Dear Friends of the Arts,

Wow, can you believe some of our students have already returned to school? Seems like the shortest summer break ever, but it's been over a year since students were present at their school, so many are eager to return to see their friends and teachers. And fortunately, we have seen an increase in requests for visual and performing arts this year, which we all know is essential for social-emotional learning.

We just launched our annual “Back to School” fundraising campaign to help support our arts education programs. We truly appreciate our art-loving community who continue to show their confidence in our organization and our programs with their ongoing support. Please make a donation today or become an Arts4MC GEM to provide monthly donations to ensure the sustainability of the Arts Council.

And I have to send a huge THANK YOU to the Community Foundation for Monterey County who swiftly took the initiative at the beginning of the pandemic to raise funds to support so many local nonprofits. Recently they provided a second round of funding to Arts4MC to provide small grants to individual artists, who are still struggling from the impact of the closure of studios and galleries. Stay tuned, as we will be launching this program soon!

I hope everyone gets a chance to get outside and enjoy the weekend, and remember, Car Week kicks off today!

Thank you,

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BE A HERO TO THIS CHILD

It's Back to School time and you can help local students thrive with an arts education.

DONATE NOW AT WWW.ARTS4MC.ORG/DONATE

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS:

Monterey County Poet Laureate

The County Poet Laureate is an honorary position that celebrates the County of Monterey’s cultural heritage and promotes literacy and literature among county residents. Deadline: August 31, 2021.

For more information visit
www.arts4mc.org/poetlaureate
WE'RE HIRING!

Join the fantastic team at the Arts Council for Monterey County, in our beautiful office in Seaside!

We are seeking an Operations Manager responsible for the accounting, human resources and operational functions of the Arts Council.

APPLY NOW: WWW.ARTS4MC.ORG/JOBS
We are excited to be a Lead Sponsor at the Salinas Valley Food & Wine Festival! We will be there on August 7th, stop by and learn more about us while you enjoy delicious food and wine! www.salinasvalleyfoodandwine.com
Buy Local Art through Art4Sale
Professional Artists in the School Program

**Events/Happenings**

August 6th: [Sol Treasures Paint & Sip with ArtSocial 805 Traveling Art Studio](#)
August 8th: [Oaxaca by the Sea](#) from 10am - 5pm
August 29th: [Call for Submissions: Juried Art Show at the Pacific Grove Library](#)
September 3rd-6th: [Local Performers Sought 85th Annual Monterey County Fair](#)
September 24th-26th: [Monterey Jazz Festival's Evolution of a Groove - 12 Episode Package: the Monterey Commissions](#)

**Grants & Scholarships**

[Community Arts Grants](#)
[Grant Writing for Succe$$](#)

**The Legacy Circle**

With the stroke of a pen, YOU can ensure the future of community arts programs in Monterey County!

For more information on how you can support the arts for future generations, contact Bella Hockersmith, Development Director at 831-622-9060 x108 or bella@arts4mc.org.

Thank you to the County of Monterey and the Board of Supervisors for the ongoing support of the Arts Council for Monterey County's efforts to strengthen and broaden the County's economic base.