

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Hilltop Artists' 30th Anniversary! We kicked off the 30th anniversary at our Spring Glass Sale; through May, we hosted 20 alumni in the Hilltop Heritage hot shop where they collaborated on sculptures inspired by Hilltop's history. We commemorated the Summer phase of our anniversary with a pop-up exhibit at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art in June, featuring art from students, alumni, and instructors.

Collaboration and Community Our *In Residence* program welcomed Joe Feddersen, William Passmore, Dan Friday, Adeye Jean-Baptiste, and our own alumni & instructors! These residencies centered collaboration: students created glass fish which were incorporated into vessels by Dan; they made fused glass faces for a piece by Adeye; and they sculpted fused-glass skeletons for an installation by Joe. Students, staff, and community members also contributed to a 30th anniversary mosaic.

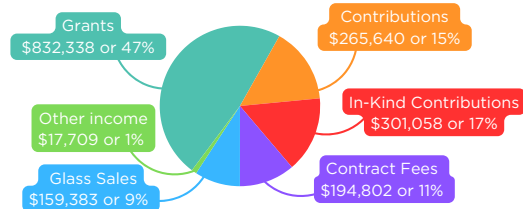
We held six *Fused Together* workshops at Tacoma libraries; 142 people attended this free program. Tiles created at prior workshops are on display as stained glass windows at the Moore and South Tacoma Library branches. Hilltop Artists also made 1,050 unique glass pieces for Monkeyshines, Tacoma's Lunar New Year scavenger hunt.

Our 2023 Better Futures Luncheon celebrated our LGBTQIA+ youth. This inclusion extended to the rainbow centerpieces - infusing the event with Pride. The centerpieces were made by Production students in collaboration with Museum of Glass at our 2023 summer residency.



Student speaker Ashley at the 2023 Better Futures Luncheon.

Gross Total Revenue: \$1,770, 931



Students in the Hilltop Artists After-School program work on glass ornaments.



PROGRAMS

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

IMPACT

SUPPORT

At Hilltop Heritage Middle School and Dr. Dolores Silas High School: Daytime Electives, After-School, Team Production, Alumni Team, Summer Glass Arts, and Arts Connect, a partnership with Pierce County Juvenile Court.

Outreach Services: wrap-around support, and advocacy for students and their families.

Community events: like the Arts Night Out Block Party, Open Studio Tour, Youth Jamboree, Fused Together library workshops, and Hot Shop Hot Nights totaled 1,125 attendees.

For a total of 3,494 Program Hours

Zane, Luis, and Stina at the 2024 Spring Glass Sale.



With support from Crafting the Future, students attended classes at the Appalachian Center for Craft and the Penland School of Craft. Pilchuck Glass School hosted students for a three-day retreat.

Alumni led our 2023 Summer Glass Arts with three teaching fusing, flameworking, and glassblowing, and for the first time, two more alums teaching neon.

At the Museum of Glass, our youth were the featured artists once per month on free third Thursdays and hosted weekend glassmaking workshops for Museum of Glass visitors in the fall and spring.



Comprehensive, tuition-free, glass arts instruction for 644 youth participants. 8,933+ people reached through exhibits, workshops, glass demos, and other community-wide events.

A 100% high school graduation rate in 2024 for our Team Production students.

60% of our 2024 High School graduates have enrolled in post-secondary education.

More than 700 people attended our two annual glass sales.

Production student JJ at Fall 2023 Pilchuck Retreat.



950 individual donors, including **126 Murrini Club members,** gave to Hilltop Artists!

Additionally, 49 businesses and 23 foundations gave to Hilltop Artists.

Shoppers purchased 2,311 glass pieces.

Team Production completed 30 commissions totaling approximately 5,000 individual pieces.

Special thanks to Tacoma Creates, Tacoma Public Schools, and the Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation for continued core support, and to all our supporters for their generosity and commitment to Hilltop Artists this past year.



We appreciate you!