The background is a collage of images related to arts and education. At the top, a person in a striped shirt is seen from the back, and another person wearing a face mask is working on a project. In the center, a young girl with a headband is smiling. At the bottom, there are framed artworks and a sign for 'Arts & Scraps'.

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# A Message from our Executive Director, Ang Adamiak

**Arts & Scraps Family,**

**In many ways, 2022 felt like the year of "almost there." We almost bought a new building and moved our location, but the ever-changing commercial real estate market hindered our progress. We nearly got our Community Store back to its pre-pandemic income, and our programming reached about 2/3 of its pre-pandemic level. It has been a year of rebuilding, reframing, and reimagining our future in the new, hybrid world we find ourselves.**

**One thing that has become clear is that the need for Arts & Scraps has only grown, as it often does during tough financial times for educators, artists, and community members. Throughout all of the changes over the last few years, our staff has continued to rise to the challenge and serve our community.**

**Another important thing we have learned as an organization is the profound impact that taking time for internal conversation and collaboration has on our work. In January 2022, we did something new: we set aside one week from our usual busy schedule for intentional time for growth, learning, and planning. So much came out of that time together that we are still working towards the goals of that initial meeting. We are building internal infrastructure to help Arts & Scraps scale and meet its newly appointed mission and goals. You'll read all about them in the pages that follow, and I hope you are as excited about them as I am.**

**While we may look the same to the casual passerby, new energy surging through our work will expand what we do at our own location and across the city and region. We hope you will continue to walk this path with us; we know we can't accomplish all we do without our wonderful volunteers, donors, clients, and students. As we look back, there is much to be proud of. As we look forward, there is enormous potential for a positive impact on Detroit's citizens of all ages, as well as our world.**

**Ang Adamiak, Executive Director**





# A Message from our Board Chair, Susan Kalkstein

**On behalf of the Arts & Scraps Board of Directors, I'd like to first wish everyone a very happy new year!**

**Echoing Ang's sentiments, 2022 proved to be a year of realignment and reinvigoration for Arts and Scraps. While the pandemic faded more into the background of our daily work, the impacts of the crisis remained as evident as ever within our organization and within the Detroit community we serve. The need for repositioning ourselves to serve you in this hybrid world best was critical and became our dedicated focus. Our store, programs, fundraisers, warehouse, volunteering & events continued based on an ever-growing need for learning, creativity, sustainability, and safe community spaces. The Arts & Scraps family has once again shown resiliency and perseverance through all types of resource constraints.**

**For 2023, I am most excited about the team of people we have to carry out the mission of Arts & Scraps. The mindset, commitment, and passion of each staff member reveal why they are the internal strength of our organization. I am also encouraged by the dynamic collaboration of our Staff and Board together. We are connecting in new ways with the goal of capitalizing on how our time and talents can be channeled.**

**If it's been only days or even years, please stop in and see us at our legacy home on Harper. I encourage you to continue a dialogue with us in person or virtually. We hope to have your support at one of our events or fundraisers this year, kicking it off this spring with our birthday in March & Earth month in April. With you as our inspiration and purpose, let's team together to make 2023 the most impactful year yet!**

**Susan Kalkstein, Board Chair**



# OUR STORY SO FAR



## Our Mission

Arts & Scraps is a nonprofit organization located on the eastside of Detroit that uses recycled materials to help people of all ages and abilities to think, learn, and create. We combine learning and fun in a way that's environmentally sustainable.

## Our purpose

Since 1989, Arts & Scraps has been educating students in Detroit, serving thousands each year by bringing our programs into classrooms across Detroit and Metro Detroit. Our recycled materials and unique educational philosophy allow students to let go of preconceived notions about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and experience those subjects through art integration and creative expression.



A photograph of the Detroit Community Store, a brick building with a large mural of a rose on its side. In the foreground, several people are sorting through boxes of donated goods on wooden pallets. A shopping cart is visible in the lower right. The entire image has a yellow tint.

# THE DETROIT COMMUNITY STORE



# Arts & Scraps DETROIT COMMUNITY Store

## What is the Detroit Community Store?

**Arts & Scraps Detroit Community Store is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit resource for the Detroit community. We provide hundreds of classrooms, organizations, and individuals with access to unique and affordable materials for their creative projects.**

**Our store offers bulk shopping options, including the popular 'fill a bag' option, which allows customers to select a variety of mixed materials at a discounted price. Our 2,000-square-foot store is constantly changing, with new materials being added daily to the bins. We also have a community classroom where customers can participate in creative reuse art projects. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff is always happy to assist customers with material selection and offer ideas and inspiration for their projects.**



**Follow the DCS  
official instagram:**



**Impact  
Snapshot**

**5,042**  
Customers

**1,224**  
Volunteer  
Hours

**720**  
Volunteers

**72%**  
Self  
Sustainable

**12**  
Tons of  
Recycled  
Materials



# THE DETROIT COMMUNITY STORE SCHOLARSHIP

**Our Community Store Scholarship is designed to provide local teachers, artists, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit organizations with the materials they need to make a meaningful impact in their community. Through this program, we have been able to resource approximately 275 individuals and organizations with the tools and resources they need to achieve their goals. We are committed to supporting the growth and development of our community members and are proud to be able to provide this support through our Community Store Scholarship program.**

