Rising to the Challenge

The past year has taught us so much. We were reminded that the arts are crucial in engaging early learners, especially when they are learning through a screen. We learned how resilient children and teachers are in the face of adversity. And we found that our team of expert teaching artists was able to persevere and find creative new ways to reach the people we serve.

We are proud to have achieved tremendous results with the virtual programs we launched last year, including both classroom residencies and professional development for teachers. Testimonials from parents and teachers demonstrate that children participated more fully in and achieved greater learning gains from our arts-based content. Going forward, we will continue to use what we learned during the pandemic to shape our programming.

Same Great Programs, Fresh New Name

In addition to the shifts we made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we also made another major change: our umbrella organization and education program have been renamed!

We were founded in 1994 as Inner City-Inner Child, the education outreach program of Dumbarton Concerts, a chamber music concert series. Over the past year, we decided it was necessary to remove the outmoded phrase “inner city” from our name because it has evolved to connote racist tropes and policies. We engaged in a thoughtful and deliberative process with stakeholders to rename our education program Inspired Child. Our umbrella organization, which operates the education program and our venerable concert series, is now called Dumbarton Arts & Education.

We remain committed to ensuring that all students in D.C. begin kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. Recognizing that children are part of a system that has historically failed to secure equal educational opportunities for all, Inspired Child is dedicated to addressing the systemic inequities that continue to plague the education landscape.

The most important lesson we learned from FY21 is that we are capable of rising to meet whatever challenges the future holds, and we will continue finding new ways to leverage the power of the arts to improve people’s lives and bring communities together.

Wishing you strength, health, and happiness,

Ingrid Zimmer
Executive Director, Dumbarton Arts & Education
**SUSTAINING IMPACT**

The virtual programming we offered during the COVID-19 pandemic allowed us to increase our impact in many ways. We were able to reach more children through virtual workshops, and we served more families through programming we could bring directly into their living rooms.

Our greatest achievement was the increase in the number of teachers we trained as a result of our virtual program offerings—1,534 educators is a 133% increase from last year! But we weren’t able to offer as many workshops overall, and it was more difficult to deliver books to children’s homes. We are tremendously gratified to have been able to serve 68 classrooms in 40 early childhood programs and are working to expand into even more classrooms in FY22 and beyond.

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Responding to COVID-19

The pandemic shifted not only what our families and communities needed but also the ways children learn and the types of support that ensure their cognitive and social-emotional development remains on track. We created new content specifically designed to advance young children’s learning during this challenging time, and we partnered with community organizations to hold distribution events during which we provided essential items like groceries, diapers, and winter coats to families with young children who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Our COVID-19 Relief Campaign by the Numbers

- **365** BACKPACKS
- **16,000** DIAPERS DELIVERED
- **268** ART KITS
- **2,144** CRAYONS
- **2,680** MARKERS
- **76** STUFFED ANIMALS
- **248** FAMILIES SERVED
- **1,094** BOOKS

New Workshops

In partnership with our teaching artists and with Dr. Jessica Phillips-Silver, a neuroscientist who studies the effect of music on cognitive and social-emotional development, we developed innovative workshops that combine brain science and trauma-informed practices for parents and educators of young children.

**EXAMPLES OF PANDEMIC-RELATED WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- **Supporting Optimal Brain Growth During COVID-19**: Provided ways to calm children’s nervous systems so they can resume learning.
- **Caring for Children, Caring for Yourself**: Provided tools like meditation, breathing exercises, and yoga for parents and teachers.
- **Integrating the Arts into Storytime**: Provided tools for turning children’s books into arts-based experiences.
- **Arts-Based Virtual Teaching Strategies**: Provided techniques for using the arts to reach students learning virtually, offered in both English and Spanish.
- **Moving as a Family**: Provided African dance classes for parents and children.
- **Transitioning Back to the Classroom with the Arts**: Provided ways to support children as they transitioned back to the classroom after learning from home due to COVID-19.
Outputs by Program

In FY21, Inspired Child programs benefitted an estimated 19,300 individuals, including children, early childhood teachers, and families across all wards of Washington, DC.

