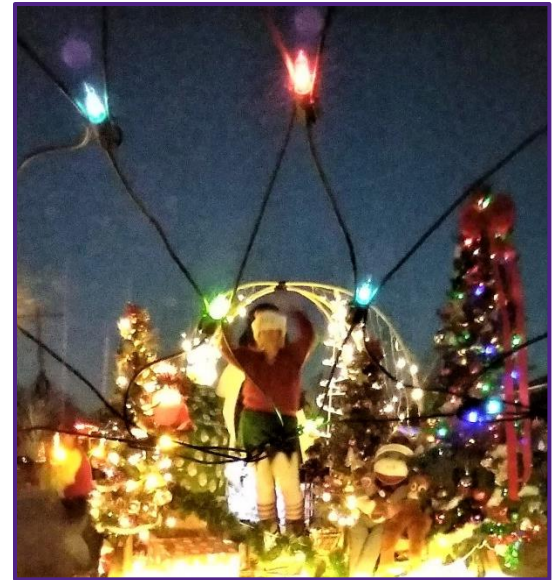


DANCING SPIRIT

COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Annual Report 2022

As we gear up for another creative holiday season, we want to give you a glimpse of the work we have done over the past year. Keeping the spirit moving into 2022 after three years of the COVID-19 Pandemic was an act of sacrifice, remembrance, and commitment. Thanks to the support of partners, friends, and foundations, we survived the cocooning process created by the demand for isolation. As 2023 approaches, we are drying our new wings so we can take flight!



Our education classes re-emerged with the 2022-23 academic year. We are seeing a gradual increase in students as our community comes back out to play. Dancing Spirit continues to offer art classes to students and adults at the ELHI Community Center. As of December 1st we have engaged 2,191 art students of all ages a remarkable increase from 2021 engagement numbers of 381. We are especially grateful to our school and after school engagement partners who help us bring art to young people in our community.

A New Community Arts Center: A Big Cause to Celebrate



As COVID kept us all in hibernation, the Dancing Spirit board and staff moved forward with the dream of a new home for the arts in Ignacio, a permanent place of our own. A place to support art of all kinds, people of all backgrounds and ages. Our dream is becoming reality. Last November we received an anonymous grant of \$100,000 that purchased two lots on Goddard across from the Public Library. In September we received a \$500,000 Colorado Creative Industries Revitalization grant to help build the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center. In October the new Arts Center received designation as an Enterprise Zone Project through

Region 9 Economic Development. A construction loan is in process that will allow us to start building and there are more grants in the works. Our Dream Maker Capital Campaign to raise the rest of the funds we need is starting with the holidays. Dancing Spirit has raised nearly 70% of the \$1,100,000 needed to pay for construction. We started receiving donations to help with the new building at the end of November.

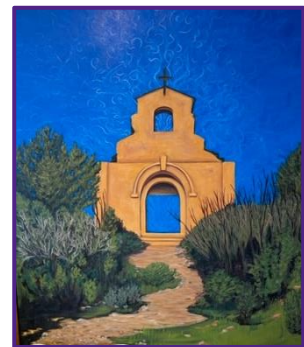
We would love to have your help! There are many ways you can be part of the new building. We are reaching out to the community seeking supporters to donate time, materials, and money. As an Enterprise Zone project all donations of \$100 or more are eligible for a 25% Colorado tax credit. You can also receive a 12.5% state tax credit for in-kind donations of materials or labor dedicated to the construction process and for donations of art that we can be sold by Dancing Spirit.

Would you like to offer some of your time? We have many projects that could use your time and expertise, just call or email: 970-563-4600 or dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com. You can donate on our webpage: <http://www.dancingspiritgallery.org/> call or send a check to PO Box 414, Ignacio, CO 81137.

The New Blue Gallery is open

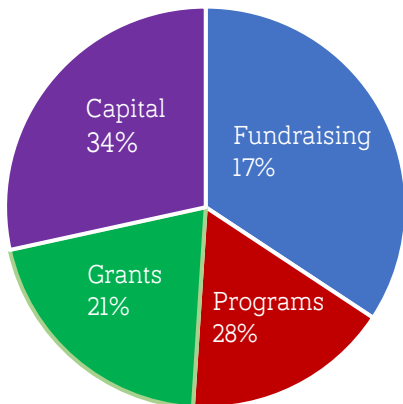


Thanks to Kasey and her partner Melody, Dancing Spirit was able to open the new Blue Gallery at 695 Goddard during the summer. Based on the cooperative model that started Dancing Spirit. The gallery is staffed by the artists who show work and pay a small monthly fee. Current gallery hours are 10 am to 6 pm Thursday and Friday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Current gallery artists offer a diverse range of unique goods including affordable holiday gifts.



Operational Costs

Income as of 11/1/2022



Expenses as of 11/1/2022

