

# Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

September 2021

Be a Light in the Dark!



Art Experience 2021 Wrap-up

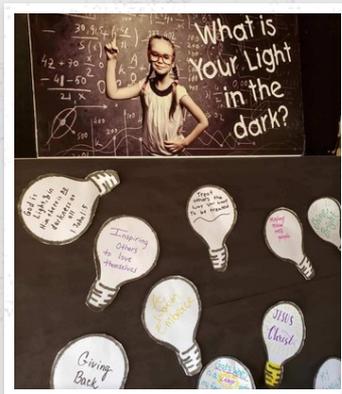
As you know, September 23rd was our FIFTH annual Art Experience. This year it was held at the Blue Heron Brewery and Event Center. We heard so many positive comments about the venue, food, music, and overall experience. We had 30 select pieces of art available for silent auction, and another 50 pieces for sale by donation! There was a total of approximately 300 pieces of art on display.

New this year were four sponsorship levels; these ranged from art kits, to art lessons, to music lessons, to the actual purchase of guitars and ukuleles. The sponsorships went very well - thank you!! Please note that all proceeds from these various sources go directly toward funding continuous art services for our kids. For a personal touch, attendees were able write encouraging notes on lightbulb cutouts to our kids. *See a few of those below.*

We continued our partnership for our event with The Children's Center of Medina County. And what is this partnership? Some of our youth donate art they have created to The Children's Center for their annual Art With a Heart fundraiser (at Blue Heron this year on November 4th). 50% of the proceeds they take in are returned to us for our art services while they retain the remaining 50% for their needs. It is a win/win! Check out their website to register for their worthy event; [www.medinacountychildrenscenter.org](http://www.medinacountychildrenscenter.org).

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED; THANK YOU TO BEN ERJAVEC FOR DONATING THE USE OF HIS EVENT CENTER TO US; THANK YOU TO ACCESS THE ARTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP; THANK YOU TO JOHNSON AUTO SALES FOR THEIR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP; AND TO MANY, MANY OTHERS WHO PLAYED KEY ROLES IN MAKING ART X 2021 THE SUCCESS IT WAS!!!

***Only 358 days left until MCJDC Art Experience 2022!***



**Encouraging notes**



**A small portion of the art**



**Encouraging notes**



**Canvas by one of our kids**



**Our music therapist - Maddie!**



**Former intern Lilly (right) and her sister Eliza!**

## Did You Know?

*Research has repeatedly shown that children with a TV in their bedroom weigh more, sleep less, have lower grades, and have poorer social skills than those children who do not have a TV in their bedroom?*



## Check Out This Podcast!

Superintendent Ron Stollar was interviewed this month by **Brian Lefelhoc**, Director of Sales for Spire Marketing. Brian hosts a podcast titled A DASH OF GRIT, where guests talk about how they overcame challenges in their lives to find success. To learn about some of the challenges Ron has faced, listen to his story.

<https://www.spiread.com/listen/episode-72-ron-stollar>

## Therapeutic Poetry

Jasmine Myers began conducting therapeutic poetry sessions with our youth this month. (Jasmine is an Adult Case Manager with Alternative Paths, Inc.) Specifically, Ms. Myers performs spoken word poetry. Spoken word poetry is characterized by repetition, rhyme and word play. Although this is what Jasmine excels in, she also teaches all forms of poetry and works in bettering their creative writing skills.

Our youth are given the opportunity after each writing session to perform their poetry piece. The utilization for therapeutic poetry is to express feeling and emotion and to tell their stories. We are excited to welcome Jasmine and are excited to see her work more with our youth over the next twelve weeks!



## **Jasmine working with our kids**

## **Sharon Fall Fest**

This year's Sharon Fall Fest was a success! It was a beautiful 80-degree day and it was well attended. We were thankful that we were able to raise money to go toward our art services for this upcoming year. We sold greeting cards with images of some the paintings that our youth have created. People who visited our table at the Fest enjoyed seeing our youths' art and hearing about the services we offer for the kids in our facility.

*Pictured below: Youth Fulfillment Coordinator Leann Vandevveer (left) and Assistant Superintendent Megan Millikin.*



## Award

Superintendent Stollar received the Medina County Arts Council's **Service to the Arts Community** award recently. Stollar, and other awardees, were honored at the Arts Council's annual Harvest for the Arts dinner on September 23rd. Awardees were recognized for their strong commitment in supporting the art6s in Medina County. Each recipient were also recognized by our county commissioners who presented winners with a Certificate of Congratulations. Great job to each of the recipients!!



**Commissioners  
Steve Hambley &  
Bill Hutson. Ron  
Stollar center.**

## Friends

The poster below hangs in our lobby, and is in the guidebook each of our kids receives when they arrive at our building. It's so true, isn't it? Something pretty cool has happened a number of times over the years. I have run into former residents somewhere out in our communities and sometimes they will mention this very quote to me. Our Assistant Superintendent and I met this summer with a former resident who wanted to talk with us, and after repeating these words, told us the impact they had on him and this is what he used to change his life. That's correct, he got rid of the friends he had been hanging out with.

Show me your

**FRIENDS**

and I

will predict

**YOUR future.**



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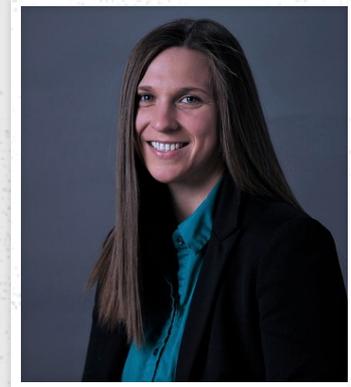
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**Judge Kevin W.  
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Juvenile/Probate  
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**Ron Stollar;  
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;  
Assistant  
Superintendent**

*"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."*

