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AATA NEWS

AATA President Delivers Remarks at Press Conference Unveiling Second Lady Karen Pence's Initiative



AATA National Office

On October 18, 2017, the AATA joined the Second Lady Karen Pence in a press conference to unveil her initiative – Art Therapy: Healing with HeART – hosted by the art therapy program at Florida State University. See [AATA's official press release here](#). The audio of Karen Pence's remarks is [available here](#), and the full footage of the event can be [viewed here](#). **Find below the transcript of the remarks shared by AATA President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC. READ MORE**

AATA Launches 'Art Therapy Relief for Our Communities' — Start Your Fundraising Page or Donate Today!



AATA National Office

In collaboration with our chapters in affected states, the AATA has launched a new campaign to help support communities who have been devastated by recent natural disasters including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the northern California wildfires, and human-created tragedies, such as the recent shooting of concertgoers in Las Vegas. By partnering with our local chapters, we hope to fund art therapy-based events for children, adults, and communities impacted by these life-changing experiences. Many AATA members have reached out asking “How can I help?” Here is how:



How AATA Members can help:

- [Create a personal fundraiser page](#) today and share your story about how effective art therapy can be in supporting people who have experienced trauma or displacement. The funds that you raise will go toward the development of art therapy events aimed at relief and recovery efforts in devastated communities.

How anyone can help:

- **Give today.** Each individual fundraising page includes an option to donate; help our fundraisers achieve their goals by reviewing their pages and donating to it directly—any amount makes a big impact! Your contribution will help fund the creation and implementation of art therapy-based events in local communities impacted by disaster or tragedy.
- **Spread the word.** Rally your friends, family, and networks to support this campaign and the work of the AATA and its local chapters. Use **#ArtTherapyRelief** on social media to share your story and promote the campaign!



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ATCB Invites Public Comment in Revisions to Code of Ethics



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The Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) has made [minor revisions](#) to the ATCB Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures. The ATCB Board of Directors invites credentialed art therapists as well as members of the public to review the proposed revisions and send comments by **Dec. 15, 2017**. Responses may be submitted by email, atcbinfo@atcb.org, or by postal mail: ATCB, Attn: Code Revisions, 7 Terrace Way, Greensboro, NC 27403. **READ MORE**

Attention AATA Members: Process for Submitting Member Resolutions for the Upcoming Annual Meeting of the Membership f t in e

AATA National Office

AATA's new process for submitting member resolutions for consideration at the November 9th Annual Meeting of the Membership (AMM) process will allow for members to submit resolutions in advance of the meeting. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to all professional voting AATA members, and importantly, those who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Further details on the resolutions process, including how to **write and submit a resolution before the Oct. 31, 2017, deadline**, are available on the [MyAATA members-only page](#).

This year's AMM will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, from 8:00-9:45 a.m. during the AATA's 48th [Annual Conference](#) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All conference attendees are strongly encouraged to attend. Voting members must check in at the registration desk before entering. We look forward to seeing you there!



Creation of Multicultural Quilt at AATA Conference Supports Scholarship f t in e

AATA National Office



Attendees for the AATA's annual conference in Albuquerque, NM should be on the lookout for the multicultural quilt, designed and decorated by art therapists. The quilt will be stitched together at the conference and, once completed, attendees can purchase raffle tickets for for \$1. Proceeds from ticket sales go toward the Pearlie Roberson Annual Scholarship Award, which provides financial support for a project undertaken by a student or professional AATA member that focuses on the multicultural aspects and capacities of art therapy. Click [here](#) for more information about this year's annual conference and its events. **READ MORE**

Featured Member f t in e

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Heather Denning, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, LSW teaches art therapy at Mercyhurst University and directs the undergraduate art therapy program. She previously taught graduate-level art therapy courses at Ursuline College and supervised many graduate art therapy students in their internship placements at her worksite. This year, she looks forward to the annual conference, and says, "I recall experiencing AATA conferences as a student and how exciting it was to be amongst all these creative, caring, passionate people. I still feel the same way many years later and I am eagerly looking forward to attending the AATA conference in New Mexico this November and reconnecting to other professionals and old friends." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Second Lady Karen Pence Announces Plans For Her Initiative, Art Therapy: Healing With the HeART



The White House

Second Lady Karen Pence recently announced the goals she wants to accomplish through her art therapy initiative, on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee, home to a nationally acclaimed art therapy graduate education program. Mrs. Pence has named her initiative, Art Therapy: Healing with the HeART. **READ MORE**

Karen Pence Unveils Her Second Lady Platform



CNN

Second lady Karen Pence has a message and a mission: Art therapy is not just arts and crafts. "From children with cancer to struggling teens to grieving families to people with autism to military service members experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, to those with eating disorders," Pence said Wednesday. "Art therapy is changing lives and it is saving lives." **READ MORE**

Art Therapy: Humanity Found in the Most Desolate Circumstances



Baltimore Post Examiner

Writes Larry Luxner: "On the last Sunday in September, as Puerto Rico's hurricane catastrophe, North Korea's nuclear threats and Myanmar's massacre of Rohingya Muslims dominated world headlines, I immersed myself in tangible reminders of a genocide from the not-too-distant past. Driving along Highway 4 north from Tel Aviv and accompanied by an art therapist from Baltimore, I visited two Holocaust points of interest for the first time: Beit Terezin just outside Hadera, and the Ghetto Fighters Museum between Akko and Nahariyya." **READ MORE**

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