

ACT is empowering more and more individuals through art each year. Because of you, we are all artists.

In 2016, we launched more inclusive programs, established more powerful missions, and served more individuals with disabilities in our community.

Here are a few new things we've done:

- > Launched the ACT apprenticeship program, providing intensive art education for eight artists with disabilities
- > Offered more art residency programs for local classrooms
- > Increased our studio offerings to include weekly classes for youth

This growth is just part of achieving our mission: to empower individuals with disabilities to learn, grow, and celebrate through the arts.

Your continued support allows ACT programs to grow and tap into each individual's innate creativity. Because of you, anyone and everyone can be an artist.

Thank you for being a part of our community and making ACT possible.

Steve Jandernoa, Board Chair

WE ARE ALL ARTISTS

At ACT, we believe everyone is an artist. Age, race, ability, gender, talent, disability, training—these categories don't apply. Art transcends divisions and creativity knows no boundaries; if you have a heart and a mind, then you are an artist.

JENNY, STUDENT

"I've been coming to ACT for eight and a half years. I like to paint and I like choir. I like the drumming, too. I get to see different people here and they're all my friends."





ALICE, STUDENT

"I've been taking classes here since 2008. They make me feel like I can make art. I make photo cards in my free time now."



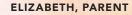


JOSH, PROFESSIONAL TEACHING ARTIST

"When I go into an ACT classroom for the first time, one of the first things I say is that everyone there is a participant, everyone is there to make music together."

TODD, BOARD MEMBER, **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

"I'm excited that ACT is continually evaluating themselves and their mission and seeing how they can reach more and more individuals and bring them into the arts, meeting them where they are. It excites me to think what ACT will do."



"ACT is Drew's second home. He doesn't think twice about people who are different or who have different abilities. I think we have a lot to learn from that."





SAM, STUDENT

"Being an artist makes me feel good. I like showing people what I can do."



CAMILLE, PARENT

"Your children don't need to feel like they have to already be an 'artist' in order to participate. ACT will help them find their talent."

"It's about being in the moment and being happy."

EMILY, BOARD MEMBER





KATIE, STUDENT

"I've always loved music and I love to cook. I'm a creative person, and I'm a talkative person. I love to smile and make people happy."

true. My favorite stuff is doing singing and dancing. I'm very interested. Music is one of my hobbies."



FREDDY, STUDENT

"I come here every Tuesday. It's definitely



DAINE, PROFESSIONAL

"ACT opened up my eyes that my

talents can be utilized in ways I never

would've thought. They give students

opportunities that they never would've

had otherwise... No matter age, race,

ability, I see time and time again people

step up and open up because of this."

