



ENGLEWOOD ARTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

“Where creativity builds community”



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past year, I'm filled with gratitude for what we've accomplished together. This has been a transformational season for Englewood Arts—a time of vision becoming reality. What began as a dream has taken physical form: vibrant, purpose-built spaces where creativity can thrive. From affordable studios and flexible workspaces to inspiring venues for the arts, the Englewood Arts Center is a testament to what community, passion, and perseverance can achieve. This space was designed not only to serve as a home for artists and makers, but also as a cultural heartbeat for the broader community. Already, we are witnessing the spark of connection, collaboration, and innovation taking root.

Looking ahead, the coming year will be pivotal. Our focus is on expanding diverse and accessible programming, deepening community engagement, and creating opportunities for all people to connect through the arts, regardless of background or income.

At the same time, we continue to work on cultivating attainable housing opportunities, helping artists, creatives, and community members alike find a place to call home in the vibrant neighborhood we're building together.

We invite you to be part of this exciting journey. Whether you're an artist, neighbor, supporter, or first-time visitor, there's a place for you here. Together, we'll continue to grow a space where creativity belongs to all.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our mission and for helping us bring Englewood Arts to life.

Teresa Dorsch, Executive Director

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Before & After

OUR MISSION:

To assist the community through development of residential and commercial incentives, public art, art events, art programs, philanthropy and community outreach solutions, which result in a thriving community with engagement and pride

ENGLEWOOD

Where Art Lives

WE ARE BLOOMING WITH CREATIVITY

Overlay Zoning

On October 21, 2024, the Independence City Council approved unique zoning for Englewood, allowing smaller permanent home builds, Auxiliary Dwelling Units, and Cottage Neighborhoods. The zoning was written by Teresa Dorsch, EA Executive Director, and was shaped by over 100 volunteers through years of document development and public meetings, and we engaged more than 1,100 households with information and outreach.

Building Occupancy

As of February 15, 2024, we reached a major milestone: full occupancy of our newly renovated community arts center. This marks a significant phase in activating the building, with artist residencies, workshops, and community programs now underway. Eight artists were selected for the inaugural Resident Artist Program, representing a range of ages, mediums, and backgrounds.

Summer Arts Camp

Our Summer Arts Camp continued to expand its reach and impact in 2024, with 118 children enrolled in our 8-week program. We were proud to award 62 scholarships, ensuring accessibility for all, and offered meals to every student, addressing food insecurity. This year also saw the successful introduction of a 3-week Teen Experience, further broadening our educational offerings and empowering creativity in young people.

re:ART Fest

We hosted a free one-day community art festival in partnership with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and MU Extension, featuring over 35 vendors, 8 live performances, and more than 300 attendees- 75+ of whom took part in a hands-on community sculpture activity. The festival also served as an introduction to Rock the Block. On October 4th, we hosted a mini Rock the Block program, a neighborhood clean-up effort in partnership with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and MU Extension.



JANUARY-DECEMBER 2024

ASSETS (As Of Dec 31, 2024)

Bank Accounts & Cash	\$64,512
Accounts Receivable	\$600
Other Current Assets & Pledges	\$68,097
Current Assets	\$133,209
Furniture, Equipment & Fixed Assets	\$285,068
Construction in Progress	\$400,000
Buildings	\$2,638,986
Intangible Assets	\$11,578
Fixed Assets	\$3,335,633
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,468,842

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$340
Restricted Funds Liabilities	\$0
Other Current Liabilities	\$35,463
Current Liabilities	\$35,803
Notes Payable	\$1,373,816
Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,373,816
Total Liabilities	\$1,409,619

EQUITY

Youth Camp Restricted Funds	\$13,504
Restricted Funds-Equity	\$2,500
Unrestricted Funds	\$1,821,304
Net Income	\$221,913
Equity	\$2,059,222
Liabilities & Equity	\$3,468,842



From Vacant to Vibrant: A Year of Expansion and Impact

Thanks to your incredible support, Englewood Arts has transformed from a long-abandoned medical building into a vibrant community arts center. Together, we removed over 150 tons of debris, installed essential infrastructure like lighting, electrical, and HVAC, and built flexible, welcoming spaces designed for community and creativity to thrive. Your generosity helped lay the foundation—now, we're bringing it to life!



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