



## Supportive Arts OTF program at the Elora Centre for the Arts

*Update meeting March 22, 2022*

# Supportive Arts program for adults with (dis)Abilities



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# Agenda

1. Budget status/overview: timing of next payment
2. Expansion project update (accessible washroom)
3. Discussion about included items for expansion project
4. Update on outdoor “Pathways” art garden featuring Supportive Arts
5. Evaluation Results

# Spending / Budget

- Total funding received: \$187,200
- Total amount spent: \$106,354
- Remaining: \$80,845
- This will cover programming expenses and Pathways project until end of June
- Next OTF payment – September TBC

## Allocations of future/other funding :

- SA Pathways outdoor project \$15K (end of April 2022)
- Accessible washroom \$40K (Spring 2023) – invoice timing
- Atrium Equipment \$11K (Spring 2023) – invoice timing
- Total allocated: \$66K

## Spending / Budget

- Year 3 of the program begins September 2022
- Programming grows to 4 sessions a week
- We will likely have a surplus of transportation \$14K and healthy snack (TBC) \$6K = \$20K
- Discussion on allowable inclusions for surplus from 2022/2023 budget (automatic door, widening of doorways, etc) + the \$11K from 2021?

# Pathways outdoor art garden Project



- Dedicated area for Supportive Arts in our permanent outdoor sculpture garden (to begin Spring 2022).
- 24 paddles will be hung from trees
- 8 paintings will be installed
- Info plaque with QR code to find out more about the program
- Celebration event to “reveal” the project to the participants

# Reporting & Evaluating



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## **Evaluation Activities Completed:**

- Survey conversations
- Weekly feedback sheets
- Questionnaires for family members, volunteers, program supporters
- Coming soon – focus group discussions

## **Evaluation Overview (full report will be sent separately):**

- The results of the evaluation suggest that participants enjoyed their time in the program and learned new things along the way.
- The vast majority of participants looked forward to attending each week and felt like the program was a good place to express their feelings.
- After sessions, participants often indicated that they felt better and more creative than when they arrived.
- Most participants said that they made new friends in the program. Some of their favourite activities were creating art with friends and socializing with friends and instructors. When asked how doing art with others in the program made them feel, the most common responses were happy, good and relaxed. Many participants said that they learned something new during their time in the program and that they had done something that made them proud.
- The most common point of pride among participants was making chocolates. This activity was also one of the most memorable among participants, along with creating gifts.



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