

DANCING SPIRIT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Over the years, the support and generosity of community members, artists and funders have enabled us to provide arts education for all ages, healing through the arts for our most vulnerable populations, and to create a vibrant, inclusive space for artistic expression. Through our classes, workshops, events or as part of our artist co-op, our community inspires us to continue to touch lives through creativity.

From our humble beginning in 2010 as an artist co-op, through a journey involving several locations and transitions, Dancing Spirit continues to pursue the dream of bringing Ignacio its very own Center for the Arts. Early in 2022, we purchased property at 465 Goddard Ave and spent the majority of 2023 working towards construction of a 4,000 square foot building that will house a co-op gallery, classroom space and an area for performing arts. When it is finished, Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts will be a home for creativity and inclusion, where anyone can express themselves through the arts and find support and a sense of belonging.

Throughout 2023, Dancing Spirit raised \$1.1 million dollars for our capital campaign. We overcame hurdles involving changings to our building plans and budget and at the beginning of 2024, we began construction on our new home. Through the spring and summer of 2024, we will continue the building process and are looking forward to a completion date later this summer.

We are also continuing to reach out to individuals and organizations that share our passion for the arts and believe in its transformative power to raise the remaining \$390k that we need to make this dream a fully functioning reality. Our final needs include paint, flooring, AC, new kilns, classroom and office equipment and furniture, and gallery display components such as lighting and a hanging system.

We can't wait to achieve the dream to provide a beautiful, welcoming haven for artistic exploration, education, and collaboration. Together we will make a lasting difference in our wonderful community as we touch lives through creativity.



Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center
Executive Director

Our mission is to provide a community arts center that enhances creativity and fellowship; that promotes the education, appreciation and enjoyment of the arts; and that celebrates the cultural heritage of our population.



2023 IN REVIEW

2023 was a bustling year full of big experiences for Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center. Our focus temporarily shifted from building programs to building a 4,000 square foot building in which to house those programs. This change in focus encompassed all parts of Dancing Spirit including combining spaces to open up funding, which reduced our ability to offer as many programs. Even so, our class engagement for students ranging from age 3 to adults was still 1322 and we offered 204 classes and workshops with a total of 478 contact hours. Many of these classes were taught in collaboration with other area organizations including local schools and community programs. We were also able to engage 18 volunteers that donated a total of 1823 hours to helping Dancing Spirit meet the needs of our community. Our volunteers consist of past and present artists, business and nonprofit professionals and community members and range from 8 years old to adult (only adults are counted in numbers for the protection and privacy of our youth. Our volunteers help us with public art installations, assembling projects and activities, assisting with outreach such as fundraisers, and so much more.

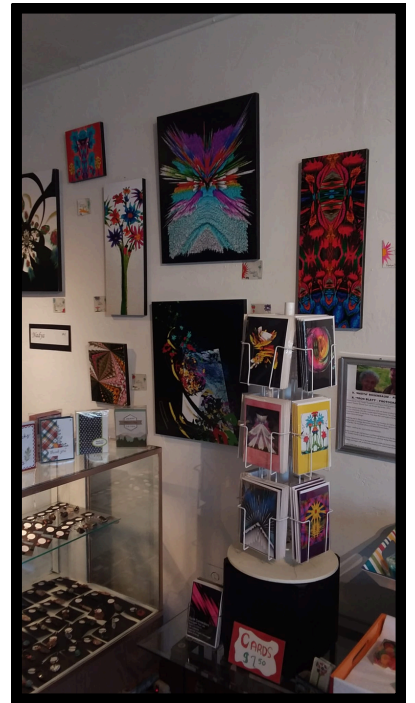


Touching Lives Through Creativity

2024 PLANNED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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| Unchain my heART | Art Enrichment at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy |
| Camp Creative | Colorado's Ride |
| Summer Art Extravaganza | Fill Your Bowl |
| Adult Pottery & Open Studio | Southern Ute Boys & Girls Club |
| Ignacio School District | First Friday Art Events |
| Therapeutic Art | GRAND OPENING!!! |
| Fill Your Plate | |





BUILDING PLANS

Our NEW Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts will be a 4,000 square foot building that will house a co-op gallery, classroom space and an area for performing arts. It will be a home for creativity and inclusion, where anyone can express themselves through the arts and find support and a sense of belonging. The projected completion date is August 2024! Updates including photos and videos are on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/dancingspiritgallery>

THANK YOU FUNDERS!

- Colorado Gives
- Gates Family Foundation
- Colorado Housing Collection
- Boettcher Foundation
- Impact Development Fund
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation
- Southwest Community Foundation
- Helen Frankenthaler Climate Initiative
- Durango Area Tourism
- Moniker
- Colorado Creative Industries
- First Southwest Bank
- Town of Ignacio
- And MANY community donors!

HOW TO DONATE

Dancing Spirit Inc is incorporated under the laws of Colorado and recognized as a non-profit, tax exempt, publicly supported organization under IRS Section 501c3.

Your donation allows us to provide classes, be an incubator for upcoming artists and to build our community's very own art center. It is also tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For more tax credits, ask us about becoming an Enterprise Zone donor or visit us online.



<https://dscac.org/donate>