TEACHING ARTIST



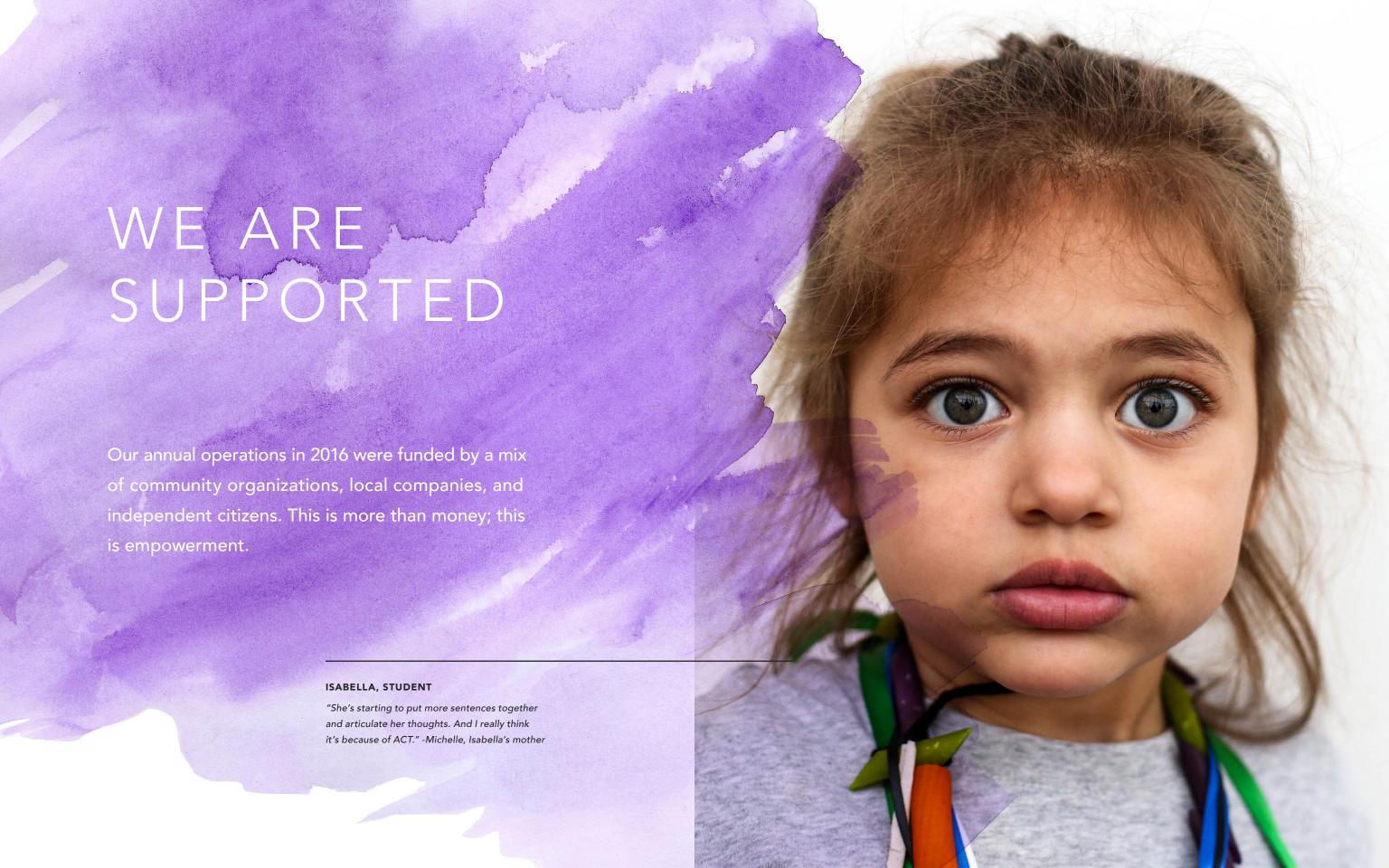
ALYSSA, INTERN

"ACT is special because in the studio and other locations ACT works in, they create an inclusive community. When you enter the room, you are surrounded with positivity and creativity."

