## LETS STAY CREATIVE - ART KIT DRIVE! Oakland based Arts Organization AHC Gives 300 Art Kits to Kids AHC partners with CSCE helping students stay creatively engaged during COVID-19

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OAKLAND, CA: After a month of "Shelter in Place" families find themselves juggling work, lay-offs, managing kids and becoming teachers. COVID-19 Shelter in Place has forced students and families to access technology beyond the normal scope while districts and schools are stretched in an unfamiliar space to meet the needs of all students.

In response to the current pandemic crisis Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC) partners with Oakland based arts organizations to give over 2,500 Art Kits to schools. Creativity, imagination and making art is essential in student learning, critical thinking and brain development. Access to the arts is a human right. As we work to navigate one of the most significant disruptions in student learning of our times, arts organizations, schools, political leaders, food distributors and many more join to meet vital needs, uplift and inspire.



On Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> of 2020 from 9am-10am and 2pm-3pm, AHC will join Community School for Creative Education (CSCE), to deliver 300 ArtEsteem Basic Art Kits to students and families matched with how-to instructional guides and accessible on-line arts instruction.

CSCE is a public charter Waldorf school. Waldorf education is 100 years old, spans 67 countries, and develops the whole child. Attitudinal Healing is an award-winning model for inner healing used successfully worldwide for almost 50 years. AHC serves as lead agency for CSCE Extended Day program and brings culturally relevant, assets-based arts education rooted in three decades of helping low income Oakland students reach their full potential.

AHC empowers individuals to be self-aware and inspired through art, creativity and education, making positive choices to break the cycle of violence for themselves and their communities. In all their work, AHC promotes the understanding that we can choose peace over conflict and love over fear.