



Dear Friends of the Arts,

This week we are so fortunate to highlight our partnership with Rancho Cielo through our Arts as Healing Program. Teaching Artists from the Arts Council provide weekly arts lessons for Rancho Cielo's Silver Star Youth Program. The Silver Star Youth Program is made up of students between the ages of 15 1/2 and 18. All students are screened prior to acceptance and must have a desire to make positive changes in their lives. Most students are on probation when referred to Rancho Cielo but recommendations may also come from the juvenile court, schools or parents. Graduates receive a high school diploma or GED.

Art has become a very therapeutic tool for the teens at Rancho Cielo. During a visit to their Arts as Healing Program, we were able to speak with a student who shared her love of art and the healing effect it has had on her. She shared that, "doing art helps me escape from everything that is going on in my life." This student also provided feedback about her peers, sharing that they also use art as a tool to take a break from the stressors that they face in their day to day lives.

Your support helps guarantee that we can continue to send Teaching Artists to organizations like Rancho Cielo. Please consider donating to our MC Gives! campaign to provide opportunities for healing to the youth in our community. Your gift can change a life forever!

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