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Dear CIADC Friends and Supporters,

Happy holiday season! Year-end is the time to be thankful, to look back and reflect, and to look forward with new goals. I enjoy this process both personally, and with our organization. Year-end is also the time for giving. I ask that you **consider giving a year-end, [tax-deductible gift](#) to the Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center** to help us further our Mission and reach our goals.

### **Thankfulness**

I am extremely thankful for your support with CIADC. Together we are achieving our Mission – giving the public access to learn and work creatively with materials and processes requiring learned skills, large work space, and costly equipment. I am **thankful for you and the creative community that is CIADC.**

### **Reflection**

November marks just 2-1/2 years since CIADC first opened the doors to the community. **We have come a long way** in a very short amount of time! In 2017, CIADC:

- increased class enrollment by almost 20% from 2016 - averaging 93 students per term
- significantly increased open studio access use (work time outside class time) from 2016 – to 5,688 individual working hours
- started a private studio rental program, renting existing underutilized space to creative makers
- opened our 1-week Summer Teen Camp program to ages 12-15, with 22 youth enrolled
- expanded our 1-week Adult Immersion program to include Holiday classes in December
- decreased operations net monthly *losses* 38.9% from 2016

### **Upcoming Goals**

We have lofty goals for 2018, both with **expanded programming and equipment purchases**. My goal is to have CIADC become an even better learning and working resource center for you and all creative object makers in Chicagoland. In 2018, we will:

- start a scholarship fund to better allow low-income Teens the experience and benefits that come with creating objects in a shop environment
- open a Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) studio, bridging technology and creative making with permanent materials
- purchase a large-scale, digitally controlled kiln that will be used to expand into kiln-cast, glass casting
- grow our operations revenue by 20% by promoting the benefits of CIADC Membership, continuing to increase Teen and Adult class enrollment, and growing Studio Access use

- initiate regularly scheduled programming offering enrichment, professional development, and social activities to the general community

### **Giving**

**I need your help.** The Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center has achieved a lot in a very short period of time. We have lofty goals for continued expansion and growth. However, CIADC is a young organization that still has operating losses. Although we are making great strides with reducing this shortfall, **2017 will see CIADC operate at a \$40,000 deficit.** We **depend on charitable contributions** to offset this loss – so we can continue serving the community and achieve our goals.

**Please consider a year-end, [tax deductible donation](#) Industrial Arts & Design Center.** Together, we are developing CIADC to be the best resource center for creative object making in Chicagoland!

With much gratitude,



Matthew Runfola  
Founder and President  
Chicago Industrial Arts & Design Center

*CIADC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization with a mission to provide education, working access, and community for 3D object makers working in materials/processes requiring industrial workspace, specialized skill sets, and shop equipment. We offer programming for Teens and Adults in 4 Studio Departments: Casting & Molding, Metalworking & Forging, Technology & Design, and Woodworking, and cater to all interests and skill-levels!*