



Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center

education • access • community for 3D object makers

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Dear Friends and Supporters of CIADC,

I am writing to ask that you please **consider a 2016 tax-deductible donation to the Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center**, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, charitable organization. November 11th marks **just 1-1/2 years of programming offerings to the public**. While in our “infancy” stage of business development, **CIADC still relies heavily on contributions from you to help offset our monthly operating revenue shortcomings**. With your help, we can **continue with our mission of providing education, working access, and community to 3D object makers in the Chicagoland area!**

Please visit <https://www.ciadc.org/giving-support-ciadc> for **convenient online and mail-in giving options**. And, continue reading about our 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals below.

What We've Done

So far in 2016 (Jan-Sep), CIADC...

Recognition

- Received the **2016 Capital Improvement Award** from the Rogers Park Business Alliance
- Was invited to a **“National Makers” meeting in Washington D.C.**, sponsored by the White House
- Participated in the **“Future of Work” roundtable discussion** presented by *The Atlantic* and the Rockefeller Foundation

Programming

- **Established our Teen programming**, offering industrial arts & design classes to ages 12-17
- Maintained **95 Members**, a 19% increase from this time last year
- **Grew our student-base by 12%** over 2015, averaging nearly 80 Students per term
- Attracted people from **67 Chicagoland zip codes** as Students and/or Members
- Performed **118 Safety and Tool Use Certifications**, allowing non-Students use of the Department space and tools
- Doubled the **Studio Access usage** (work time outside of Class) from 2015 to **1,163 visits**
- **Increased weekly staffed activity hours by 50%**, to 45 hours, including the addition of Sunday activity hours
- Implemented **carbon fiber molding and fabrication** into the renamed Casting & Molding Department

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Marketing and Development

- Added **3 new Board Members** with experience to help propel us forward
- Introduced the “**Make It Yours**” **capital equipment campaign**, helping us bolster our Department capabilities
- Installed large, visible **building signage** on all street sides of our building
- Held continual **Member Gallery exhibits**, showcasing works by the creatives that make up our organization
- **Partnered with SOFA Chicago**, a leading exhibition of Sculptural Objects, Functional Art and Design in the nation
- Contracted with an experienced **grant researcher/writer** to help us identify and apply for foundation funding

The Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center has reached many of the goals we set for 2016. **I thank each and every one of you for helping us with these successes!** However, we are not done with growing opportunities for the public...

What We Want to Do

In 2017, CIADC has goals to...

- Further developing our **Teen programming** to include Summer “camps” and Studio Access
- Establish **artist residency and scholarship programming** to allow access **opportunities to more people**
- Grow our programming **reach** into an even **larger geographic area**
- **Increase** overall **enrollment and Studio Access** availability and usage
- Continue **adding equipment and processes** to our Department offerings for a more effective and broadened workplace
- Define **dedicated storage** for Students/Member materials and projects to help keep Department shops most effective as workspaces
- Develop a plan for near-term expansion into a **Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) Machine Room**, further integrating our Technology & Design Department with the other Departments
- Evaluate **private workspace rental programming**, allowing our advanced creative community another option for growth

We have lofty ambitions for the **Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center to become a great resource facility** for anyone looking to create 3D objects with materials and processes requiring specialized skill sets, shop tools, and industrial workspace. **CIADC aims to remove the roadblocks** most face when wanting to create with permanent materials and technology.

Help the Chicago Industrial Arts & Design continue with our mission and serve the Chicagoland community. Your contribution will help **offset our monthly revenue shortcomings as we mature our programming**. Please consider **donating today** by visiting <https://www.ciadc.org/giving-support-ciadc> for convenient online and mail-in giving options. **Together, we can grow into the future!**

As always, I welcome you to tour our facility, hear more about our programming and goals. I thank you in advance for your generosity!

Best,



Matthew Runfola
Founder and President
Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center