



2018 Impact and Support Opportunities

With the help of an amazing community of caring adults and organizations, 2018 has been an exciting year of growth and success for AOK and our young artists. Our impact:

- **Number of Young Artists Served:** 40 and growing.
- **Education Support.** With your support, we made it possible for:
 - 8 kids to attend college in the 2016/17 school year
 - 16 kids to attend college in the 2017/18 school year
 - 13 kids to attend college in the 2018-19 school year**Here's how your financial support will be put to work:**
 - \$50,000 – covers all costs for one year for one of our students attending private college
 - \$25,000 – covers all costs for one year for one of our students attending state college
 - \$10,000 – monthly allowance for 5 college kids for one school year
 - \$5,000 – covers all costs for one year for one of our students attending community college
 - \$1,000 – buys books and school supplies for one year for one AOK college kid
 - \$500 – covers the expense of a new computer for one AOK college kid
- **Artist Support.** With YOUR help we have:
 - Held 2 groups visual art shows in our 7th floor gallery at the AOK Art Space at Independent Sector (IS) featuring 9 artists
 - Held 3 performing art shows in our 9th floor space in the Art Space featuring performances by 15 artists
 - Held two solo visual art shows in our lobby gallery at the Art Space
 - Hosted monthly networking dinners with our partners at Union Market that bring together AOK young artists and established, working artists
 - Hosted hundreds of young people at AOK events at the Art Space
 - Provided artist studio space for 9 young artists
 - Provided paint, canvas, cameras, computers, external hard drives, lights and other equipment for our young painters, photographers and film-makers
 - Helped 5 young artists obtain jobs at a major exhibition
 - Provided artist mentors to 8 young artists
 - Provided internships for 4 young artists to produce and post content on AOK's social media and website and to help manage the Art Space
 - Facilitated commissions for 3 young artists**Here's how your financial support will be put to work:**
 - \$25,000 – covers the expenses of building out and purchasing all fixtures and equipment for the AOK Art Space at Independent Sector

- \$10,000 – covers the costs for supplies for three resident artists for one year
 - \$3,500 – fully equips the basement level sound studio in the Art Space
 - \$2,000 – fully equips three painting studios at the Art Space
 - \$1,000 – covers the printing and framing costs for one solo show in our lobby gallery
 - \$500 – covers the cost of DJ controllers for the event space
- **Life Support.** With YOUR help, we have:
 - Provided housing for 6 kids
 - Served more than 1000 meals at Thursday Night Dinner
 - Provided therapists for 9 of our kids
 - Hosted workshops and community discussions on a variety of topics, including financial literacy, mental health and feminism
 - Helped our kids with health care needs and expenses
 - Provided 11 kids with cell phone service and new phones
 - Provided computers for 14 young people

Here's how your financial support will be put to work:

 - \$10,000 – covers the cost of one year of Thursday Night Dinners
 - \$2,500 – buys new computers for four kids
 - \$1,000 – pays for dental hygiene visits for one year for 2 kids
 - \$500 – pays for driving lessons for one kid
 - \$300 – buys eyeglasses for one kid
 - **Special Experiences.** With YOUR help:
 - 14 of our kids joined us on Cape Cod in July, 2017. (Here's a link to a [video](#) about the trip.)
 - 20 kids joined us in 2018 on Cape Cod. (Here's a [video](#) about the trip.)
 - 18 had specially-chosen presents to unwrap last holiday season, thanks to AOK Holiday Angels.
 - We celebrated 30 birthdays with special dinners, presents and shout outs at Thursday Night Dinner.
 - We funded and arranged special field trips for kids that they would not have otherwise been able to make.

Here's how your financial support will be put to work:

 - \$20,000 – covers the all the costs of 1 week on Cape Cod for 20 kids
 - \$10,000 – pays for housing for the Cape Cod trip
 - \$2,000 – pays for groceries for the Cape Cod trip
 - \$1,000 – pays for all expenses for one 3-day special trip for one kid
 - \$750 – buys a whale watch for 20 kids
 - \$300 – puts individually-chosen presents under the tree during the holiday season for 1 kid

For more information on what you can do to support AOK, please contact Carolyn at carolyn@aokdc.org or 412.508.0411. Thank you for believing in our kids and for everything you do to help our kids fulfill their potential.