

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

HILL TOP ART ISTS

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Flexible and responsive glass art instruction

Hilltop Artists responded to the continuing challenges of COVID-19 by designing new curricula, offering virtual, hybrid, and in-person programs, and creating and delivering at-home art projects for youth. Students stayed safe and engaged with art.

Connecting with our community online

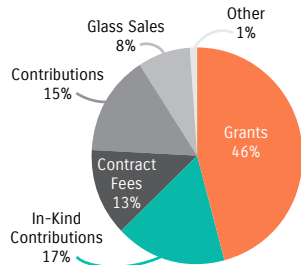
Online engagement grew exponentially as we worked every day to celebrate our students and share inspiration. We streamed glassblowing live from our hot shop, spotlighted emerging artists, and held our first 'virtual luncheon' with student and staff testimonials, watch parties, and an online auction.

Hilltop Artists Alumni Team

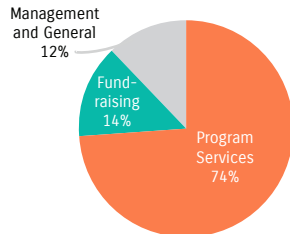
Artists ages 18-25 gained production experience, mentoring, and career support in our new program. Alumni work on advanced production projects earning a stipend and free studio time.



Revenue: \$1,384,091



Expenses: \$1,384,091



PROGRAMS

Comprehensive, tuition-free, glass arts instruction and mentorship for 355* youth. Programs include:

Arts Connect, a partnership with Pierce County Juvenile Court.

At Hilltop Heritage Middle School and Dr. Dolores Silas High School:

- Daytime Electives
- Team Production
- Alumni Team
- Summer Glass Arts

Outreach Services, wraparound support and advocacy for students and their families.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

2020

After School programming in partnership with the Museum of Glass.

Alumni Team: vocational skill building and production experience for students ages 18+.

2021

Created 1,112 glass floats and medallions for Monkeyshines, Tacoma's 2021 Lunar New Year treasure hunt.

Week-long residencies at Pilchuck Glass School for 5 students and 2 staff.

3 students and 1 staff member received scholarships to attend classes at craft schools across the country in partnership with Crafting the Future, an organization that connects BIPOC artists with opportunities to thrive.

IMPACT

100% high school graduation rate.

64% of Alumni students are enrolled in or have completed post-secondary education.

100% of Alumni students are working, enrolled in college, or engaged in an apprentice program.

Retained 100% of our staff members in a pandemic year!



SUPPORT

560 donors including 140 Murrini Club members gave to Hilltop Artists.

Shoppers made 1,153 purchases, and Team Production completed 26 commissions.

Special thanks to....

Tacoma Creates, Tacoma Public Schools, and The Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation for continuing core support....

And to all our foundation, government, and individual supporters for their generosity and commitment to Hilltop Artists over the past year.

We appreciate you!

*These are unduplicated numbers. Student numbers for 2020-21 were lower due to COVID-19 restrictions and hot shop closures.