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AATA NEWS

AATA Represented at the Inaugural Conference of the National Organization for Arts in Health



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It was an honor to represent the American Art Therapy Association as its delegate to the inaugural conference of the National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH), held in conjunction with the Healthcare Facilities Symposium and Expo in Austin, Texas, September 18-20, 2017. The Austin Convention Center hosted this national event that drew physicians, architects, designers, artists, philanthropists, academicians, and creative arts therapists to mingle and learn in its aesthetically pleasing spaces and enjoy the surrounding offerings of the downtown. During the conference the NOAH released the print version of white

paper, "Arts, Health, and Well-Being in America," which can now be accessed in full online. **READ MORE**

Conference News: Register in Advance until October 31 at 5:00 p.m. EDT!



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair



You still have time to register in advance for the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held November 8-12, 2017,* in Albuquerque, NM, but time is running out! This will be one of our largest conferences ever! You can pre-register until October 31, 2017. After October 31, you will need to register onsite in Albuquerque. Click here register now or call us at (888) 290-0878 or (703) 548-5860 to register by phone!

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AATA Releases Four New Videos to the Art Therapy in Action Series!



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The AATA has also released four new videos to its series, [Art Therapy in Action](#). Hear from experts in the field about how art therapy can help people coping with eating disorders or trauma and how it can be applied in forensic settings. **READ MORE**

How to Support "Art Therapy Relief for Our Communities"



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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!



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

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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 October 31, 2017, deadline**, are available on the [MyAATA members-only page](#).

This year's AMM will take place on Thursday, November 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!

AATA Featured Member f t in ✉

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Jessica Hauck, BFA will complete her Masters in Mental Health Counseling with Art Therapy Specialization program at Caldwell University in December, 2017. She received her BFA from The College of New Jersey in 2011 and spent the next several years teaching preschool age children and making art. Hauck especially values her AATA membership for the experience of presenting and attending the annual Conference. Last year, she recalls, “I was surrounded by other people who were all as passionate about this work as I was. Growing up in a small town in NJ, I had never felt that connection before. I remember having this distinct realization that I was



exactly where I was supposed to be.”

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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

"Arts, health and well-being in America": A white paper



NOAH

NOAH is proud to present the online edition of the white paper, "Arts, Health, and Well-Being in America", which was unveiled in a print version at the inaugural Arts in Health conference for the organization in September 2017. [READ MORE](#)

What is art therapy? And how is it helping people?



Artsy

Recently, Second Lady Karen Pence held a press conference at Florida State University to outline how and why she will promote art therapy in the United States during her time in the White House. Her platform, officially known as Art Therapy: Healing with the HeART, aims to help Americans understand and access the benefits of art therapy and to stimulate interest among young people to pursue careers in the field. [READ MORE](#)

FSU welcomes Second Lady Karen Pence for announcement of art therapy initiative



Florida State University

Florida State University welcomed Second Lady Karen Pence to campus Wednesday for the announcement of her new art therapy initiative, Art Therapy: Healing with the HeART. Pence chose Florida State as the venue for the announcement because of its nationally acclaimed art therapy graduate education program. [READ MORE](#)

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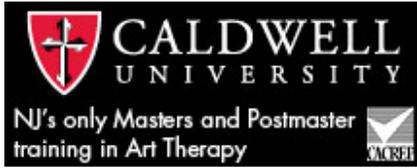
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