

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUMMER ART PROGRAM

The kids were enthusiastic, quiet, energetic, laid-back, and interested. The team of volunteers was outstanding. The resulting artwork was colorful, creative and amazing.

Thanks to ALW members Judy Bihary, Marianne Graff, Richard Cortes, Marilyn McDonald and Nancy Hampton, AAA volunteer Kathy Keyes, newcomer JoAnne Clements, and homeschooling Mom Beth Wyatt, a group of 18 first through fifth graders enjoyed six art sessions this past June and July during the summer program at Opportunity House in Avondale. A generous donation from ALW and AAA covered the costs of art supplies for, not only the summer art fun, but also for art projects at Opportunity House during the coming school year. The program serves mostly under-served Hispanic children in its after-school classes.

At the end of July, Opportunity House held its "End of Summer Art Show," and all the artwork was on display. The art show included oil pastel with watercolor wash paintings, tissue paper collages with petroglyph designs, air-dried clay bowls, Kachina doll gourds, garden stepping-stones with glass mosaic designs, and graphite animal drawings. The art show was judged by Marilyn McDonald. Arizona Art Supply provided art kits and sketch books for each child.

Opportunity House Art Program, through ALW, is now a part of the Arizona Art Alliance Art Outreach for Challenged Youth. This AAA mission includes "community outreach to those in need who would not ordinarily be exposed to the arts."

