

Stories are born

kids
igniting
change



A Simple Step



It should be simple: take one step forward and say your name. Yet for young people in DAREarts, this simple action changes their lives forever.

Our young people of all cultures, including Indigenous, need us to hear them. The kids are painfully aware they live in a violent, challenging, confounding world. Yet they pour their hearts, talents and enterprise into their future. One step at a time.

Our late artist-educator, Cathy Elliott, told countless kids, *"You're gonna save the world."* We have seen firsthand the power of the arts to help underserved kids to step forward and speak up as leaders. In a DAREarts workshop circle or on the Stratford Festival stage, they are becoming strong in who they are and responsible as they build their communities.

Their excellence is ignited through DAREarts and they take this leadership into their future.

"If we trust in what we know, we'll be safe and sure and sound," sing the youths in a song they wrote.

As DAREarts launches our third decade, our kids need you. Step forward with us to help empower more of Canada's youth with the strength, conviction, tenacity and hope that will build our future. For us all.

Marilyn Field, MSM, DAREarts Founder & President

Letter to Stakeholders



Thank you for your generous and continuing support which has helped DAREarts provide 21 years of arts and leadership education, empowering over 200,000 Canadian children in need with courage and confidence to be leaders.

2017 Milestones by Numbers

- **10,053** children in need from over 54 schools across Canada reached by DAREarts: 92% in urban communities – Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax; 3% in rural communities; and 5% in Indigenous communities.
- **170** daylong workshops delivered in music, dance, drama, visual art, architecture, literature, photography, fashion and culinary arts, instilling our DARE values.
- **9** community showcases.
- **1** Stratford Festival Forum with DAREarts teachers and Indigenous youths.
- **6** grads trained as youth apprentices and mentors.
- **Infinite** positive impact on the children's social, emotional, cognitive and behavioural development.

We will:

- Build sustainable capacity as we work towards empowering another 50,000 children by 2021.
- Reach out to support and engage more grads within the safety of the growing DAREarts community.

DAREarts has never been stronger or more potent in effecting change in the lives of young people. That's the ultimate goal. Many of us who are leaders today owe their lives to an intervention at a vulnerable time. Our supporters and partners know very well, DAREarts is that critical intervention and defining moment in a person's life. On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank you for your trust in DAREarts and your belief in the youths you are helping.

Tarik Muzaffar, Chair



Photo by Laurel MacKinnon

DAREarts Mission

Empower at risk youth to build confidence, courage and their inner leader. By harnessing the power of the arts and DARE values, they will DARE to ignite change.

DAREarts Vision

Inspiring young Canadian youth with a lifelong motivation for creative thinking, excellence and leadership through educational experiences in the arts.

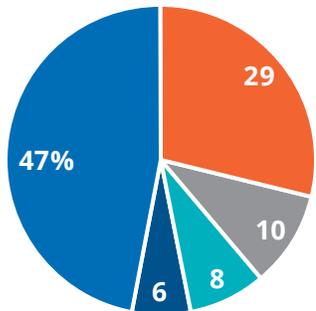
Spirit Bear mural created by the kids in Marten Falls - Ogoiki FN as part of our ONT150 project, in partnership with the Stratford Festival.

Operations Reports

Financial Report F2017

In F2017, DAREarts revenues increased to \$1,021,073 – up 43% over F2016. DAREarts F2017 expenses were kept to \$846,830 or 20% higher than the previous year.

47% of revenue came from corporations and corporate foundations, 29% from individuals, 10% from private foundations, 8% from government and 6% from school registrations and other. DAREarts' lead supporter was Northbridge Insurance, followed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport for our special ON150 project, Anne Livingston, TD, Imvescor Restaurant Group, Scotiabank and an anonymous foundation. Other major supporters included the Ontario Arts Council, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Noront Resources, Cirque Du Soleil, Wells Fargo and education partner TDSB.

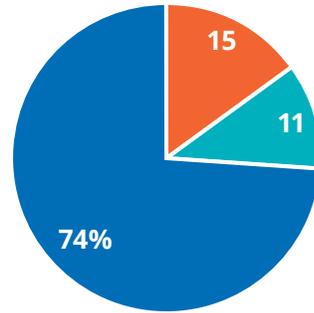


- corporations & corporate foundations \$477,333
- individuals \$298,303
- private foundations \$106,114
- government \$78,611
- other revenues \$60,712

Funding achieved through our Leadership Awards and Holiday Cheer campaigns could not have happened without the support of 182 volunteers.

74% of the funds were spent on students' education programs, 15% on administration and 11% on fundraising. 12% of the funds spent on education

programs were dedicated to First Roots and our special ON150 'Spirit Bear' project, and the remainder between Ontario, Nova Scotia, Montreal and Vancouver, enabling DAREarts' presence in key communities across Canada.



