



Mayor's Art Institute
ALMA
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Dear Friends,

It is a very exciting time for our blossoming organization ALMA (Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts), and we would like to invite you to join us at this amazing moment of growth and expansion in our organization.

ALMA is the new parent organization and administrator for the Mayor's Art Institute. To give background on the program, the Mayor's Art Institute was created in 1999 to provide paid training and mentorship for artistically talented youth and adults. Apprentices work with Lead Artists to create handmade tile mosaics, helping with every aspect of making a public artwork. Sites of Art Institute murals include the Albuquerque Convention Center, the western entrance to Old Town, and the Juan Tabo Library. In spring 2015, ALMA was founded by the leadership team of the Mayor's Art Institute.

Our mission is to support and empower youth and adult artists, build community, and create world-class artwork through an apprenticeship model that develops leaders in a diverse and inclusive way.


We anticipate receiving nonprofit status in 2017. In the meantime, the New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund is generously providing fiscal sponsorship, organizational development training, and payroll services. We are learning so much through this partnership and are grateful for the Loan Fund's expertise and help.

ALMA is expanding our programming in the coming year, and we would love your support. We are grateful for the support of our current funders as well as our friends, family, and the greater community for making the Mayor's Art Institute possible. As ALMA continues to grow, however, there are more operational costs we need to cover, including the expense of securing a year-round studio location and hiring year-round staff. We would be thankful to have your support in these endeavors. Here are ways you can contribute:


- In-kind Support
 - In-kind support of goods or services can help minimize our expenses.
- Community contributions \$5-\$5,000
 - Any monetary support helps, and we are thankful for giving of any amount.
- Sponsorships \$5,000- \$20,000+
 - We are currently looking for program sponsors to help support ALMA as we grow. Contact us to discuss how you can contribute. Program sponsors will be listed on all plaques and print materials.

Many donations are tax deductible, and will be recognized on our website. Checks should be addressed to The Loan Fund with ALMA in the memo line and mailed to PO Box #12885 Albuquerque, NM 87195. We would be thrilled to discuss any donation in depth with you, so please feel free to email our Finance Director, Staci Drangmeister, at almatilearts@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration and support of ALMA. We are so honored to have you in our community.

All the best,


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