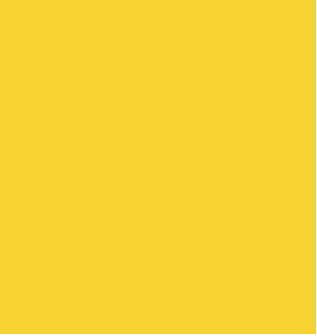




ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



THIS YEAR WE WORKED WITH:

24

SCHOOLS IN UNDERSERVED
COMMUNITIES

66

ARTISTS & ART
ORGANIZATIONS

Together, with our network of schools and arts partners, we are advancing a new vision for public education in California.

THROUGH THESE PARTNERSHIPS WE:

REACHED

9,872

STUDENTS

SUPPORTED

747

TEACHERS &
PRINCIPALS

PROVIDED

2,050

HOURS OF COACHING &
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORTED

115

FAMILY & COMMUNITY
ART EVENTS





Students at Arts in Action Elementary in East Los Angeles perform at their school's community arts festival. Photo by Alexis Cannard.

IN OUR ANNUAL SURVEY OF TEACHERS,

they reported a positive impact on:

96%

STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT

93%

CONFIDENCE,
EXPRESSION, AND
COLLABORATION

91%

ACADEMIC
LEARNING

At a time when California's public schools, teachers, and students are facing mounting challenges, the arts offer promising solutions.

Turnaround Arts: California's unique programming engages teachers as learners themselves. Our professional development and coaching programs help teachers use the arts to better reach and support all students, and bring joy and connection into every classroom.

Whenever we used the arts, student engagement and comprehension improved! I incorporated drama, visual arts, and music into social studies, literacy, and math lessons.

Teacher, Arts in Action Elementary,
East Los Angeles

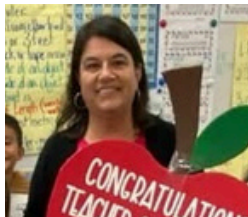
My shyest students really blossomed
and gained confidence.

Teacher, Finney Elementary
Chula Vista

Educators at our 2025 Winter Arts Leadership Retreat.
Photo by Alexis Cannard.



“ART LIT A SPARK IN MY TEACHING THIS YEAR...”



I used dance to bring our science unit on penguins to life. Through creative movement, my students learned new vocabulary, explored the penguin life cycle, and acted out behaviors like waddling, sliding on ice, and caring for eggs. It was amazing to see how this approach helped them understand and retain complex science concepts in a joyful way.

One moment that truly surprised me was watching a student who usually struggles with traditional learning take the lead during our movement activities—suddenly, he was confident, engaged, and even helping others.

This experience renewed my own interest in the arts and reminded me how powerful they can be in reaching every learner.



Ms. Adela Saucedo is a First and Second grade teacher at Washington Elementary in Lynwood. This year she participated in Turnaround Arts: California's Lesson Lab program where she was supported to design curriculum that integrated the arts with science.

AUDITED FINANCIALS

We are deeply grateful for the foundations, corporate and government partners, and the many generous individuals who help to make our work possible. Every gift, including the donation of time, is deeply appreciated and valued, and 100% goes to creating lasting impact in our partner schools!

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Contributions and grants	\$531,791	\$531,448	\$1,063,239
In-kind contributions	\$189,888	-	\$189,888
Investment income	\$125,242	-	\$125,242
Net assets released from restrictions	\$756,198	(\$756,198)	-
Total revenue and support	\$1,603,119	(\$224,750)	\$1,378,369
Program expenses	\$1,071,930	-	\$1,071,930
Fundraising expenses	\$256,020	-	\$256,020
General and administrative expenses	\$180,743	-	\$180,743
Total expenses	\$1,508,153	-	\$1,508,153
Change in net assets	\$94,966	(\$224,750)	(\$129,784)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$2,952,058	\$632,282	\$3,584,340
Net assets, end of year	\$3,047,024	\$407,532	\$3,454,556

Student at Echo Valley Elementary participates in their All Hands on Deck DJ Club sponsored by Numark and DJ IZ Avila.



OUR MISSION

Turnaround Arts: California is a nonprofit organization that harnesses the power of the arts to engage, empower, and transform schools in underserved communities throughout the state.

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