- arts education programs \$629,410
- administration \$127,253
- fundraising \$90,167

DAREarts Programs Report

- DAREarts Toronto – Children from TDSB schools engaged in 77 daylong arts workshops. *Team leaders: Laura MacKinnon, Lisa Norton, Mackenzy Willis*
- DAREarts Indigenous First Roots Program – Teens in northern remote First Nations engaged in 34 days of workshops. More workshops in Vancouver, Toronto and Halifax introduced Indigenous culture to non-Indigenous children. *Team leaders: Laura MacKinnon, Peter Elliott, Glenn Marais*
- DAREarts Vancouver – Children from downtown eastside schools engaged in 5 daylong workshops in partnership with Indigenous actor John Aitken. *Team leaders: Shelley MacDonald, Roy Mulder, Lori Sherritt*
- DAREarts Atlantic – Students from schools in the Halifax region participated in 21 days of hands-on

workshops, inspired by Indigenous artist Alan Syliboy. *Team leaders: Trish Gibbon, Gina Thornhill*

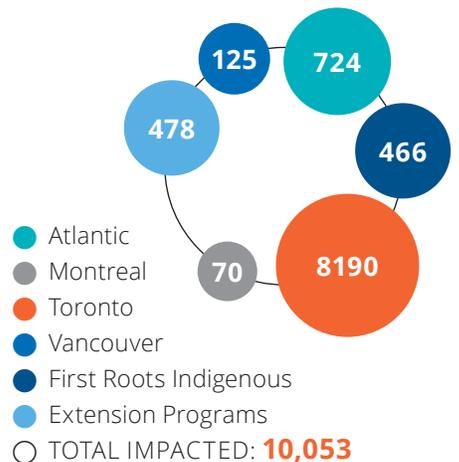
- DAREarts Montreal – Youth from 3 alternative schools participated in 9 afterschool workshops. *Team leader: Deirdre Potash*

DAREarts Extension Programs

- DAREarts teen grads continued their leadership and life skills training with evening workshops and apprenticeship opportunities.
- DAREarts summer camps – Toronto youths participated in workshops in partnership with The Stratford Festival. *Team leaders: Laura MacKinnon and Jennifer Parr*
- DAREarts cards – Children painted cards to bring awareness about the plight of Indigenous children.

Children Impacted

DAREarts' programs reached 10,053 children in F2017. The impact of these children on their peers and families is far reaching and long lasting.



DAREarts National Storybook

More children's voices at DAREarts.com

"We are able to tell our own stories.

Bringing out our identity is important. There is hope and we all matter. I want to go to university and study Indigenous health and wellness so I can help my community."

Jack Linklater Jr
DAREarts Attawapiskat FN



Irene spoke rarely. With DAREarts, she shone on stage and voluntarily took on leadership roles that celebrated her voice. She moved from silence to a gentle roar, finding that she had a safe place and her voice mattered.

Irene
DAREarts Vancouver



"I felt a sense of belonging at DAREarts. I feel loved and everybody belongs in our circle. I look at discipline in a new way. I used to think the museum was boring but I changed my mind."

Ariel
DAREarts Montreal



“DAREarts is like life training. I’m using everything you teach me now, but when I go into high school and college... Oh boy, I can’t even imagine never being in DAREarts.”

Neha
DAREarts Toronto



India’s teachers thought she needed a confidence boost.

“I am the youngest student ever on my school’s council! I showed my principal what I was learning at DAREarts and now I have all the right qualifications!”

India
DAREarts Atlantic



Jeffery lacked discipline and spoke whatever was on his mind. At DAREarts, he waited patiently for his turn.

“I really didn’t think that I was able to be self-disciplined. I surprised myself... and my mom!”

Jeffery
DAREarts Toronto

Machyi was often in trouble. At DAREarts he learned to deal with his temper and was elected class leader.

“DAREarts makes me want to be a better leader.”

Machyi
DAREarts Rexdale





Attawapiskat FN kids wear the bear heads they created for acting in their Spirit Bear short film.

Evaluations

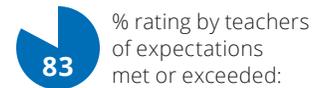
evaluation by children



evaluation by parents



evaluation by teachers



- improved critical thinking, engagement and confidence
- improved school attendance
- decreased drug and gang activity
- students more eager to participate and take leadership
- DAREarts programs requested by principals, teachers, counselors

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Operating Results

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2017

REVENUES & EXPENSES

	OPERATING FUND	HERMAN SMITH MUSIC FUND	MONDAY JULY 31 2017	SUNDAY JULY 31 2016
Revenues	\$ 1,020,973	\$ 100	\$ 1,021,073	\$ 713,537
Expenses	846,830	—	846,830	702,618
Excess (deficiency)	174,143	100	174,243	10,919
Net assets, beginning of the year	67,064	5,360	72,424	61,505
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 241,207	\$ 5,460	\$ 246,667	\$ 72,424

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and bank	\$ 179,952	\$ 5,460	\$ 185,412	\$ 27,368
Investments	30,530	—	30,530	30,803
Accounts receivable	67,989	—	67,989	31,830
Inventory	22,800	—	22,800	—
Property & equipment (net of amortization)	35,258	—	35,258	10,823
Total Assets	\$ 336,529	\$ 5,460	\$ 341,989	\$ 100,824

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,448	—	\$ 15,448	\$ 10,926
Due to related party	22,770	—	22,770	—
Deferred revenue	57,104	—	57,104	17,474
Total liabilities	\$ 95,322	—	\$ 95,322	\$ 28,400

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 241,207	\$ —	\$ 241,207	\$ 67,064
Restricted	—	5,460	5,460	5,360
Total net assets	241,207	5,460	246,667	72,424
Total liabilities & funds	\$ 336,529	\$ 5,460	\$ 341,989	\$ 100,824

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Twenty-one years of empowering Canadian children in underserved communities to be leaders who ignite change.



A special thank you to volunteer photographer Alan Dunlop.

“Hey, we are one circle. Thank you!”

Discipline. Action. Responsibility. Excellence. These are the values we at DAREarts strive to inspire in children and youths aged 9 to 19 since 1996.

In underserved communities across Canada, these amazing young people engage in out-of-school workshops in the arts, building confidence and courage against all odds.

With guidance from art professionals, they unlock their potential, empowering them to become leaders who ignite change – in their own lives and in their communities.

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