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# MIDCITY EXCELLENCE

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## From the CEO's Desk

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As MidCity Excellence celebrates our **24th year**, I reflect with deep gratitude on your incredible generosity and partnership. Every success story, every transformed life, and every vibrant performance has been made possible because you believe in our mission and the youth we serve.

Our journey has reached a critical moment: due to funding shortfalls, we've had to turn away deserving youth this summer. But together, we can change this narrative. Our goal is ambitious yet necessary: raising **\$200,000** over the next several months to continue empowering young people through arts, mentorship, and leadership.

I warmly invite you to join us for our special **"Rock the Block" Donor and Sponsor Appreciation Day** on Thursday, August 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Come experience firsthand the joy, talent, and dedication that your support fuels daily. Whether you're a longtime supporter or considering becoming one, this day is for you—to see the impact of your generosity and explore new opportunities to invest in our community's future.

Your involvement truly matters. Let's recommit together to ensure every child has a chance to dream, grow, and succeed.

With heartfelt thanks and hope,

*Kimberly Warren*  
CEO & Founder, MidCity Excellence



# Celebrating 24 Years of Impact - Because of You!

In the last year, our program engaged **99 youths** (aged 0-18) and **146 adults** through in-person art and learning experiences, while our virtual arts and performance content reached 3,484 online viewers. We collaborated with 131 professional artists, musicians, instructors, and creatives from around the world.

Our efforts were supported by a dedicated team of 3 full-time staff, 12 part-time members, and 40 committed volunteers and board members.



*Reed "Rau'u" Woodbury | Drawing Lessons*



*Vicki & Jerry Sigrist | Semi-pro Bowling Lessons*

As summer comes to a close, MCE is buzzing with activity. We're excited to share that several engaging events are in the works for the remainder of the year, designed to enrich our students' experiences and strengthen our community.

At the same time, we're diligently preparing our students for a successful start to the new school year. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors and sponsors. As we move forward, we invite you to continue partnering with us in creating a lasting impact.

Every drum performance, hot meal, and mentorship moment at MidCity is made possible by people like you. As we launch into a new school year, we're inviting both our loyal donors and new friends to invest in the future of our youth.

Your gift directly supports mental wellness, community engagement, and life-changing opportunities for students across our city. Scan the QR code below to give via VENMO, or visit **VisitMCE.org** to learn more about our programs.

***Give today and be part of the impact!***

Together, we don't just prepare kids for school—we prepare them for life.

*MidCity Excellence is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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