Turning Our Stories Into Song

“When you’re a musician, you’re as good as a doctor.” That’s how COMPAS artist Charlie Maguire’s philosophy, and not to return with more stories you have to answer to. “You write a song about it and you make people feel better.”

There was a whole lot of people loving great during Charlie’s almost non-stop songwriting workshops at Open Circle in January. The Apple Valley School Frontiersmen, the 15th Street School, then got down to the business of writing songs of their own. Charlie kicked things off by suggesting a word or a line or singing along, every person in the circle was engaged and open to the process.
Learn more about the wide range of COMPAS’ Artsy Aging programs.

Introducing Our New Mission Statement!

COMPAS uses the arts to enrich the lives of all of us so we can create better lives & better communities.

Check out the new blog post to learn more about the new mission statement.

Catch Up With The Blog!

These three new blog posts in January bring your COMPAS artist of 40 years, John W. McNamara, who at one time was a human-size playpen. I have a task in our ongoing partnership with Children’s Hospitals and how the work COMPAS does brings comfort during hospital days.

Creative Conversations

Artist Spotlight: Supreme Songsmith, Charlie Maguire

“Not every artist has family willing to take them to concerts, art galleries, or museums. Within the school setting, the help of COMPAS artists, students, and adults can finally go anywhere.

Check out Charlie’s journey from New York “Ch” student to mid-west troubador.

Youth Boost with Kara Andree

“It is interesting now, how much work preaches - teaching and making artwork - influence each other. They intertwine that are more exciting than I could have imagined.”

Read here as the arts took Kara and how she is still singing what she learned in COMPAS donor-supported ArtLink apprenticeship program.

It’s Never Too Early...

To mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23rd for our second annual Arts & Crafts pageant! Last year’s attendance and overwhelming community response to pictures. Enjoy craft beer & craft & live music from Campfire Kid, plus a solo, acoustic performance from LESBE. Early bird tickets available now!

Your support of creative props adult to thrive in this world. Research shows, people who practice the arts as they age will the doctor less, take less medication, have higher morale, and reduced risks of depression. Will you join COMPAS today in ensuring people of all ages have access to high-quality creative experiences?

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