



Examples of Art Service-Learning Projects implemented by college students with K-12 classes.

Project Title: The Bead Project

Community Issue: Holiday Cheer for Women in Shelters

Grade Level: 4-6

Number of Visits: 3

Students from pre-service art education teamed up with area 4th, 5th and 6th graders to create four hundred pieces of jewelry out of thousands of donated beads. Together, the students created necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets and gave them to the women and children who were living in the nearby shelters as Christmas presents. The project was such a success the groups teamed up again in May to create homemade jewelry as Mother's Day gifts.

Project Title: Project New Urban Arts

Community Issue: Showing and Supporting Youth Art

Grade Level: 10-12

Number of Visits: 4-6

The project provides high school students with free studio space and art supplies, as well as lessons from college art students and community artists. It also provides a service to the community, turning storefront space and turning it into display space for the art that the high school students create. This provides the students an outlet for showcasing their creative spirits and serves to beautify the local businesses and inspire community spirit.

Project Title: Art Therapy

Community Issue: Using Art with Incarcerated Individuals

Grade Level: 11-12

Number of Visits: 5

A local art professor and his ceramics students teamed up with high school ceramic students to work with selected prisoners from the area State Prison to work on an art project that connected both communities. Students and prisoners designed and fired ceramic tiles which would later be used to create three large-scale murals at the prison, college and high school. Emphasizing the cooperative theme of the project, the students' and prisoners' work was evenly divided among the murals at all three locations.

Additional Project Ideas

- Create a mosaic mural
- Make pottery to sell and donate proceeds to a non-profit
- Create art to display in a local library or post office
- Help younger students develop a list of personal goals