History of Piece by Piece

2007
Friends and family backyard mosaic fundraiser for pilot program on April 22.
Launched Piece by Piece’s first workshop in South LA in the community room of Beyond Shelter, a permanent affordable housing development for families who have experienced homelessness.

2008
Workshops expand to Skid Row at the James Wood Community Center.
First Annual Art Show and Fundraiser.

2009
One of Piece by Piece's very talented artists was selected to exhibit his mosaics at the Descanso Gardens in LA.
40,000 people attended, featuring more than 200 exhibitions from around the nation.
Summer City Lights Program provided mosaic workshops in South LA for hundreds of youth and families through the Summer Night Lights gang reduction program.

2013
First public art project: "Gower Villas in Hollywood" 3D mosaic leaves installed on five-story supportive housing building.

2014
"Entangled Bank" mural installed at Irvine Valley City College Life Sciences Building.
"Discover a Star" mural installed at Universal Studios CityWalk in March.

2015
"Pollinator’s Paradise Garden Spheres" created for mosaic show at the Crescent Farm at LA County Arboretum and the "Water is Life" permanent installation at the Arboretum.
"Blooming Gardens" installation completed in October.

2016
"Broadway's Blooming" project awarded Best Community Project at the Mosaic Arts International Awards.
Entered into a strategic alliance with Skid Row Housing Trust.

2017
"Mandala Project" competed for the Legal Aid Foundation.
A series of 12 mandalas from 2-ft to 14-ft.

2021
"Village Well Mural" project completed. Over 20 long mural incorporating iconic Cicero landmarks.
"Phoenix Rising" mosaic and painted mural completed for Firestone-Phoenix Affordable Housing (pictured above).
Immersive Van Gogh and Impact Museum partnership.

$52k in income earned by participants
435 items created and sold by participant artists
619 digital seats filled in classes
1.5 tons of recycled materials used, keeping it out of a landfill
205 works commissioned
$15,679 of artist created mosaics sold at Immersive Van Gogh/Impact Museums

Revenue:
- Social Enterprise: $17,544
- General Giving: $27,003
- Grants: $12,699
- Total Revenue: $57,246

Expenses:
- Program: $31,786
- General: $18,687
- Fundraising: $68,370
- Total Expenses: $118,843

Net Income: $38,403

33% Social Enterprise
30% General Giving
19% Grants
6% Total Revenue
23% Program
9% General
13% Fundraising
10% Total Expenses
48% Revenue
33% Expenses
19% Net Income

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Throughout the past year, we worked in small safe pods and were able to continue creating amazing mosaic art. Piece by Piece also offered virtual classes twice a week, delivering needed materials to participants sheltering in place. These classes were a lifeline for many, offering connection, a place to create, and the therapeutic benefit of art. In spite of COVID challenges, Piece by Piece provided programming for over 150 individuals in our community. I am very proud of the lessons learned and growth Piece by Piece has gained throughout this global pandemic. We are in a stronger position as an organization, with a deeper understanding of our need to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion. Although there has always been an organic, therapeutic benefit to our work, we have also become more intentional about our program’s focus on mental health and wellness.

We are grateful for our partnerships with other community organizations for their continued support in commissioning Adler’s (ADG) commissioned large scale projects that were completed in 2021. Additionally, Impact Museum’s immersive Van Gogh exhibit, Hausner & Willth and The Village Well provided us with wonderful retail sales opportunities that extend into 2022.

We amicably separated from Skid Row Housing Trust (SRHT) to address our organizational growth and settle into a much-needed permanent space of our own in South Los Angeles. The board and I are extremely grateful for all SRHT did for Piece by Piece over the years and look forward to working together on future projects.

Piece by Piece welcomed two new staff members, Maggie Bohlman as our new Executive Director and Jadie Delgado as Operations Manager. We bid farewell to Daniel Villa after his seven-year tenure with the organization. Daniel accomplished a great deal in his time with Piece by Piece, and on behalf of the entire organization, I want to express our gratitude for his friendship and support.

We have always been an organization driven by the passion and dedication of our staff, supporters and participants. We’ve built a community that thrives on being connected through art, creativity and hope. I sincerely thank each of you for your commitment and faith in the important work we are doing in the community. I am excited about all that we will accomplish in 2022 with your ongoing support.

With much gratitude,
Sophie Alpert, Founder

Mission
Our mission is to empower residents who have experienced homelessness or economic insecurity by providing free mosaic art workshops enabling them to build confidence, earn supplementary income, promote wellness and improved quality of life.

Large Scale Mosaic Art Installations
- Villas at Gower (2018)
- Things is Universal (2018)
- Entangled Bank (2018)
- Central Ave Garden (2016)
- Broadway’s Blooming (2016)
- Native Flora and Fauna (2017)
- Water & Life (2017)
- Men’s (2017)
- Spirit of Community (2017)
- Community Bench (2018)
- Othello Apartments (2019)
- Grant Apartments (2019)
- Weiton (2019)
- Resolute (2019)
- US Bank (2019)
- Senator (2019)
- Village Well Mural (2020)
- Phoenix Rising (2021)
- 200 Ocean Spa Mural (2022)