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Inner-City Arts Awarded \$150,000 Grant from S. Mark Taper Foundation to Support 2021 General Operations

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (January 21, 2021) — **Inner-City Arts**, a leading education nonprofit providing access to creative instruction for young people in Los Angeles—has received a \$150,000, one-year grant from the **S. Mark Taper Foundation** to support the organization's general operations.

With young people especially in crisis since shelter-in-place began, the arts play an incredibly important role in healing and social-emotional learning. Financial support allows Inner-City Arts to completely remove financial barriers so that any young person may enroll, regardless of their family's means. Funding also supports teaching artists, who have shifted their learning models so heroically. Finally, the continuity of these arts programs represents a lifeline for students not just to art and creation, but to each other. In a time with limited social outlets, young people can still find their tribe in the dozens of arts classes offered.

"As we continue to tackle the challenges of education during this public health crisis, we are particularly grateful for the generous, timely support from the S. Mark Taper Foundation," shared Inner-City Arts Board President, **Jonathan Schreter**. "Their continued commitment to our cause enables us to continue to provide creative arts learning and critical thinking skills development to those young people in the Los Angeles area that need them most."

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ABOUT INNER-CITY ARTS

Founded in 1989, Inner-City Arts is a learning oasis in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. Under the guidance of professional teaching artists, Inner-City Arts' students are immersed in a safe and supportive environment where they may engage in a variety of visual, media, and performing art forms in a virtual studio setting. Services include core classes during the instructional day for grade K-8 students, after school and weekend workshops for teens and creativity based professional development training for educators. Children who attend Inner-City Arts develop skills that are highly valued in the 21st century workforce such as collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

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