

Dear St. Andrew congregation,

THANK YOU for your generous quarterly donation of \$825 for our Inspiritus programs that came in at the end of April. Your continued support inspires our team's efforts to reach families in at-risk communities who have been marginalized and often traumatized.

Our MyCanvas program is undergoing a rebranding in the months ahead. MyCanvas will now be called **Thrive Studios** to better reflect our work and our mission. These efforts of supporting youth will continue and grow under the leadership of our full-time Family and Youth Program Specialist, Devon Billions-Gomez. We are committed to bringing more frequent therapeutic art services for youth and adults in low-income communities, and we are thankful for your support with an art drive during your vacation Bible school!

What we have discovered in the midst of a pandemic was small gatherings of sibling groups proved to be so effective in bolstering creativity, growth, and healing. These small groups were essential for the young people. "I just want you to know how much it meant to us to be here while all of this was going on," said one nine-year-old participant.

Additionally in 2020, **more than 3,000 individuals** were fed from our location with hot meals, food boxes, sack lunches, and snacks. This year we have already distributed more than 32,000 meals from our North Nashville location. Our youth arts program reached more than 300 youth with expressive therapeutic art services. **We have provided plants, soil, tools, and ongoing mentoring for 174+ gardens for families in public and subsidized housing.** Our disaster team continues response and recovery efforts in Cookeville and South Nashville. And our Refugee and Immigration Services now covers the state with our Post Release/Home Study program for unaccompanied minors. Inspiritus is growing.

With that growth, we covet your support, prayers, and service more than ever. You have seen our little organization through some rough and trying times in the past. We pray you will continue to partner with us to serve the most vulnerable in our communities in the months and years to come.

Blessings to you and **THANK YOU!**

Janet Arning,

Inspiritus Regional Director for Middle Tennessee