

ALLIEDARTS

— OF WHATCOM COUNTY —

For over 40 years, Allied Arts of Whatcom County has been a leader in fostering and supporting the local arts scene and serves more than 50,000 people annually.

Dear Allied Arts members and donors,

The world is experiencing a lot of suffering right now. Like you, we've been trying to stay positive, to do what we can for our families and our community, and to take it one day at a time.

The month of May usually brings a special energy to Allied Arts, as the windows of Downtown Bellingham businesses fill with the artwork created by our children during the Children's Art Walk, we are really missing that event. We are sure there are many things you are missing right now too.



Just like all the changes you've had to make in your life, we've made changes at Allied Arts of Whatcom County – our facility is closed, but staff are working hard to create virtual exhibits, keep you informed on resources and arts opportunities and planning for future programs.

But, Allied Arts is more than the programs. Allied Arts is you! You are likely craving connections with your art events and activities, right now.



We are doing everything we can to connect you and your family with the arts opportunities while you are stuck at home including our collaboration with over 30 other arts organizations in the Whatcom Arts Project a Facebook page dedicated to bringing local arts classes, activities performances and exhibits to you!

Because we don't know what "business as usual" will look like in the future, [we are preparing online curriculum and classes](#), as well as continuing to do videos and other learning components you can do with your kids at home.

The closure of the Allied Arts Gallery and Thrift Store has meant the loss of important events that raise funds for our programming – we had to cancel things like RARE – the Recycled Arts Resource Expo, Art as Business training sessions for artists, and Dementia Support NW art sessions. As you might expect, we **anticipate facing a**



shortfall due to the pandemic.

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Thank you so much for investing in arts educations and community arts programs, so our youth will hold the same love of the arts as we all do. We know we will get through this, and we will get through it together. Stay safe, wash your hands and be creative!

Sincerely,
*Allied Arts staff - Kelly, Katy, Judy
and the Allied Arts Board of Directors*