



The Fine Arts Association Receives \$3,250 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy Initiatives

Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded The Fine Arts Association a \$3,250 grant to support youth literacy initiatives. This local grant award is part of more than \$4 million in grants awarded this fall to nearly 850 nonprofit organizations, libraries, and schools across the 46 states that Dollar General serves.

“We are grateful to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for their generous grant that will help support an Integrated Arts-Literacy program in a Willoughby-Eastlake elementary school. The arts are instrumental in helping children better understand aspects of reading as well as helping manage stress and anxiety. The Fine Arts Association offers fun and enriching distance learning options for arts programming outreach to schools, non-profits, and social service agencies.” says Director of Development, Yvonne Delgado Thomas

The Integrated Arts-Literacy program will serve all students in Grade 1 at one elementary school. The curriculum is aligned to the State Standards. With this gracious award, The Fine Arts Association will be able to pay for all the books, materials, supplies, and equipment needed to ensure a high-quality learning experience.

“This year, many teachers, libraries, and literacy organizations are facing new challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. “Despite the unprecedented obstacles, we admire the tremendous efforts and commitments from educators as they work to provide students with the tools they need to develop their literacy skills. We hope these funds will help support their plans to advance learning and deliver quality instruction in our hometown communities.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

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About The Fine Arts Association

The Fine Arts Association (FAA) serves the community by enhancing lives through arts education, creative arts therapies, performance, community partnerships, and advocacy. FAA strives to motivate, inspire, and transform individuals. Through collaboration, promoting creative exchange, FAA is a catalyst for uniting the regional community to embrace the arts.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$186 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 12 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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