

SPACE FOR ART FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT ~ 2022



Space for Art Foundation

Mission

Uniting a Planetary Community of Children
through the Awe & Wonder of Space Exploration
& the Healing Power of Art

Vision

A world where children experiencing life's challenges
are inspired to imagine & create a positive future for themselves.

A future that transcends those challenges & is brought to life
through an understanding of their role as crewmates here on Spaceship Earth.

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January 2023

Dear Friends of the Space for Art Foundation ~

As we reflect on the accomplishments and impact of the Space for Art Foundation's work in 2022, we want to express our gratitude for the overwhelming support we receive from all of you!

Thanks to your generosity we have been blessed with the opportunity to continue to work with inspirational children and organizations around the world! We're excited that we're now able to support activities across all 3 of our strategic programmatic focus areas (and we'll share a little about each of these in this report):

- Facilitating and implementing space-themed art and wellness programs.
- Awarding scholarships and grants to art students, artists, and organizations who need support to help develop and implement their own space-themed 'art and wellness' ideas.
- Documenting and sharing our work in support of on-going research in the field of art and wellness.

To date, we have engaged with over **5000** children, **60** organizations, and **180** countries to create over **15** global community space art projects and exhibits!

We look forward to more awesomeness to come in 2023 and the years ahead! And we are so thankful to have you with us on this mission of space, art, and healing.

Nicole, Maria, and David



SPACE FOR ART FOUNDATION Metrics

At A Glance... To date... More than...



5000 Artonauts



60 Organizations



180 Countries



15 Global Community Projects and Exhibits



Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 1

Facilitating and Implementing Space-themed Art and Wellness Programs

Collecting Artwork for our next Art Spacesuit and for Club for the Future's 'Postcards to Space'
We engaged in-person and virtually this year with over 500 children in 18 countries



Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 1

Facilitating and Implementing Space-themed Art and Wellness Programs

Sharing the Space for Art Story: Art Sessions ~ Exhibits ~ Interactive Experiences ~ Reconnecting



St Joseph's Children's Hospital
~ Christmas in July



MARS2022 Summit ~ Art Spacesuits
EXPLORATION & BEYOND with current &
future spacesuits & Mass & Adam Savage



Spacesuit ~ mapping of all the children's artwork to
the suit & also where on Earth it's all from



Loli returning flown art postcard to
President of Foundation for the
Hospital Baca Ortiz in Ecuador



EXPLORATION Art Spacesuit
Women In Aviation Day



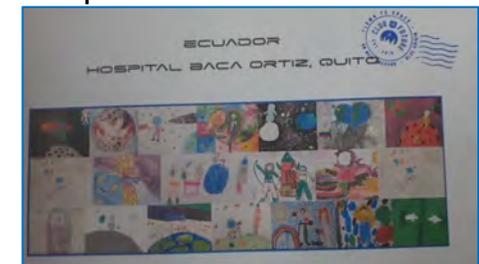
BEYOND Art Spacesuit in good company at the
Apollo 16 50th Anniversary Gala
London Science Museum



Loli & Ian facilitate
an art session



With our friends
At ILC Dover
THE Spacesuit Company!



Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 2

Grant Award Program

In 2022, our Grant Award Program continued to grow with the development of space-themed art and wellness programs supported for two organizations.

George Washington University Art Therapy Graduate Program

\$10k grant to support 2 graduate student projects

\$5k provided to each student ~ summary of both projects on following page

A nice article about the GWU Art Therapy Program's history and work

'Your Song My Song'

\$6k grant to support development and sharing of new episodes of

Beginnings with Bernice <https://youtube.com/@beginningswithbernice>

And new Space music

Summary of their work on page 9

In 2023, we plan to further expand our Grant Award Program by engaging with additional art students and organizations who are motivated to develop and implement their own space-themed art and wellness programs.



Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 2

Grant Award Program

George Washington University Art Therapy Graduate Program

The first student, Sarah (\$5k award), completed her project in April 2022. Over 4 weeks, she worked with 9 patients to create a 'Space Wall' in the hospital - making both a physical and emotional connection between the inpatient and outpatient clinics – evidenced not only by the patient participation, but by the increased engagement among the patients and hospital staff. The project was purposefully installed in a place visible for all, which further raised awareness to the benefits of art therapy for everyone who experienced it. Patients commented about how excited they were to have their individual piece of art become part of the larger piece with other children's. Hospital staff expressed their wonder and amazement about the level of patient interaction and the way the children seemed to think less about being in a hospital and more about the inspiration of space and the artwork they were creating. It's reported that even now, people stop and spend time viewing and taking joy in the art – all hoping the Space Wall will be permanent. Thank you to Sarah for a wonderful project that came to life in the spirit of the Space for Art Foundation Mission to Unite a Planetary Community of Children through the Awe and Wonder of Space Exploration and the Healing Power of Art!

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2<sup>nd</sup> student, Deanna (\$5k award), will begin her project in Jan 2023. She will be designing and holding open studio art therapy sessions for elementary school students with Autism Spectrum Disorder ~ to help the children develop social skills through space-themed art and small group interactions. Each student will create their own space exploration avatar that will be brought together with the other student's avatars in an interactive space or environment where all of their avatars could peacefully coexist and have all their basic needs met.



# Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 2

## Grant Award Program

**'Your Song My Song'** (Jaime and Eric Hart) write music about the planet and our connection to it. They invite children and families to participate with them to tell stories that inspire positive mental health and paradigm-shifting change through music, movement, video, theatre, and dance. Space is now a theme for their art and music programs.

### *Beginnings with Bernice*

Bernice is a fun, outgoing puppet character that has interesting conversations with people doing exceptional work in the world. These videos are used with free online shows that focus on celebrating kindness and creativity through the work of the people Bernice interviews. You can view episodes at <https://youtube.com/@beginningswithbernice> including one with our own astronaut Nicole Stott.

### *Space Music*

New songs written and recorded – inspired by space exploration and the healing power of music and dance. **'Space Song'** – "...they're strapping me in...I can see the line between day and night...I dreamed of space..." **'Spaceship Earth'** -- "...Cause here on Spaceship Earth...Look all around this beauty is on the crew with you..."

### *Testimonials*

"Oh my gosh you guys are so amazing. This video made my heart feel so happy!!!!"  
~ "We love Bernice" ~ "Toooooo cool, thanks for sharing" ~ "Aria and Jay loved the video omg" ~ "My grandsons loved the videos, thanks so much!!" ~ "I've heard Nicole do countless talks and interviews over the years, and this is one of my favorites because of how much she seems to enjoy talking to Bernice. My favorite is Bernice floating."



# Strategic Programmatic Focus Area 3

## Support of Research in the Field of Art and Wellness

This focus area is one that we are really excited to further develop and grow this year.

Having worked in the art and wellness world for a few years now, it's apparent to us how valuable this work is as witnessed through the response from the children and families participating, but it also has become increasingly clear how important it is to develop some quantifiable measures of the impact these programs have on the health and well-being of the participants. We know we should do this as a measure of the Foundation's impact, but also in a broader sense to reflect the value of art therapy strategies for wellness in general. This is something we believe applies not only to the children participating in our programs, but to wellness for the population as a whole here on Earth and also to those who will be traveling on spaceflight missions far from Earth.

As such, we have established relationships with clinical psychologists and licensed art therapists to learn more about established measures and how to utilize and/or build on them to represent our work; we are working with the team at the Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH) to leverage technologies targeted at spaceflight that may prove valuable to the art therapy world; and we are initiating conversations with the folks at the UC Berkeley Greater Good Science Center to investigate how their measures of 'happiness' apply to measures of the benefits of art therapy.

Through these forums we are hopeful to have measures in place for all of our projects by the end of the year.



# 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We are so thankful for the generous funding support we have received since our formation in 2018.

