



All Ages Read Together
2018 – 2019 Annual Report 

MISSION

All Ages Read Together (AART) is dedicated to educating children in need with free preschool programs in their communities.

VISION

We envision a future where all children, especially our most vulnerable, enter school prepared to learn and succeed. We strive for a future in which public education includes universal access to preschool, making the need for AART obsolete.



AART students singing and dancing to Christopher D'Arcy guitar playing.

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AART has an dedicated and engaged group of board members who serve the mission and vision.

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Inclusion: AART's Vision from the Very Beginning

By: Michelle Sullivan, Executive Director

The 2018-19 school year brought a new public-private partnership to the AART program. For the very first time, AART created an inclusive class, a collaboration with Loudoun County Public Schools that joined five children from the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program with five AART community children.



LCPS provides an early childhood special education (ECSE) teacher for the class, while AART provides a paid assistant. Other volunteers donate their time to help out in the classroom. The ability to serve the children with identified delays in a community setting with peers is a win-win as they would have most likely remained at home. This collaboration makes so much sense in myriad ways, including the individualized nature of the AART program and the focus on social and emotional learning.

What is inclusive practice? It is an approach to teaching that recognizes the diverse learning styles of all children, enabling all children to have access and fully participate in learning environments. AART has been engaging in this practice since its inception, but this partnership marks a formalized relationship with the school system.

All the students are benefiting from preschool experiences they may not otherwise be able to access. Many of the students have been placed on Head Start waiting lists or come from families who are unable to afford the cost of a preschool program. Data shows that 874 students started kindergarten this year without any preschool exposure. That number was 799 the previous year.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

74% students improved their English language skills and reading comprehension.



COGNITIVE



53% showed improvement in reasoning, thinking, and understanding

2018 – 2019 AART Program Impact

FINE MOTOR



38% showed improvement in using their hands for cutting and writing.

SOCIAL SKILLS

34% showed improvement in sharing, listening, and following directions.



The AART Experience



“Public education in Virginia begins with kindergarten which means families must rely on government funded programs or pay out of pocket. In our region, Head Start and VPI have restrictive qualification and long waitlists and most low-to-moderate income families cannot afford the additional expense of preschool. When children enter kindergarten without any classroom experience, it puts them behind from the very start. Our goal is to provide free, quality preschool programming to any child who falls outside the established publicly funded programs and who would otherwise be deprived of a preschool experience.” - Julie Brunson, Program Director

- ✓ AART builds students' confidence, equipping them not only with cognitive, fine motor, and language and literacy skills, but with critical social and emotional skills necessary for success in school.
- ✓ Classes are delivered directly in the communities we serve through community partnerships who donate space. You will find our classes in senior centers, libraries, community rooms, and churches.
- ✓ Our classroom setting is typically the first for most of our students.
- ✓ Classes are lead by an experienced preschool teacher and supported by a bilingual assistant.
- ✓ Each week, a skill is taught or reinforced using a book. The curriculum aligns with Virginia Indicators of School Readiness.
- ✓ Each week, students take home a book. By the end of the program, they will have received at least 30 books to create an at-home library.
- ✓ Retired professionals and members from the community serve as volunteers to support the class by helping with art projects, reading one-on-one, and playing games.
- ✓ Our high adult-to-child ratios means there is plenty of opportunities for individualized instruction and practicing language skills.



In the Classroom

Each AART class includes three main components: circle time, small groups, and individual reading.

In circle time, students will...

- practice classroom routines and participation expectations like raising your hand to speak, staying in your square, and interacting with the students and adults in the class.
- practice actively listening to a book being read and answering questions about what they heard.

In small groups, students will...

- have an opportunity to practice the educational fundamentals of reading and writing, identifying the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors while also incorporating social skills and language acquisition through sharing, teamwork, and constant practicing of English language skills.

In individual reading time, students will...

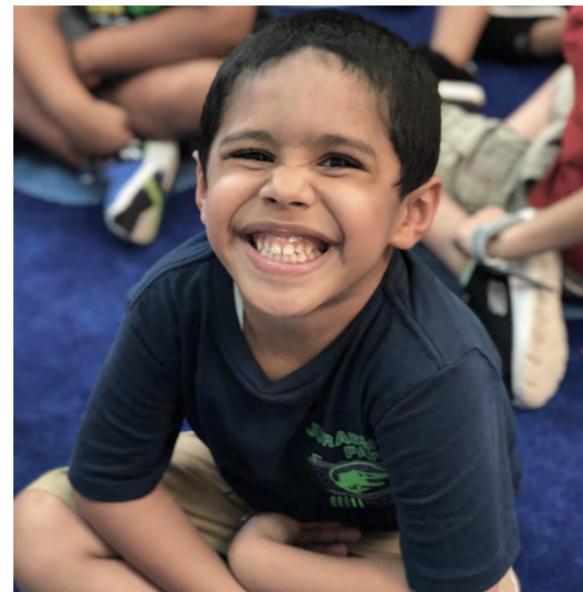
- practice identifying letters and words with an aide or volunteer.

