JUNIOR CENTER

**OF ART & SCIENCE** 

The Junior Center's mission is to cultivate curiosity and creative exploration through the arts and sciences. We are a small, independent non-profit organization proudly serving the Oakland community.

Our core values include the necessity of equity and representation in the arts and sciences. We invest in these values through equitable access to our programs - providing low and no cost programs and partnerships throughout all seven districts of Oakland and beyond.

Through our interactive learning spaces, and handson classes, workshops, & camps we utilize a creative youth development approach - integrating creative skill building, inquiry, and expression with positive youth development.

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8,000+

young people and their families
create and explore with us each year
through our visiting hours, afterschool
programs, and community partnerships.

JOIN OUR EFFORTS TODAY

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Arts and science based learning - also known as S.T.E.A.M - provides learners with creative ways to wrap their heads around new concepts, ask questions of the world around them, and experiment with ways to investigate and problem-solve - skills necessary to navigate the 21st century.

We envision the Junior Center as a hub for this creative exploration - one that is accessible and essential to Oakland families and beyond. The beginning of our efforts include keeping our doors open at suggested donation, providing sliding scale for all our program fees, and prioritizing local partnerships.

In the last year alone we've significantly deepened our impact within the community - building relationships with school partners, family resource centers, and the city's own Parks, Rec, and Youth Development Department - spanning our reach throughout all seven districts of Oakland.

As our impact grows so does our need. In the coming year we aim to expand our circle of support. I hope you'll join our efforts and invest in our community's next generation of creative explorers.

- Dominique Enriquez, Executive Director

### **JOIN US!**

GIVE TODAY. Your gift directly impacts over 8,000 young people and their families.

\$2,500 Brings a Junior Center artist into a local

classroom for an eight visit program.

\$500 Provides materials to two OUSD classrooms.

\$250 Sponsors one student in an after school class.

\$30 Sponsors a family of five to visit our center.

SPREAD THE WORD. We are currently seeking new sponsorship and community support opportunities. Know someone who may be Interested? Contact us at denriquez@juniorcenter.org.

VOLUNTEER. Give your time - we offer many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Visit us at juniorcenter.org to learn more.

5,500+

visitors to our center

2,400

children served through classes and workshops off-site

15

long-term community partnerships/ residencies

40 t

# of zipcodes served through our programs

### 2018/2019 IMPACT

#### OPERATING BUDGET \$371K

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7% MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

16% FOUNDATIONS

22% INDIVIDUAL GIVING

55% EARNED CLASSES, CAMPS, WORKSHOPS 2% MARKETING

22% ADMIN OPERATIONS

76%
PROGRAM
EXPENSES

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#### **OUR GROWING OUTREACH EFFORTS.**

With support from the California Arts Council, we served eight classrooms at OUSD schools Franklin Elementary and Emerson Elementary. Through these programs students explored ideas of storytelling and identity through a multitude of media including ceramics, cyanotypes, self-portraiture, and 3D design.

Funded through the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, the Junior Center provided the Little Science program at all three of Lotus Bloom's family resource centers. Providing hands-on science learning experiences to Oakland's youngest learners and their caregivers.

#### **COMMUNITY EXHIBITIONS + FAMILY DAYS**

With support from the City of Oakland's Cultural Funding Department, the Junior Center provided two FREE family days at our center - providing hands-on learning invitations and activities, live music, and food - our family days brought over 500 families this year.

We were proud to partner with local community members to provide four FREE community exhibitions in our gallery space, including:

**This is Oakland**: a collection of portraits from photojournalist Kenneth P. Green, Sr. Green was a staff photographer for the Oakland Tribune between 1968 - 1982 and captured portraiture and imagery of some of the most important times here in Oakland. We are proud to be only the third institution to showcase this significant body of work.

Water + Trees in California: an exhibition exclusively designed for the Junior Center by scientists Sue Pierre and Joyce Chery. This show explored the anatomy of trees and water conservation for the youngest learners and their caregivers.

#### **BUDDING PARTNERSHIPS...**

As we develop and grow we've prioritized partnering with Oakland's existing resources. This year we've partnered with numerous peer organizations to expand our reach and impact. Partnerships include:

New Door Interns and the Oakland Youth Employment Program: providing internship opportunities for Oakland youth interested in community arts and science learning.

**Oakland Unified Arts Partners:** each month we host this group of Oakland arts providers to develop and plan arts education advocacy and professional development opportunities.

**Alameda County Office of Education:** we're proud to provide space for educator learning through ACOE's Integrated Learning Program and White Educators for Racial Justice group.







## Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our donors.

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Horton Shapiro

#### up to \$100

Paul Hampton Adams Cedric Brown Ruth Botchan Stewart Carter Shriley B Conner B. Cox Kenneth Davids Hien Doan Catherine Eisenberger Cvnthia Foster Marilyn GaliotheAdriane Gardner Mariorie Goodin John Hunter Sonia Katrval Mary Ann Kassier Bernard and Elaine Lo Barbara Maxxfield Indi McCasey Cindy Michael Charlie Michelson Santosh Oommen Julie Oullette Vivian Pisano Tina Seymour Phillips Vishali Shah M.B. Strauss Sugga's Eye Images Steven Trevathan

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