligently working with their clients toward an understanding of health and wellness, but how do we measure or note that success? One method that has a strong tradition in research is the use of assessments. The American Art Therapy Association's Research Committee (RC) is committed to educating the membership and public on research trends and findings. It has long been a hope of ours to create an Assessment Bibliography. That has now been accomplished. [READ MORE](#)

## Participate in Creative Arts Therapies Week!



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AATA is a member of the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations (NCCATA) and we invite you to participate in Creative Arts Therapies Week March 13-19, 2016! Organize an event that celebrates or educates about the Creative Arts Therapies at your workplace or in your community. Publicize your event using #CATW2016 via your favorite social media! [READ MORE](#)

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## AATA Featured Member



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In addition to having his own private practice, Robert Lackie, MS, MA, ATR, LPC, MFT, works as an art therapist at Shawnee Mission Schools in Shawnee Mission, KS and is the sole provider of art therapy services in a district of approximately 29,000 students. However, he cites membership with the AATA and participation through chapters and committees as a way for him to remain connected to other school art therapists and to feel supported by a larger body of professionals. No stranger to the profound impact that art can have in himself and others, Robert highlights its empowering nature as the driving force behind his becoming an art therapist. [READ MORE](#)



## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### Art therapy lends a hand in clinical psychology



The Daily Star

Vincent van Gogh and Salvador Dali, to name just two, were known much later to be suffering from mental illnesses but art became their channel to reach out to society. This therapeutic method was first used to expedite the recovery of trauma victims after World War II in hospitals in Britain, a method that was later adopted by the Americans because of its success. On American soil, this therapy was expanded by two art educators, Edith Kramer and Margareth Naumburg, to be integrated with medical treatment in the Veteran Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System. Scientific studies on expressive therapy were soon embarked upon to examine the psychological nature of art. **READ MORE**

### A candid conversation with Kim Campbell on the rhinestone cowboy, Alzheimer's and living life as a caregiver



The Huffington Post

"I have a black eye, but I'm hanging in there." Kim Campbell, tells me. "Caregiving is hard," she says. "I don't know how people do it." Kim's husband, legendary country singer, Glen Campbell, rocked awareness when he and his family let the world know their secret. Together they toured the country after bravely announcing he had Alzheimer's disease. Glen was playing his heart out with his musically talented children: son, Shannon and daughter, Ashley, by his side. Napa Valley was their final stage, Glen's last encore. By that night, his struggle through the plaques and tangles plaguing his brain had become too difficult. Kim was by her husband's side through the journey, as she continues to be for Glen today. **READ MORE**

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