At the end of the week, each student will be able to take home their own copy of the current week's book to build their home library collection and encourage at-home learning.



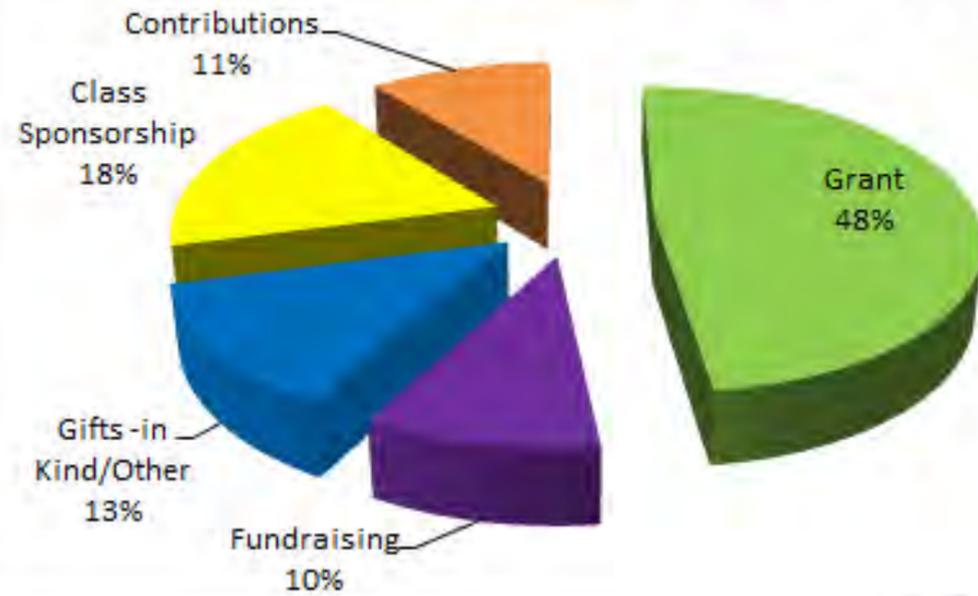
"I wish everyone knew how incredible these little people are that we are teaching- how their faces light up when they get to school, how loud they sing with us, how they yell out a rhyming word, how they are forming friendships and giggling as they work together on a puzzle, how proud they are when they learn to write their name.

These little people are important and they are thriving with the early education AART provides."- Adell Panetta, AART Volunteer



AART Financials

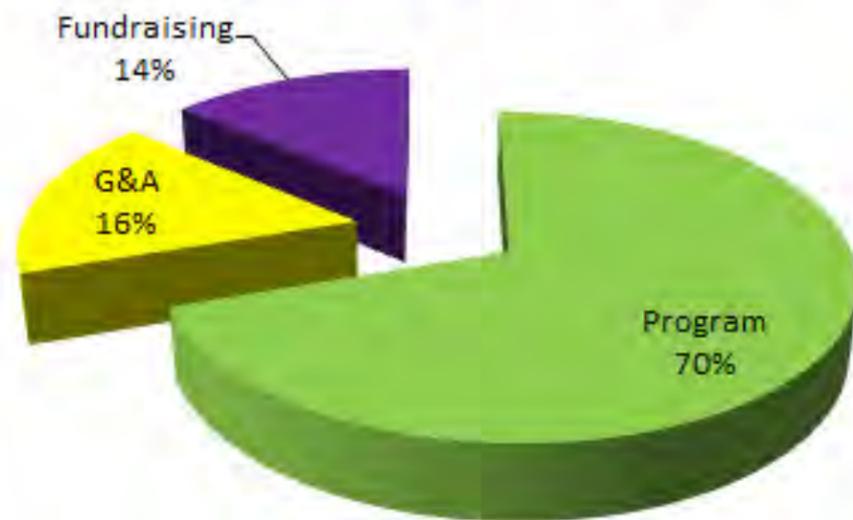
FY2019 Revenue and Support



Grants \$228,341
Fundraising \$ 46,376
Gifts -in Kind/Other \$ 61,436
Class Sponsorship \$ 67,500
Contributions \$ 50,869

Total \$474,522

FY2019 Expenses



Program \$328,326
G&A \$ 77,613
Fundraising \$64,918

Total \$470,857

Sponsor Highlight – Pactolus Wealth Management

Pactolus Wealth Management was AART’s very first corporate partner and their generosity has continued to make an enduring impact on the class of 2018 – 2019.

Not only do they provide the total financial support for one of our class locations in Herndon, they also regularly have employees volunteer their time in the classroom. They are able to witness first-hand how their investment strengthens their community and provides the opportunity



for AART students to make great strides in their academic and emotional ability.

We could not provide classes to students without the generosity of corporate and individual partners.



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Make a donation!

Consider a first-time financial gift or increase your current giving level.

Volunteer!

If you love working with young children, join us!

Tell us!

How has AART touched your life? Let us know.

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