



Dear Friends of the Arts,

This week we are excited to highlight two incredible organizations that partner with our Arts as Healing Program - CHISPA and Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley! These organizations both serve senior citizens in our community and bring Arts as Healing programming to their clients to provide a creative outlet for wellness.

As you may know, seniors were among some of the most isolated populations throughout the pandemic, and isolation was even more severe for seniors living in residential facilities. I was very fortunate to attend the last class of the current session at Sherwood Village, a CHISPA apartment complex for seniors, and the impact this program has had on them was sincerely evident. One of the residents walked me through a wall full of her artwork and talked me through her inspiration. She also mentioned that a lot of her family members are artists. She explained that one of her favorite things to do is draw, stating, “anytime I want to feel pretty I draw. It always makes me feel happy.” When we discussed CHISPA’s collaboration with the Arts Council, the resident stated how grateful she was that there was an art program accessible to her and that it’s something she consistently looks forward to.

It’s feedback like this that fuels the Arts Council to strive to expand the impact of our programming. With your help we can accomplish this! Until December 31, we are fundraising through [MC Gives!](#) for our Arts as Healing Program. We are currently at 49% of our \$60,000 goal. Please consider donating to keep this program thriving for those who look forward to it each week!

[Donate Now](#)

All donations are matched by MC Gives! so your donation goes even further through this campaign.

Sincerely,

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