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Art in Action Provides Art Education Scholarships to Underserved Schools

Menlo Park, CA-- With funds made possible through donations to the Art in Action Judy Sleeth Scholarship Fund, seven underserved Title I schools will implement the [Art in Action](#) program, making a visual arts education possible for 565 low-income, culturally diverse students. The schools are located in California and Nevada.

Eligible schools were required to submit an application detailing financial need and classroom integration plans. The seven selected schools are: [De Anza Elementary](#), Baldwin Park, CA; [Durfee Elementary](#), Pico Rivera, CA; [MIT McKinley Institute](#), Redwood City, CA; [Santa Monica Blvd. Charter](#), Los Angeles, CA; [William Howard Taft Elementary](#), Riverside, CA; [Sankofa Academy](#), Oakland, CA; and [Donner Springs Elementary](#), Reno, Nevada.

“Arts Education is critical to the development of creativity, critical thinking, self-expression and cultural awareness,” Art in Action Founder Judy Sleeth said. “The mission of Art in Action has always been to make an arts education accessible to all. I am thrilled and honored that this fund was created for that purpose.”

To insure successful implementation and a deep integration in these schools, the scholarships provide funding for art training, art curriculum and materials, sustainability planning and ongoing support with an Art Coordinator who manages teacher training, art supplies and classroom integration.

The scholarship fund recognizes Art in Action’s founder and her passion to make an arts education accessible to all. Sleeth believed that an arts education is fundamental to the development of creativity, critical thinking, self-expression and cultural awareness. Because of her vision the Art in Action program now thrives in more than 220 schools and impacts nearly 55,000 children every year.

Donations to the Judy Sleeth Scholarship Fund may be made at <http://artinaction.org/give-now/>.

Founded in 1982, Art in Action, a 501(c)(3) organization, transforms the lives of Kindergarten through 8th grade students using an engaging, hands-on [curriculum](#) that teaches 21st century learning skills through art history, appreciation and practice. Follow [Art in Action](#) on [FaceBook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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