

For over 40 years, Allied Arts of Whatcom County has been a leader in fostering and supporting the local arts scene and serves more than 50,000 people annually.

Join Allied Arts of Whatcom County on May 5th for Giving Tuesday in support of our local teaching artists and programs!

Early giving for Giving Tuesday has begun! Visit the our<u>donation page at GiveBIGWa</u>, between now and May 5th to make a donation in support quality Arts Education in our local schools.





Allied Arts of Whatcom County depends on your generosity to continue our work of providing quality curriculum art, performance, music and literary classes and residencies to schools throughout Whatcom County. This year, our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help support our 15 fabulous teaching artists who had over 466 hours of arts in the classroom time canceled due to Covid-19. These dedicated artists rely on those

hours as a major source of their income.

"I loved watching the kids try on different roles. It changed my perception of them, and their perception of each other. They STILL play those games at recess."

-Wade King Elementary 5th grade teacher.



Our other programs have suffered as well; we are currently working to expand our website and establish an on-line store to sell artwork that should have been on display in our gallery exhibits and the thousands of pieces of artwork by area youth during the Children's Art Walk.

Giving Tuesday's annual day of giving is going strong and with your help, we hope to make this Giving Tuesday the biggest one yet!

## **Donate Now!**

Thank you so much for investing in arts educations and community arts programs, so our youth will hold the same love of the arts as we all do. We know we will get through this, and we will get through it together. Stay safe, wash your hands and be creative!

Sincerely,
Allied Arts staff - Kelly, Katy, Judy
and the Allied Arts Board of Directors