**Dancing With Books™**  
*Classroom Residency Program for PK Students*  
- 308 workshops provided  
- 732 children served  
- 114 teachers trained  
- 68 classrooms participated  
- 40 early childhood centers/schools served  
- 154 certified professional development hours

**Naptime U™**  
*Professional Development Workshops*  
- 42 workshops given  
- 1,399 teachers trained  
- 16,788 children benefitted

**Read With Me™**  
*Family Literacy Workshops*  
- 2 workshops given  
- 136 families served

**Reading for Life™**  
*Book Donation Program*  
- 1,094 books donated

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**FY2021 REVENUE & SUPPORT**

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Note: $136,000 pledged in FY21 is restricted to fund FY22 programming.

**FY2021 EXPENSES**

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Supporting DC’s Early Childhood Education Programs Since 1994

Ward 1
- Anthony Bowen CDC
- Apple Early Literacy Preschool
- Christian Tabernacle CDC
- Easter Seals CDC
- Edward Mazique Learning Center
- Gap Community Childcare Center
- Howard University Hospital Childcare Center
- Martha’s Table
- Rosemount Center
- Tiny Findings
- UPO Early Childhood Development Center #1
- Seaton DCPS

Ward 2
- Barbara Chambers Children’s Center
- CentroNia Multicultural Learning Center

Ward 3
- Children’s House of Washington
- Hyde-Addison DCPS
- Friendship Childcare Center
- St. Albans’ Childcare Center

Ward 4
- Adventureland CDC I and II
- Bridges PCS
- Briya PCS
- Children’s Hut CDC
- Foundry CDC
- Goldie’s CDC
- LaSalle Backus DCPS
- Loving Care CDC
- Lynn Carol’s CDC
- Roots Activity Learning Center
- Spanish Education Development Center
- UPO Early Childhood Development Center #4
- West Education Campus DCPS

Ward 5
- Joseph P. Kennedy Institute
- Bennett Babies
- Happy Faces CDC
- Isle of Patmos
- Israel Baptist CDC
- Noyes DCPS
- Our Redeemer CDC
- Langdon DCPS
- DC Bilingual PCS
- Friendship Armstrong PCS
- Whealtley DCPS
- Whittier DCPS

Ward 6
- Azeze-Bates CDC
- AsA Early Learning Academy
- Assembly of Saints CDC

Ward 7
- Agape Cabbage Patch CDC
- All My Children CDC
- Allen AME Church Day Care Center
- AppleTree Early Learning PCS
- Bald Eagle DPR
- Barry Farms DPR
- Bundles of Joy
- Catholic Charities CDC
- Community CDC I & II
- Deliverance CDC
- Discovering You CDC
- Edgewood DPR
- Educare DC
- First Baptist CDC
- First Rock CDC
- Friendship House CDC
- Friendship PCS
- Home Away From Home
- House of Ruth Kidspace Child and Family Development Center
- Kiddie City
- Kids Are People Too CDC
- Neville Thomas DCPS
- Peaches and Cream CDC
- Randall Highlands DCPS
- Randall Hyland
- Safe and Sound Day Care
- St. Timothy’s CDC
- Stanton DCPS
- Tabernacle CDC
- Vision of Victory CDC
- Wibble Wobble CDC

Ward 8
- Allen Chapel Child Development Center
- Atlantic Gardens DPR
- Assembly of Saints CDC
- Benning Park
- Bethel Children CDC
- Big Mama’s Children’s Center Bishop Walker School for Boys
- Clara Muhammad CDC
- Creative Korner
- Dawn to Dusk CDC
- DC City Wide
- Welfare Rights CDC
- Democracy Prep PCS
- Early Childhood Learning Center
- Excel PCS
- Emergent Preparatory Academy
- Faces of Hope CDC
- The Family Place

Geneva Ivy Day School
Hendley DCPS
Ketcham DCPS
Kiddies Kollege
Kuumba Learning Center
* Kids Are Us Learning Center II
Leckie DCPS
Little Angels CCC
LolLoLo CDC
Love and Care Child Education Center
* Malcolm X Early Childhood Center
Martha’s Table
* Mathews Memorial CDC
National Children’s Center
New Creations CDC
* New United Christian Academy
Paramount CDC
Patterson DCPS
* Rehoboth Baptist Church Day Care Center
* Southeast Childrens Fund
St. Phillips CDC
St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Sunshine Learning Center
Turner DCPS
* UPO Early Childhood Development Center #8
Washington School for Girls
* Watkins Potomac CDC
Young’s Memorial Day Care
Zena’s CDC

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