

# POSSIBILITIES BRING OPPORTUNITIES

Change is in the air. Our community is being vaccinated, our schools are preparing to welcome hybrid learning cohorts, and RVEF is coming closer to reaching our year end goal.

Our thermometer has risen 14% in the past month and we're now only \$10,000 shy! While the Art Docent Program is still at risk of being cut for the 2021-22 school year, I'm confident that together we can close the gap.

Albert Einstein said, "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." I must admit, there are days when simple acts seem overwhelming. But what always makes me smile is seeing my children's drawings, paintings, and clay sculptures scattered around the house and knowing that these pockets of sunshine were crafted with the help of our Art Docent Program.

I invite you to look closely at all the lessons that have been created and ask yourself, "How much is a child's art education worth?" I hope you agree that the awareness, understanding, and journey taken in creating pieces of personal expression and imagination are priceless. And if you do, please consider donating so that we can continue to provide our students this wonderful opportunity.



**DONATE TODAY**

Sincerely, *Megan Fonseca*

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## WHAT THE ART DOCENT PROGRAM OFFERS

### IN THE CLASSROOM

#### ART DOCENT PROGRAM

RINCON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

The goal of the Art Docent Program is to stimulate, at an early age, a child's awareness of art and to help them understand its process through hands on participation.

Each lesson has been selected for a particular grade level and offers a progressive understanding of artists, methods, and mediums.

Volunteers sign up to teach lessons in the classrooms once a month. Art Docents teach in one or more of RVEF's eight elementary schools, offering almost a dozen art lessons at each grade level. Kindergarten through sixth grade. The lessons are in kit format and our docents check out the lessons and materials. It's like a lending library of art lessons. The teachers in our district can request a lesson once a month throughout the school year.

The Art Docent Coordinator, Jeannie Behr, matches a volunteer (usually a parent) with a teacher, coordinates their schedules, and sets up a time for the volunteer to teach the lesson. When the monthly schedule is posted and the docents know what they will be teaching, they contact the coordinator to set up a time to learn the details of the lesson. The times listed for each lesson are the minimum time it takes to complete in the classroom.

The Art Docent Program started 23 years ago and was modeled after another school district's program. It began with three parents with three lessons for all the schools in the district to share. The Art Docent Program has now grown to over 75 lessons, including a ceramic clay lesson at every grade level. We average 130 Art Docents and they teach more than 475 art lessons annually. This adds up to over twenty thousand individual pieces of art work that are created because of this wonderful program and the amazing group of volunteers that support it.

For information about the Art Docent Program please contact Jeannie Behr at 539-4060 ext. 4322, [jbhr@rvef.org](mailto:jbhr@rvef.org), or [jeanniebhr@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanniebhr@hotmail.com).

**IT COSTS \$35,000 PER YEAR TO**

- Purchase and prepare materials
- Restock Kits
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Coordinate schedules
- Develop new projects and samples
- Teach in those classrooms that do not have a volunteer assigned to them

Help us start 2021 strong as we ensure next year our Rincon Valley schools have docent led art instruction every month in each of our classrooms at every grade level.

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### ONLINE

#### Wednesday Enrichment Online

##### Art Docent Lessons 2020-2021

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter Bird</li> <li>• Letter Turtle</li> <li>• Whale</li> <li>• Sunflowers</li> <li>• My Pet Worm</li> <li>• Fish</li> <li>• "A" is for ...</li> <li>• "B" is for ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purified</li> <li>• "C" is For ...</li> <li>• "D" is For ...</li> <li>• "E" is For ...</li> <li>• "F" is For ...</li> <li>• A Snowman</li> <li>• The Snowman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triangle Tree</li> <li>• Polar Bear</li> <li>• "K" is For ...</li> <li>• "H" is For ...</li> <li>• Big Cat</li> <li>• Heart Dog</li> <li>• "I" is For ...</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cats</li> <li>• Colorful Caterpillar</li> <li>• "G" is for Bird</li> <li>• Tulips</li> <li>• Lion</li> <li>• A Mistle Leaf</li> <li>• Fractured Fish</li> <li>• Owl</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendly Monsters</li> <li>• Birds of Color</li> <li>• Dog</li> <li>• Ice Cream Cone</li> <li>• Polar Bear; Polar Bear</li> <li>• A Snow Person</li> <li>• Penguins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Stack of Cats</li> <li>• Tail Birds</li> <li>• Frog</li> <li>• A Little Bird that Starts With an Arrow</li> <li>• Heart Bee</li> <li>• Lots of Ladybugs</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs</li> <li>• Owls</li> <li>• Ducks</li> <li>• Textured Spiral Snakes</li> <li>• Sunflowers</li> <li>• Mistle Leaf</li> <li>• A House for a Hermit Crab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cactus Flowers</li> <li>• Halloween Cat</li> <li>• The Chicken or the Hooted?</li> <li>• Above &amp; Below</li> <li>• Warm Sky &amp; Cool Hills</li> <li>• Shape &amp; Lines</li> <li>• The Snowman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Reindeer</li> <li>• Footprints in the Snow</li> <li>• Primary &amp; Secondary Fish</li> <li>• Stick Cats</li> <li>• Milk</li> <li>• Chain of Hearts</li> <li>• Dragonfly</li> </ul>

