

# Community Service Association Newsletter

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## Message from the CSA Board of Directors

CSA celebrates its 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month, with more than \$11.5 million given back to our community over the years. Thank you, CSA members!

This month's newsletter features a profile of Young Audiences San Diego, a CSA grant recipient that provides support for the arts and for arts education throughout San Diego County.

## Profile of Young Audiences San Diego

For 51 years, Young Audiences of San Diego (YASD) has served as the region's primary source of arts-in-education programs for children, schools and communities. As one of 32 Young Audiences chapters nationwide, YASD remains the largest and oldest nonprofit in San Diego devoted solely to bringing the performing, visual and literary arts into the lives of young people.

Research shows that the arts are powerful tools for teaching and motivating young people of all abilities to learn. Arts learning – whether a performance by a brass quintet, a Japanese print workshop, or an after-school artist residency in dance – enriches students and increases academic achievement. Offered as independent or integrated school subjects, the arts address student alienation and engagement making for more vibrant and healthy teaching environments.

Through the creative arts, YASD seeks to *inspire*, motivate and challenge children to achieve their full potential; to *provide* professional development for teachers and artists; and to *lead* the community in advocating for more arts education in schools.

YASD's mission is achieved through:

**In-School Residencies**—Professional artists partner with classroom teachers to deliver high quality arts instruction and arts integration lessons in dance, literary arts, music, theatre, and the visual arts. Residencies last from 6 to 32 weeks, creating long-term arts experiences.

**City Moves After-School Residencies**—Students engage in high-energy, fun-filled arts classes that connect them with professional artists, expose them to artistic technique, and engage them in the conception and creation of an art product. Classes culminate in family events that showcase student projects (dance shows, art exhibitions, and theatre performances).

**Educational Arts Performances**—Artists present interactive in-school assemblies featuring music, dance, theatre, and storytelling.

**Family Events**—The Family Arts Connection is a series of arts experiences that brings together schools, community, and family through the arts. And, as 65% of San Diegans are from military families, YASD is also proud of its Military Family Arts Connection, a partnership with Lincoln Military Housing that brings the arts directly into the lives of active service members.

YASD, with a depth and variety of artists representing a cross-section of world cultures, presents 3,000 programs a year to 50,000 students in 170 schools. To ensure the highest quality of programs, they also provide professional development in arts education for teachers, school administrators, and teaching artists.



“YASD could not meet the growing needs of our students without the support that we receive from organizations like the Community Service Association each year. Funds are used to ensure that students within the San Diego Unified School District have greater opportunities to receive a well-rounded education that includes learning in and through the arts.”

For more information about Young Audiences of San Diego, visit [www.yasandiego.org](http://www.yasandiego.org) or call 619-282-7599.

## CSA Mission Statement

*The Community Service Association of San Diego Unified School District is a nonprofit association organized to solicit contributions from district employees for recognized charitable agencies in San Diego County which support the arts, education, health, and human services.*