



## Partnerships

ArtCenter Manatee works with local groups to further our mission of providing a platform for artists of all age & experience levels and our goal of making art more accessible to all. Statistics support the benefits of an arts education – from improving well-being and healing to increasing academic performance, problem-solving abilities & sparking creativity in young and old alike.

**School District of Manatee County** – in 2020 we'll hold our 7th annual exhibit of the work of K-12 students featuring the all media work of about 225 students. A juror will select winners in 3 grade ranges & we'll award 16 scholarships to art classes. We provide galleries, marketing & expertise.

**Soar In 4** - Soar in 4 is Manatee County's movement to ensure all 4 year olds and their families have the opportunities and support they need for success in preschool, school and beyond. We are transforming neighborhoods through conversations and leveraging community resources to create generational change, educational success and economic stability. We work with the School system, Bishop Museum & the library to conduct monthly sessions.

**Lighthouse of Manasota** – We offer an annual painting class with 8-12 children with limited vision. A valuable learning experience for all.

**Just for Girls** – We've worked with Just for Girls for some time, providing scholarships to our KidsArt programs. The classes keep students engaged & sparks out-of-the-box thinking & fun.

**Girl Scouts** – We work with a local troop on Junior Art badges - pottery, jewelry & collage. Our partnership is ongoing.

**Bradenton Kiwanis** – As members, we volunteer on community projects that serve children, including Kids Fighting Hunger packing 50,000 lbs of food & in Christmas in August, preparing 500 homeless children for school with everything from medical tests to book packs, shoes & haircuts.

**Manatee County** - Our Executive Director serves on the Public Art Board, is a juror for the Golden Herald Awards that reward high school students who use their talents to make a difference in our community. She's also a member of Service Club of Manatee County, a group that provides for children in need in Manatee County.

In addition, we are active the Public Arts Board, The Service Club of Manatee County, Bradenton Kiwanis, Manatee Community Foundation and the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. Realize Bradenton, Bishop Museum and Manatee Players are cultural partners.

Every collaboration enriches the ArtCenter, those we serve and our community. We will continue to build these relationships.