



Fly Brave Emporium



It's official, we got the keys!

We used the adjoining space to collect donations over the course of several weeks that our clients are sorting. We hope to start taking donations again in late May. There is MUCH to do before we can open and help is needed; cleaning, painting, repairs, and organizing. We are also in need of Home Depot/Lowe's gift cards to purchase needed supplies. Please email us at flybravefoundation@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

Pop-Up Shop Fundraiser

Good Day Sac came out to our first pop-up in front of the new storefront. It was a big success, thank you everyone who came out to support.

[Click here](#) to watch the segment.

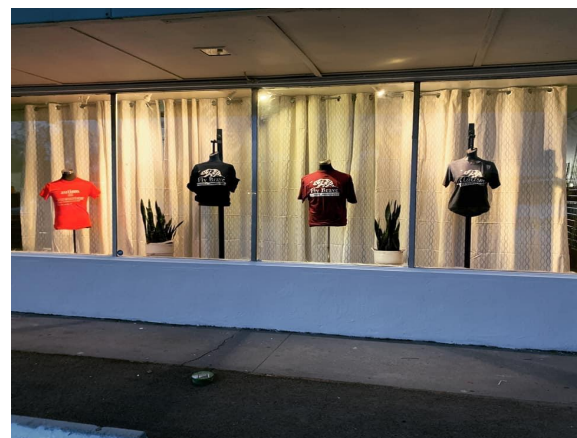


Message from Vanessa, Founder

It has been an extraordinary and productive month for the Emporium. We have freed the space of existing trash and junk and began the process of necessary repairs. We finished painting inside and completed the restoration of the restroom.

We appreciate all of the volunteers who share their time and talents to get our building in good working order for our clients. Special thanks to the Dinh family, Fong family, Spencer family, Avampato family, and Mike McBride.

Check out our Before/After Pics





Upcoming Events

Instagram LIVE with Caitlen

Stamos (married to John Stamos)

Details: Autistic artists will share artwork
LIVE



Date: Friday, May 2 2021 **Time:** 8:00pm
(PST)

Where: Remote via Zoom - hosted by
Autism Career Pathways

**Fly Brave artists will be highlighted, you
won't want to miss it.** Click [HERE!!!](#)

Autism FESTIVAL

Details: Vendors/Food/Live
Entertainment/Resources

Date: Saturday, April 24th 2021 **Time:**
10:00AM-1:00PM

Where: State Capitol-North Side, 1315
10th Street

Hosted By: [EMPACT](#) Click [HERE!!!](#)

Get up and DANCE

Details: 1 hour dance instruction lead by
professionals in an outdoor dance studio

Date: May 2nd, 16th, 30th **Time:** 12:00pm

Where: Balance Dance Project located in
the Tahoe Park area

Contact: Vanessa for details at
flybravefoundation@gmail.com

Hosted By: [Balance Dance](#)

*They are having a rummage sale
fundraiser in their parking lot on 4/24.*

Graduation Parade

It is that time of year again to honor our
soon-to-be graduates!! Please fill out the
google form below if you have a graduate
this year and they would like to
participate in the Drive By Parade. The
graduates will socially distance with their
families in front of the school.

Location: 6870 Greenhaven Dr,
Sacramento, CA 95831 (Caroline Wenzel
Elementary School)

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

Time: 10:30 am

Hosted By: Fly Brave

Sign Up [HERE!!!](#) Contact Laura Jones
with questions at lollabugs09@gmail.com.



Gordon Sharp, Improv and Theater Programs

Gordon has been involved with Fly Brave for about 2 years. He co-runs the popular Improv program and organizes the Holiday Theater showcase. Gordon has this to say about Fly Brave “Everybody has something to offer but through life we don’t always have the opportunity to act on that and I think Fly Brave asks, What are you good at? OK that’s what we’re going to do! It helps people enhance their talents.”

Gordon’s wish for the community is that a Fly Brave program was offered in every part of the country. He mentioned how inspired he is by the individuals and programs in Fly Brave.

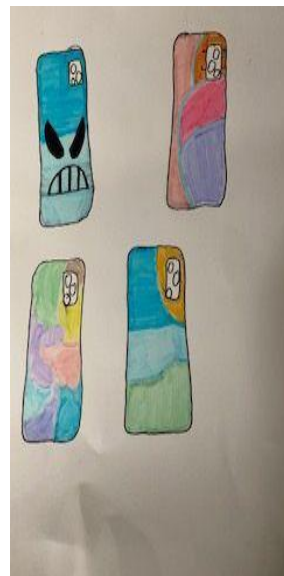
In his spare time, he enjoys reading autobiographical books and puzzles. He enjoys acting and can’t wait to get back to this activity as restrictions are lifting in the area.

CLIENT CORNER

Katie Sharp is 18 and a participant in Fly Brave and you may recognize her by her colorful hair and spirit. Katie enjoys hanging out with her friends in Fly Brave and participating in Dance class.

Katie has a creative streak and is currently working on several projects inspired by her interests in gaming. The first project includes an art project creating original characters for the game, Cookie Run. The second project is creating fan fiction for Pokeman of all the different seasons with different Pokeman scenes and backgrounds. This includes creating both the illustration and the content for this project.

Katie also enjoys reading, listening to music, writing, and drawing. Her favorite games are Pokemon games, Mitopia, and Cookie Run.



Interviewer: Ana Demas



Online Store Updates

Store link: [Home | Fly Brave - Peace. Love. Autism. \(bigcartel.com\)](https://www.bigcartel.com/home-fly-brave-peace-love-autism)

Be sure to check out new merchandise in our online store like this cool new tee by artist Brandon Fong.



Acknowledgments and Gratitude

Sacramento Magazine

Thank you Sac Mag and writer Alejandra Garcia for sharing our organization with the community.

[Click here](#) for the article.



Fly Brave - Sacramento Magazine
sacmag.com

Sacramento Kings

Thank you Kings Community for highlighting Fly Brave for Autism Awareness Month.

Wall and Ceiling Alliance

Thank you for your sizable donation to our program.

Autism Career Pathways

On March 25th, we teamed up with Autism Career Pathways in Redwood City, CA, to offer a free webinar via Zoom, ***“Employability for Autistic Individuals, Rethinking Autism”***. Thank you Matt Harmetz, Patrick Dwyer, and Maisie Soetantyo for bringing awareness to both employers and autistic job seekers.

Website: [Autism Career Pathways](https://www.autismcareerpathways.org)

If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can share your kindness by clicking Donate on the homepage of our website, flybrave.org.