Our Foundation funds to date are built from two large unrestricted donations received in 2021, the generous and consistent support from our faithful donors who have been with us since the beginning and that have joined us along the way, and the outstanding time, talent, and monetary support from our Board members.

We are still a fully volunteer-based operation, and the bulk of our expenses for 2022 are associated with tax preparation, art supplies, promotional materials, insurance, software/website, travel, and shipping costs (Overall representing less than 0.5% of our total funds). We are evaluating the need for some contractor support for targeted tasking in 2023 and will always work to minimize these overall expenses. As we grow, we of course understand that employee expense may be required and that we will always need to be working proactively to maintain and replenish our funds. For our current and near-term operations, we believe our primary fiduciary responsibility is to protect and grow our fund base to protect it for necessary mission support.

All of our monetary funds are maintained and grown through investment in accessible cash accounts ~ a mix of high interest bearing savings, money market, and CDs. With the financial market as it is, we were able to strategically shift funds to savings accounts with significantly higher interest rates/return, which has allowed us to responsibly grow the funds entrusted to our care.

As a result of our projects and generous donors, we're also very fortunate to hold physical assets on behalf of the Foundation:  
-- 2 Art Spacesuits (EXPLORATION and BEYOND) – to be held by the Foundation and presented via exhibits and displays that will provide the opportunity to share the Space for Art story with the children and organizations who participate and with the general public.

-- Gifted Art Collection -- to be utilized for fundraising as appropriate.



# Ginormous Shout Out to Ian Cion

**SUPERSTAR!!!**



Our Space for Art Foundation crew wants to express our most sincere gratitude to Ian for the vision and creativity he brought to our space-themed art and wellness projects. Before there was a Space for Art Foundation there was Ian's leadership of pediatric art and medicine programs and the idea for the Spacesuit Art Project... One suit led to another and the Space for Art Foundation was born. Thank you Ian!!!

While no longer officially serving on the board, we know Ian will embrace his emeritus status by continuing to support us through his creative guidance as we expand our work into the future. We are excited for the impactful work that Ian will be bringing to life through his own personal, creative endeavors.

Check out more of Ian's amazing work at <https://thunderbirdastronautics.com/>



# THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT.....2023

We're excited for what lies ahead in 2023 and beyond...

We've kicked the year off right with several art engagements with children at STEAM festivals and in hospital settings.

A couple major things to look forward to in 2023 are:

- Completing the collection of art from children around the world for the build of our next Art Spacesuit (still to be named). Theme is focused on "Time, the Magnificence of our Universe, and Significance of our Place in it".
- Completing the 3D Interactive Model of BEYOND and sharing it with our Artonauts and the world.
- Creating and deploying a rocket mailbox for Club for the Future's 'Postcards to Space' that will give us a platform with our folks around the world that encourages even more participation in the program.
- "Your Song My Song" live Water Musical performances and community engagements.

We're continuing to grow our "partners in purpose" network, which will allow the Space for Art mission and vision to be realized in a more powerful and expansive way. We're looking forward to more activities with organizations like Space for A Better World, Club for the Future, and ABlok Interactive Experiences. We pray for a peaceful resolution to the horrific conflict in Ukraine and look forward to the opportunity to work again with our incredible partners at the UNITY Foundation.

We have initiated wonderful conversations with Smithsonian Air and Space that have the potential to lead to some extraordinary and compelling ways to share the awesomeness of the work created by our Space for Art Artonauts!

We can't wait to see what our grantees bring to life in the world of space-themed art and wellness, and are hopeful to provide support to more talented artists and art organizations. We are also excited about the ways our work and work with others will help further quantify the benefit of art and wellness programs and therapies, and how they apply to not only clinical settings but for the future of human spaceflight as well.

# Please follow along with us ~

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*We'd love an introduction to any organizations, hospitals, refugee centers, or orphanages you think would benefit from participating in our projects; and we welcome any ideas you might have for our work.*

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*Thank you!!!*