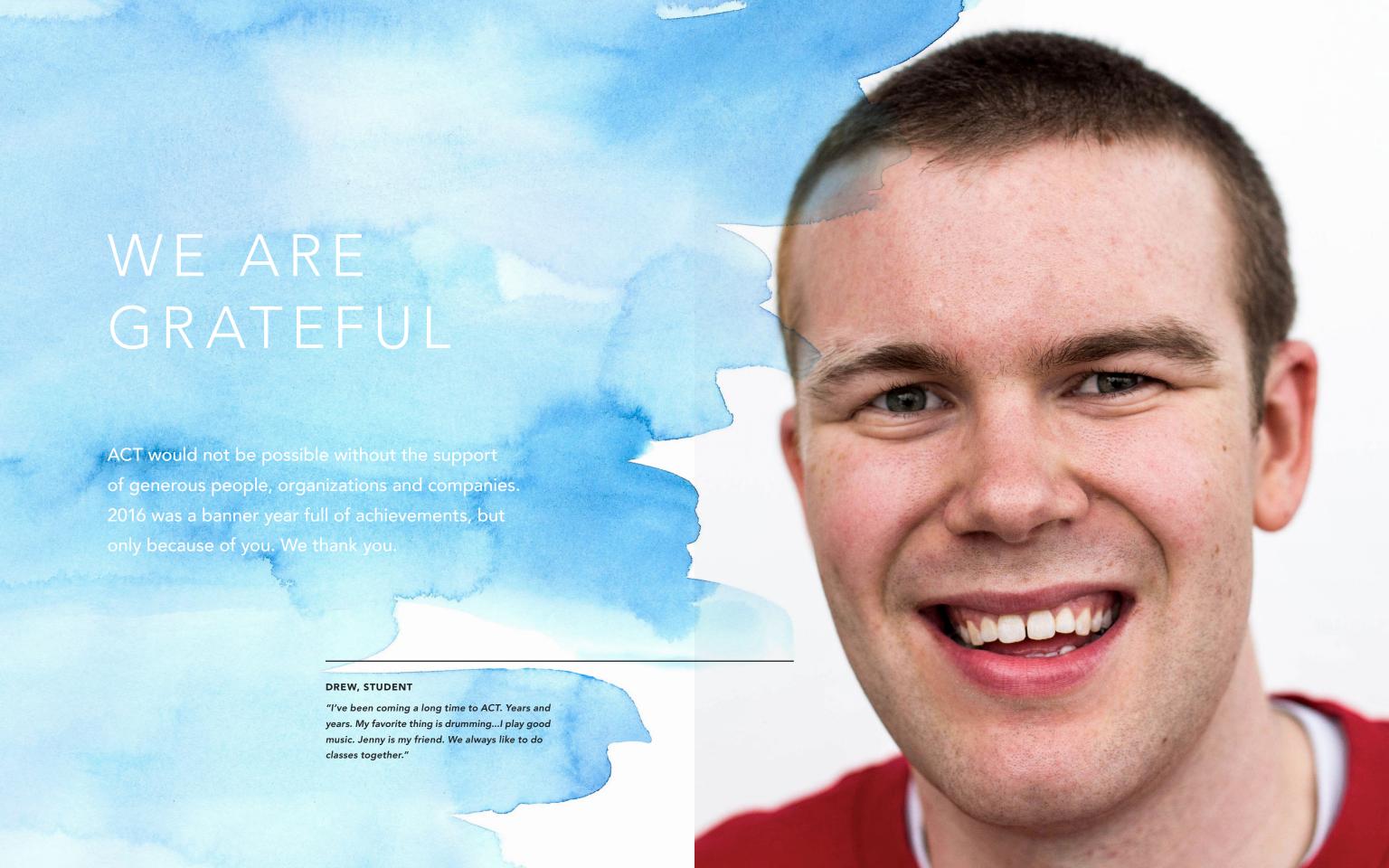


GABBY, STUDENT

"This is my first time coming to ACT. I'm definitely coming back."







\$129,336 Special Events

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

2,884 Children ages 0-17

6,019

1,505 Transitioning adults ages 18-26

1,630 Adults ages 26+

20+ Professional Teaching Artists

25+ Community Events

50+ Classes Offered

PROFESSIONAL

\$72,760Corporate Support

\$54.827

\$54,250Foundation Grants

Individual Donations

\$53,437 Earned Income

\$23,444Government Grants

\$9,649

Misc. Income & Donations

TEACHING ARTISTS

Kelly Allen Jaimé Johnson Shirley Arill Kathy Keehn

Jess Luiz

Demy Marti

Quinn Matthews

Tom Reynolds

Bertram Sluys

Kat VanHammen

Molly Weatherbie

Gretchen

Vinnedge

Di Szczesny

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Josh Dunigan

Matt Elliott Erinn Epp

Nora Faber

Michael Feehan

Diane Forbes

Brienna Gerard

Jody Grantz

Daine Hammerle

Maren Taylor Herman

Derrick Hollowell

21,619

VOLUNTEER HOURS

762

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

13 Partner Events14 ACT Events

PROGRAMS

Youth Programs
Community Programs
Adult Programs
Health & Healing Programs

ART FORMS

Illustration Culinary Arts Choir

Painting

Lori Teft Art of Gardening
Brian Urbane Ceramics

Theatre Upcycled Art

Drumming

Creative Movement

DJ-ing Printmaking Photography

Music

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ROBERT F BEARD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION







JANDERNOA



Mary Free Bed



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ACT looks forward to many more years of celebrating human expression. Here's to 2017. Here's to artists. Here's to everyone.



ALL ARTS. ALL ABILITIES.

GIVE

Donating to ACT's annual fund supports our programs and the individuals we serve. Our goal is to keep program costs as low as possible for participants and offer financial assistance to those in need.

VOLUNTEER

We rely on our volunteers to support and carry out our programs year-round. Opportunities include roles at one-time events or ongoing weekly classes.

CONNECT

Share ACT's mission with your friends and neighbors and expand our reach in the community. As an ACT ally, you are a critical part of helping impact more people each year.

artistscreatingtogether.org

