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Dear Community Arts Supporter,

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) has been dedicated to supporting arts in the Anderson Valley community through funding arts programs in our schools and awarding student scholarships since 1999. As a small, local non-profit which generates funding primarily through volunteer events and run entirely by volunteer members, AVArts depends on community participation and support to help us bring diverse, quality supplemental arts programs to Anderson Valley schools that would otherwise not be possible and to award scholarships to deserving students. With the generous involvement of many talented local artists, craftspeople, educators, businesses and donors, AVArts strives to reinforce community spirit and make the arts a more visible and important presence in our community.

As AVArts funds school and community arts programs, events and scholarships which take place during the school year, we are sending out this second annual update at the start of the 2018-2019 school year to ask for your support through making a tax deductible donation! This past year with the continued support of the *Amy Ensign-Barstow Memorial Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation* AVArts funded a diverse range of arts programs at both the elementary and junior and senior high schools:

**Arts in the Schools Program Grants**



Visual arts sessions at AVES which brought local artist Chris Bing into the K- 6th grade classes to teach ceramics, paper mâché, drawing and painting from September through May and culminated with the popular elementary art show at Lauren’s restaurant in May.



Multicultural dance sessions which partnered dancer and retired Mendocino County teacher Jane Corey with AVJ&SHS Physical Education Teacher Jason Page to carry out structured improvisation, partner and group dances in his junior high school P.E. classes from November through March.



The *History Stories Project* which brought artist and arts educator Cathleen Micheaels together with AVJ&SHS Social Studies & History Teacher Nat Corey-Moran to engage 8th grade U.S. History class students in researching, writing, illustrating and creating original storybooks for K-2nd graders at AVES through a Reading Buddy exchange.



Grandma Ruth tells Dad that when great grandma Dorothy was a young woman she met her husband, great grandpa Wharton who was also a slave on the same plantation in Georgia and they dreamed of one day getting married and being free together. They said the dream when slavery was abolished and although they were poor, they found a way to escape from the plantation and travel to Texas where great grandpa Wharton's brother already lived in a little town outside of Dallas-the same town where great grandpa Gordon and grandma Ruth used to live.



September 15, 1867  
Anderson House  
Philadelphia, PA  
Dear Mom,  
I wish you could come to school with me too. Sometimes I get bored there because we have to spend so much time studying all our lessons and get punished if we talk but our teacher Miss Kent is kind and reads stories about to us after lunch. Maybe I can ask Miss Kent if I can bring a guest to school.  
Sarah

## Arts Scholarships for Graduating Seniors Awards



An award of \$5,000 to AVJ&SHS graduate Cozette Ellis, daughter of Melinda and Jeff Ellis of Boonville, to attend the University of California, Davis to study graphic design and art. AVArts wishes Ms. Ellis a year ahead full of discovery and continued creativity and inspiration as she furthers her education.

## An Invitation to Support AVArts

We're reaching out again to you this year to personally invite you to continue to help support us through making a tax deductible donation to AVArts. AVArts gratefully acknowledges previous generous contributions from all our supporters including *Handley Cellars* and the *George and Ruth Bradford Foundation* which provided important support to both the AVArts Arts in the Schools and scholarship programs.



We hope the powerful and exceptional arts programs and scholarship AVArts supported this year will inspire you to make a donation! Checks can be made out to Anderson Valley Arts and sent to us in the enclosed envelope. As an extra inspiration we're sharing with you a sneak peek at another in our series of fun and popular themed community fundraising arts events coming soon . . . a Jell-O themed arts invitational event!

Thank you for supporting us in any way you are able to—your continued generous contributions are essential in helping AVArts continue to promote and support thriving arts experiences and opportunities for all students in our community!

Most appreciatively,

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