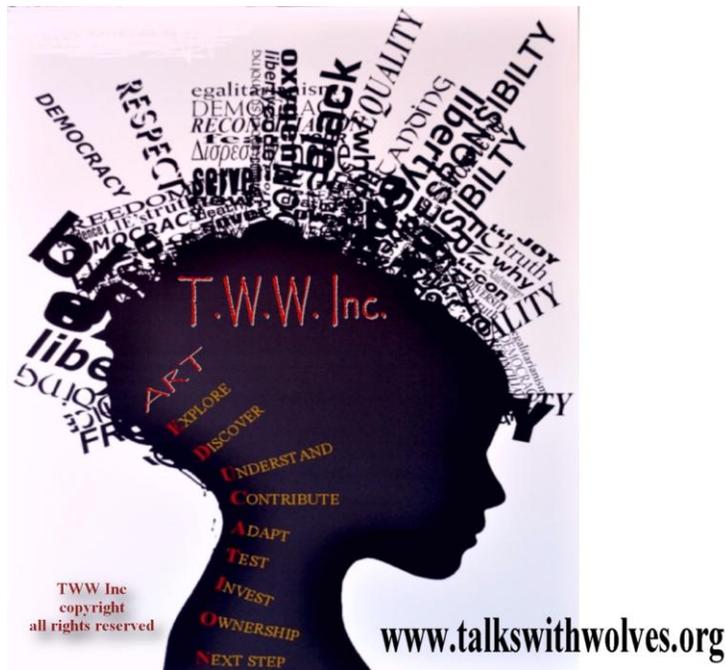


TWW Inc. 2016 Art Education

March Newsletter



Greetings!

Celebrating our 14th year of arts, education, community and culture.

TWW Inc. has served over 4,500 students and worked/trained 100 artists.

TWW Inc is an ethical and value-based not for profit organization, and their mission is to use Multi-Cultural Art Educational programs to help all students (especially at -risk/low income) with their overall educational needs. We incorporate the arts into their curriculum to increase the ability for students' to have strong overall developmental skills, build up their life skills for decision making, and confidence to achieve.

EXCITING NEWS!

Complementing our art program, TWW Inc. is introducing their **Creative Art Therapy program** this month to aid in creative outlets for organizations and schools in which individuals are struggling with challenging circumstances in their lives. **Creative Art Therapy** includes the

modalities of Visual Arts, Theater, Dance and Music for residencies, workshops, professional development offered to schools, and all other organizations.

TWW Inc. incorporates cultural sensitivity within each workshop. Facilitators address hidden (unconscious) discrimination and biases in an empathetic and respectful manner to challenge beliefs that foster negativity towards differences. Concurrently, facilitators invite a variety of approaches that allow individuals to express themselves in a manner that respects their cultural traditions, norms, and values, thereby allowing youth to maintain, celebrate, and share their cultural integrity with others.

Today we're pleased to share an updated report summarizing 2016 program year accomplishments through the highlights below.

HIGHLIGHTS 2016

Updated Summary Accomplishments

- **Ms. Jennifer Davis** is a licensed art therapist, youth specialist, arts administrator, and advisor of TWW Inc. Ms. Davis' experience, guidance, and vision was instrumental in creating the Creative Arts Therapy program.
- **Partnership/Alliance** - To complement our Creative Arts Therapy program, we have partnered with CATs of Color. This alliance implements the most up-to-date interventions in the classroom by addressing the diversity in the schools. TWW Inc. and CATs of Color formed an alliance to address the need to strengthen the educational, social and emotional development of students in marginalized communities. We believe that including the expressive arts therapies to our programming will promote healthy self-esteem and encourage students to be high, well-rounded achievers in all areas of their lives. Also, use a thriving multiracial, cross-disciplinary community of practitioners in the creative arts therapy profession in order to address the need for culturally appropriate services to people from various ethnicity and racial backgrounds.
- **Website** - within a few weeks, will be rebuilding our website which will allow more information about our organization, and allow easier/updated access to information.
- **Financial information** - updated information about TWW Inc.'s mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, governance, and so on at Guidestar.. To see our information, **please go to <http://www.guidestar.org/profile/11-3634316>**
- **Grants and support – GOAL: \$35,000.00**

Ms. K. Young - \$2,200.00 (Art program). We wish to thank Ms. Young for being our first major contributor/supporter.

