



2026 Lubbock Arts Festival

Lubbock Arts Alliance

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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PDA in Lubbock
Emerging Artist Program
Leading Ladies for the Arts

WITH YOU WE BRING ART TO ALL!

WITH YOU, WE BRING ART TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST . . .

smART! Camps

Because of you, children who have experienced foster care and adoption had a place this summer where they could simply be kids.

Your support made it possible for foster and adoptive families to experience **smART! Camps completely free of charge**. In partnership with ArtWork Studio, children **ages 6 to 14** took part in small, immersive camps, giving every child the opportunity to create, explore and receive individual encouragement.

They sewed and experimented with fiber arts. They drew, painted and sculpted. They created portfolios, designed their own games and discovered what they could make with their own imaginations.

But what they created was only part of the story.

One mother described what the camps have meant to her daughter:

“smART! Camps like this do so much more than just art. It gives them a space to feel ‘normal’ and just be kids.”

She said her daughter returns year after year because of the friendships she has made and the encouragement she receives, adding that she has always felt **“loved and seen”** at camp.

Another parent watched her foster and adoptive son open up emotionally, develop meaningful friendships and discover a passion for art.

“Before, he often felt like he wasn’t good at anything—but art has completely changed that for him. You’ve helped him find creativity, purpose, and something he genuinely loves.”

For a child, having a place where you are encouraged to create can mean having a place to express yourself, make a friend, discover something you’re good at and simply be a kid.

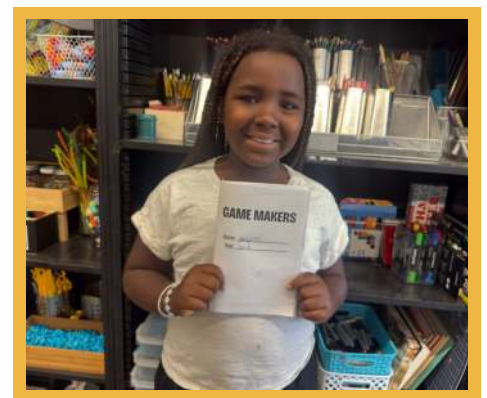
You helped create that place.



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WITH YOU, ARTISTS FIND THEIR FUTURE...

Emerging Artist Program

Because of you, Patricia Ramirez finally saw herself as an artist.

Patricia has been creating for most of her life. She learned to sew alongside her mother and grandmother and, over the years, created everything from paper art and dolls to theatrical sets, costumes and handcrafted home décor.

But despite decades of creativity, **Patricia never thought of herself as an artist.**

"I always considered myself a crafter, not an artist."

Your support helped change that.

Through the **Lubbock Arts Alliance's Emerging Artist Program**, Patricia received workshops, professional critiques and practical instruction designed to strengthen both her creative practice and the skills needed to pursue her work professionally.

The program also introduced Patricia to the business side of being an artist—including accounting, marketing and pricing.

Then came the **Lubbock Arts Festival**.

For the first time, Patricia saw her work **professionally displayed on exhibition panels beneath gallery lighting.**

It became the moment everything clicked.

"I am an artist!"

Patricia sold seven pieces during the **Festival** while connecting with collectors and gaining confidence in her work.

Today, she is looking towards the future.

"I am ready to create more art, display more art, and sell more art. It changed my outlook on being an artist."

Your support gave Patricia the tools, opportunities and encouragement to take the next step in her artistic journey—and the confidence to believe in herself as an artist.



PATRICIA RAMIREZ, 2026 PROGRAM GRADUATE



PATRICIA'S BOOTH DISPLAY
AT THE LUBBOCK ARTS FESTIVAL



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WITH YOU, FAMILIES MAKE MEMORIES . . .

Leading Ladies for the Arts

Because of you, a child made a memory with their dad.

During this year's **Lubbock Arts Festival**, Lindsey Diaz watched as a young child completed a series of arts activities and proudly received a flower crown handmade by members of **Leading Ladies for the Arts**.

Then the child said:

"This is the best time I've had in a long time with my dad."

Those few words stopped Lindsey in her tracks.

"It just lit up my heart."

In that moment, the flower crown became much more than a colorful keepsake. It represented **a father and child spending time together—and a memory that could last long after the Festival was over.**

Leading Ladies for the Arts brings women together around a shared belief that **supporting the arts is ultimately about supporting people.**

For Lindsey, that is especially important when it comes to children.

"Children have to grow outside of academics alone. They need opportunities to build creativity, imagination and emotional development."

Sometimes those opportunities are as simple as giving **a father and child an afternoon to explore, laugh and create together.**

You helped make that memory possible.



LINDSEY DIAZ, LEADING LADY FOR THE ARTS MEMBER



CHILD AT LUBBOCK ARTS FESTIVAL PROUDLY WEARING HER FLORAL CROWN



A "CREATIVE GATHERING" FOR THE LEADING LADIES OF THE ARTS TO MAKE FLORAL CROWNS

With you, we bring memorable experiences . . .

Give Today. Inspire Tomorrow.

Your support makes the arts possible. Whether through an annual gift, monthly membership in Hearts for the Arts Club, or joining the Leading Ladies for the Arts, every dollar helps us reach more children, families, and artists across our community.

Call 806-744-2787 or visit LubbockArts.org today to make your gift.
Be part of the encore—help us bring art to all!

Give Now!

