

A PLACE FOR NURTURING ARTISTIC TALENTS: CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Nestled in the heart of New Haven's art district is the Creative Arts Workshop (CAW), a home for seasoned and aspiring artists of all ages. Since 1961, CAW has enabled area residents to nurture their creative talents, and appreciate the showcased works of local and international artists.

The Community Foundation has supported its Audubon Street neighbor with unrestricted funds for the Workshop's fine arts programming and free art exhibitions since CAW first opened in 1961. In 2013, Foundation funding helped CAW serve 2,115 students and offer 315 classes ranging from family pottery and origami programs, to free onsite art classes for three New Haven Senior Centers.



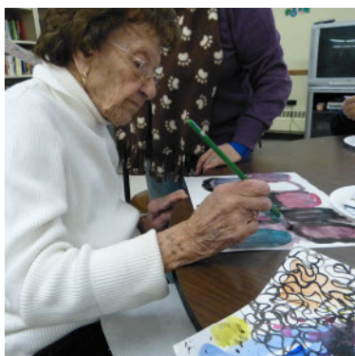
circa 1961: Students at the Creative Arts Workshop learn how to express their talents. A Foundation grant is helping this association in its initial efforts to promote artistic aptitudes.

The value of these programs cannot be measured in numbers, but is more aptly expressed through the human potential they create. "I will always appreciate whoever is responsible for opening the Workshop," said one CAW participant recently. "It's where my artistic side developed, and it was a place where I could exercise my artistic talents."

Looking for a Unique Gift for the holidays?

The Creative Arts Workshop gallery features exquisite items from local and international artists in their annual [Celebration of American Crafts](#), going on now through Christmas Eve. Visit the gallery to purchase artisanal glass, ceramics, jewelry, decorative fibers, custom clothing, and handcrafted furniture. The proceeds from your purchase directly support the artists and CAW's community programming.

In addition to unrestricted funds, Creative Arts Workshop has received support from the Richard A. Rathbone Memorial, and the Charles Long and Roe Curtis Family funds. To learn more about Creative Arts Workshop, or to support its efforts please visit giveGreater.org.



CAW today

Did You Know?

Arts not only contribute to the enrichment of the community, but also drive revenue. In 2011, the production of arts and cultural goods contributed more than \$504 billion to the United States economy, composing 3.25% of the GDP (gross domestic product.)

Source: [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (PDF), 2013.