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### **Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona**

*creativity + children = an awesome volunteer opportunity!*

Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona is a nonprofit organization that brings the healing powers of the creative arts to abused, neglected and homeless children by partnering with group homes, homeless shelters and treatment centers in Maricopa County.

Children need the chance to express their hopes, fears, frustrations and emotions. The creative arts provide children the tools they need to express themselves in a positive way and help them improve their self-esteem and social skills. The goal of Free Arts is to include a caring responsible adult in the lives of children who need positive adult role models. Time is the most valuable thing that Free Arts volunteers share.

*"The thing I liked best about this program was learning that you are not alone and that you have love everywhere". —Max, 13*

### **You can volunteer your time in so many ways!**

**Get your company involved!** We offer several opportunities for corporate groups to volunteer together.

**Host an Art Supply Drive!** The "free" in Free Arts is largely made possible by the generous art supply donations we receive from the community. This is also a great way for younger volunteers to get involved and be creative for a cause!

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**If you're interested in sharing your time directly with Free Arts youth**, Free Arts is always looking for volunteers with a passion for helping children. Through the use of the visual, performing and creative arts, volunteers help provide hope and healing for abused, homeless and at-risk children by bringing them opportunities for creative expression.

***You don't have to be an artist to apply!***

You will get all the training and support you need to have a rewarding experience, and for as little as one hour a week you will make a powerful difference in young lives. And who knows, you might spark your own creative spirit along the way. Our comprehensive training along with creative resources to support and assist you. Be a mentor and change a life! We also seek volunteers and groups to offer support with special events, host art supply drives and assist with office projects. Volunteer as an Ambassador for our organization at community events, serve on a committee, help with fundraising or share your specific talents or expertise in special projects.

*"I like knowing that she likes to spend her time with us and she's not paid."* –Annette, 15

Volunteer Orientation is hosted the first Monday evening (6-7 pm) and the first Wednesday morning (9:30-10:30 am) of every month at the Free Arts office.

**Monday 6-7 pm**

January 5

February 2

March 2

**Wednesday 9:30 -10:30 am**

January 7

February 4

March 4

To register for orientation: [www.volunteerorientation.eventbrite.com](http://www.volunteerorientation.eventbrite.com) For more information contact Cherie Scott at [cscott@freeartsaz.org](mailto:cscott@freeartsaz.org) or 602-258-8100. Visit [freeartsaz.org](http://freeartsaz.org) for more information.

Free Arts is located at 103 West Highland in Phoenix. Highland is just south of Camelback Road. Our office is in Suite 200 of a 2-story red brick building on the south side of Highland, one block west of Central Avenue in the shadows of a large construction site.

*"Thank you for accepting me, encouraging me, and helping me"* --Victoria, 16

*Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona, founded in 1993, is the only nonprofit organization in Maricopa County that uses therapeutic, creative arts programming to help heal abused, neglected and at-risk children. Free Arts specifically targets the healing effects of the arts to children ages 3 to 21 that live in 30+ partner non-profit organizations with 100+ sites (residential treatment centers, group homes and crisis shelters). Free Arts offers four programs to over 6,000 children each year. For more information: [www.freeartsaz.org](http://www.freeartsaz.org)*