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# Enrichment



**Classes Start the  
Week of April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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# SURVEY

Help us fine tune RVEF's  
Enrichment Program by  
taking our survey. We'd  
love your input on how  
we've done and what we  
can provide in the future.



While classes will remain  
online until we return to  
school in person full  
time, we plan to use the  
time to plan for a  
successful relaunch.

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*Thank You!*



Many thanks to Steve Shirrell, on behalf of STANROY MUSIC CENTER, for becoming a Platinum Level Sponsor! Stanroy has provided and maintained many musical instruments for our school district and RVEF is excited to partner with them as well.

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*Sunnyside Cottage*

Thank you to Debbie McCormick of Sunnyside Cottage for becoming a Bronze Level Sponsor! Sunnyside supports RVUSD walkathons by donating gift baskets for their silent auctions & raffles. This delightful store is filled with vintage-inspired gifts, new & current toys on the market, & home decor. To learn more about Sunnyside Cottage, click the logo above.

We thank them in abundance for giving back to a community they have already helped.

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<http://www.rvef.org/aboutus/oursponsors.html>

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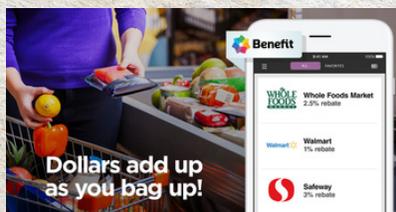
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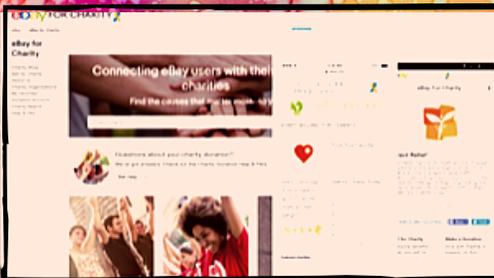


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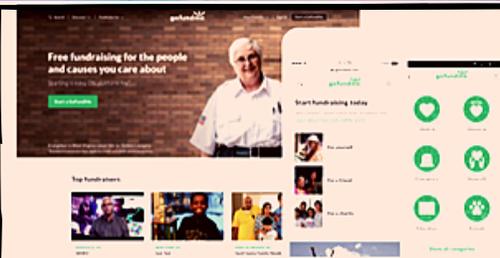
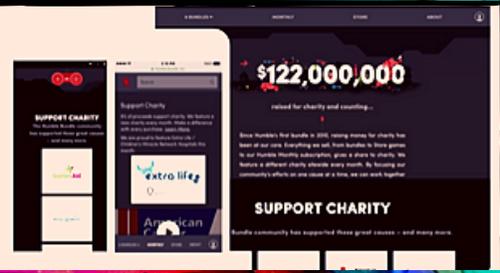
eBay customers can support your charity by adding a donation when they buy an item, or donating a percentage when they sell an item.

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## GoFundMe

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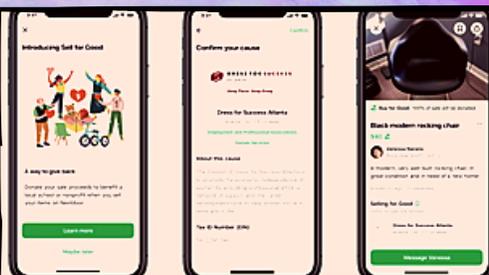
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## Airbnb

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Give a little every time you host



## Nextdoor

Sell For Good gives neighbors the ability to support local charities, by simply buying and selling items on Nextdoor's For Sale and Free. An easy way for Nextdoor members to revitalize their neighborhood by giving back to support a local cause.

[Learn more about Sell For Good here](#)