Cretella Foundation - \$15,000.00 (Art programs & Operations).

WHY ARTS IN ANY FORM IS ESSENTIAL!

Evidence shows that arts education provides students with the skills to think creatively, to innovate, and to become tenacious learners ready to solve complex problems—all skills that employers are increasingly looking for in the 21st century. Students who get a quality arts education are:

- **4x more likely to be recognized for academic achievement**
- **Have lower rates of behavioral problems**
- **Have higher attendance rates**
- **Have higher graduation rates**

At-risk students who have access to the arts also tend to have better academic results, better career opportunities, and more civic engagement, according to the NEA's new report, [*The Arts and Achievement in At-Risk Youth*](#).



NEW 5 MINUTE TRAILER!
"The Trails - Coming Home"

5 minute trailer

http://youtu.be/_2DzdZzk8VQ

If you wish to see this wonderful production, the DVD is available, and is also tax-deductible.

\$20

2016 Fundraising

Full proposals available.

TWW Inc. is reaching out to our supporters for **two** of our art educational programs for the 2016, **"The Trails – Coming Home" & Creative Art Therapy!**

THE TRAILS - COMING HOME

Multi-Discipline Art program - TWW Inc. goes beyond just about having an art program, our goal is adding effective art programs.

Our continued goal is an intense mentoring program for culturally diverse young men and women. The mentoring program is to teach achievement, motivation, mentoring, self-awareness and goal settings. Students are helped by the attention we give them, and their budding talents need to be reminded that they are special, and that they can become known and respected by others. We teach them to communicate with their peers in a healthy way,

develop a sense of purpose, and build the students' confidence that they will succeed.

The Trails is a story that presents challenging and important cultural themes to engage youth about history and its relevance today through the arts. The students we serve are diverse in their socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, and work within an inclusive classroom setting, which gives each child the ability to learn from one another and practice working together. The Trails – Coming home features four art disciplines, focusing in theater, dance, visual, and music. Students will be scheduled to take all four disciplines within the school year (which is custom made depending on grade and curriculum, which also follows the academic/art CORE standards . Each discipline, there will be assignments, special projects, guest speakers, and films to help students comprehend. Within those art disciplines, literacy provides the skills and knowledge to deepen a students' understanding many forms and genres of the curriculum by using the arts. Students will explore history and multiple roles that the arts play in society. Students' literacy, overall educational, and artistic skills are enhanced through this unique program. The purpose of The Trails is to give arts-in-education programs which interact primarily with school's curriculum in social studies, and art. We incorporate the arts into their curriculum increase the ability for students' to retain information.

CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY

TWW Inc.'s creative arts therapy program is a step by step creative platform for students struggling with the circumstances that they are facing, and dealing with in their lives, especially when it affects their educational goals. To help students achieve their goals, our creative arts program is built to work with all ***school staff*** involved to help students strengthen their developmental skills to be higher achievers, and to help understand how to manage their challenges. Also, Parents of participating students will have input in the design and implementation of counseling services supported by our program. Our creative arts program is a creative method of expression used as a therapeutic technique. By using different forms of art that is combined with psychotherapy techniques, allows us to help students deal with their challenges. Our program may be used to support parental involvement, counselor and teacher professional development, and collaboration with community-based organizations that provide mental-health and other services to students.

TWW Inc.'s creative arts therapy includes a vast number of approaches that the therapist will use with the student. The most important thing in a child/therapist relationship is trust. Within that trust, therapy is effective. The tenets of art therapy involve humanism, creativity, reconciling emotional conflicts, fostering self-awareness, and personal growth.

We have proven to be successful in our endeavors to ensure a strong and committed programs for our youths. The oath that our teaching artist, and students take defines the passion to achieve. The Oath is "EDUCATION", and is the follows: **E**xplore, **D**iscover, **U**nderstand, **C**ontribute, **A**dapt, **T**est, **I**nvest, **O**wnership, **N**ext step.



TWW INC Thanks you!

TWW Inc. is excited about moving forward and facing new challenges that will only strengthen this organization, the communities, and youth we serve. Your support, no matter how much, is essential to our goals in helping students with their educational goals. We are humbled, and say "thank you" for your support!

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Or

Send/make check to:

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Brooklyn, NY 11205

Remember, you can always go to guidestar.org for updated information.

If you have any question, please contact me.

The staff of TWW wishes to thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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