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AATA NEWS

Donate on Giving Tuesday towards #ArtTherapyRelief for our Communities



AATA National Office

This year's Giving Tuesday, on November 28th, is a great opportunity to support art therapy by donating to "Art Therapy Relief for our Communities," AATA's campaign to fund art therapy-based services and events



for children, adults, and communities impacted by natural or human-caused tragedies. Recently, The AATA Board of Directors has approved the release of approximately \$10,000 in donor-designated funds towards supporting disaster relief. Every penny counts, and we hope you will join us! **READ MORE**

A Message of Gratitude from the AATA



AATA National Office



On this Thanksgiving, the AATA would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all of our members, especially our volunteers who help us fulfill our mission every day. We are proud of and thankful for the work that you do to enhance the lives of those in need. Your dedication to art therapy is appreciated and deserves celebration.



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Attention Professional and Retired AATA Members: Become a Mentor Today



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Last week, we launched the all-new [MyAATA](#), our members-only online source of valuable professional development advice, research, and tools. Included within the site is the new **Mentor Match** service, an online service where experienced art therapists connect with students and new professions to share advice and guidance. We're looking for professional and retired members to join the program and help build the next generation of leaders.

Register as a mentor by [completing your Mentor profile](#). For questions or assistance to login to the new MyAATA or to register as a mentor, please call the National Office at 888-290-0878 or email membership@arttherapy.org. The program will open to Students and New Professionals on January 2nd, 2018.

AATA Featured Member



AATA National Office

Kathy D. Hrenko, MCAT, ATR-BC currently works for White Horse Village, a continuing care retirement



community, and the Cancer Support Community in Delaware. Hrenko has worked with children, teens and adults in a variety of settings including in-patient psychiatry, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, therapeutic camps, nursing homes, youth detention, art studios and wellness centers. She has served on the board of the Delaware Valley Art Therapy Association as Chair of the events committee. Of her AATA membership, Ms. Hrenko shares, "Throughout my career and several relocations, I maintained my membership with AATA and joined the local chapters of SCATA, NCATA and the DVATA." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Senate restores NEA Arts Funding for 2018 Financial Year



Americans for the Arts

Happy Thanksgiving! Thanks to you and thousands of Arts Action Fund members, we advanced another big victory today in the United States Senate to #SAVEtheNEA. Senate Appropriations Chairman Thad Cochran and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Lisa Murkowski, who received our Congressional Arts Leadership Award this year, soundly rejected President Trump's attempt to terminate the nation's cultural agencies by fully restoring FY 2018 arts funding to \$150 million for both the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. See below for a detailed chart of the Senate-proposed budgets of the various federal arts agencies. **READ MORE**

Expert: Art plays key role in healthcare



The Peninsula

The impact of visual arts on medicine, healthcare and patient wellbeing, including art therapy interventions, was explored at a symposium at Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar. The 'Visual Arts and Medicine' event, part of the WCM-Q Lives in Medicine series, explained the theory and practice of art therapy in patient care, and also discussed ways in which visual art in healthcare settings, such as hospitals, can positively affect mood and therefore potentially lead to better healthcare outcomes. **READ MORE**

Readout of Second Lady Karen Pence's visit to Ascension's Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas



The White House

Today, Second Lady Karen Pence traveled to Austin, Texas. There, she visited Ascension's Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas to learn more about the hospital's art therapy program. Upon arrival, the Second Lady observed an art therapy session with a six year old girl. After the art therapy observation, she toured the hospital's art gallery where they have artwork created from art therapy sessions on display. Then, Pence participated in a discussion with an art therapist and physicians. **READ MORE**

Texas Medical Center creative arts therapists come together to help Harvey victims heal



Texas Medical Center News

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall nearly three months ago, many Houstonians and Texans are still recovering and getting back to their normal lives. To help take their minds off of the stress, creative arts therapists from across the Texas Medical Center partnered with community artists and facilitators to host the first Harvey Healing Day for nearly 100 men, women and children who were displaced by Hurricane Harvey. **READ MORE**

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