

Hey there!

We just started a new fiscal year here at Inclusive Arts Vermont. Our school and community-based programs are starting a new year, too, at schools, childcare sites, and community centers across the state.

While all the newness is exciting, I'm also reflecting on the year we just finished.

SO much happened, but I heard this specific story with you and had to share it right away.

I want to share it with you because **you made it happen!**

At some point over the past year, you supported to Inclusive Arts Vermont. Maybe you donated money, or told a friend about us, or volunteered time. For all it, I am so, so grateful.

The story I'm about to share with you wouldn't be possible without you. So, from the bottom of my heart, truly, thank you.

Here's the story...

At Inclusive Arts Vermont, we talk a lot about "magic". Magic because of and within the arts. Over the summer, that magic happened for a little one I'll call Charlie.

Charlie is a preschooler, whose childcare provider participated in [our pre-k arts and literacy program, Start With The Arts](#).

At the end of the program, his childcare did a library visit. **This was the first time Charlie's family had ever been to the library.**

Start With The Arts couples read-alouds of books with arts activities. Those activities turned Charlie into a book lover. So, imagine Charlie's surprise when they learned that there was a place, in their town, where they could borrow books for free.



Charlie's joy was contagious.

The librarians signed up Charlie's family for a library card and introduced them available resources. The library has book backpacks filled with activities to supplement a chosen story, and Charlie proudly wore one (along with a big smile!) as their family left the library that day.

That moment where art makes things more exciting or makes the world make more sense. The moment when art brings a story to life and instills confidence in a young artist. That moment with Charlie and they're huge smile...

That's the magic.

So, thank you, for making magic with us this year.

We couldn't do it without you!

Katie

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