## Community Store Scholarship Recipients

**A Girl's Dream  
Detroit Public Schools Community District  
Creative Odyssey  
Girl Scouts  
In The Fields Studio  
Jewelry Ladies On The Block  
Lincoln Park Farmers Market  
Macomb Montessori Academy  
Mind Your Business  
Mint Artists Guild  
Paper Street Press  
Pontiac Creative Arts Center  
Riverside Academy Early Childhood Center  
Rochester Community Schools**







# PROGRAMS



# Arts & Scraps Programs



Arts & Scraps programming offers a variety of fun and engaging educational programs that foster social and emotional growth, creativity, and fine motor skills through hands-on learning. Our curriculum-based lessons are aligned with State and National standards and are designed to be adaptable to individual needs! We provide students with customized kits that allow them to create right at their desks. Children are encouraged to learn, create, and explore their curiosity and imagination through our store and the ScrapMobile bus. Additionally, we offer onsite programming in schools, after-school programs, and community centers. Approximately 66% of our programs are based in the city of Detroit, while 34% occur outside the city. We are committed to providing high-quality educational programming that encourages creativity and imagination for children in the community.

## Impact Snapshot

**26,773**

**People Served  
at Events**

**6,466**

**Students  
Impacted**

**39**

**Communities  
Impacted**

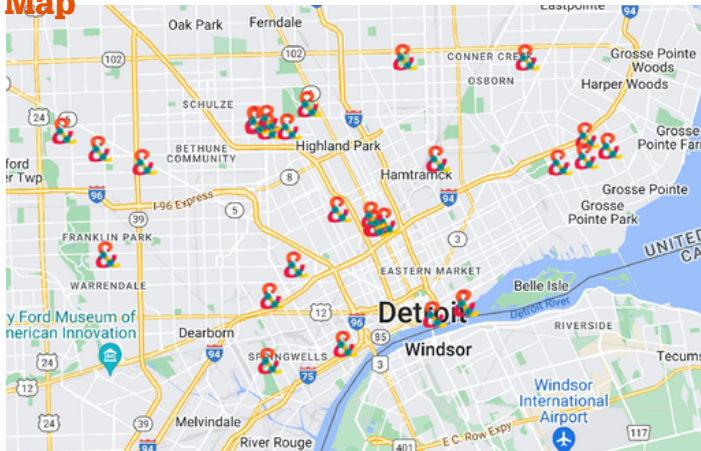
**246**

**Total  
Programming  
Events**



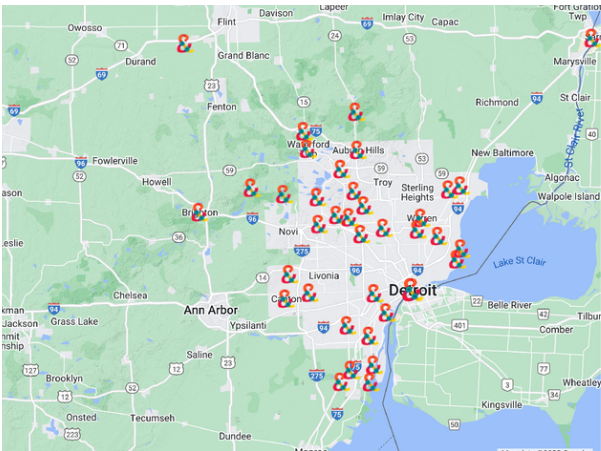
# Communities Served

Detroit Programming Map



- Brilliant Brightmoor House
- Brilliant Central House
- Brilliant Detroit Chandler Park
- Brilliant Fitzgerald House
- Brilliant Martin Park
- Brilliant Momingside
- Brilliant Osborn House
- Brilliant Detroit Southwest
- Arts and Scraps
- E. Warren Farmers Market
- Childtime of Detroit
- Gesu Catholic School
- Wellspring
- Metro United Methodist Church
- Palmer Park
- Farwell Field
- Patton Recreation Center
- Wayne Metro Community Action Agency
- DSO Clark Park Culture & Arts
- River Days
- University of Detroit Mercy
- CultureSource

SE Michigan Programming Map



- Auburn Hills
- Beverly Hills
- Birmingham
- Bloomfield Hills
- Brighton
- Brownstown Charter Township
- Clarkston
- Canton
- Commerce Charter Township
- Center Line
- Clinton Township
- Dearborn
- Detroit
- Eastpointe
- Farmington Hills
- Flat Rock
- Franklin
- Gibraltar
- Grosse Pointe Farms
- Grosse Pointe Shores
- Lake Orion
- Milford
- Mount Clemens
- Plymouth

66%  
of our programs  
were in Detroit

34%  
of our programs were  
across SE Michigan





# WAREHOUSE



# Arts & Scraps Warehouse



We are extremely proud of our warehouse, which serves as a vital component of Arts & Scraps operations. It is the hub for kit production, volunteer coordination, and supply organization. Without it, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. The warehouse serves as a home base for our dedicated volunteers, where they can work together to create new kits from recycled materials and sort donations. We are grateful for the 2,552 volunteer hours that have been invested in impactful projects within our warehouse. It is a testament to the dedication and passion of our volunteers and the vital role the warehouse plays in our organization.

## Volunteers

Arts & Scraps is proud to be recognized as a premier destination for volunteering in Metro Detroit. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and enthusiasm that our volunteers bring to our organization, and we are honored to have them be a part of our team. Thank you to all our volunteers for their continued support and contribution. Check out our stats below!



## Impact Snapshot

**2,540**

**Volunteer  
Hours**

**825**

**Volunteers**

**155**

**Volunteer  
Groups**

**7**

**Tons of  
Recycled  
Material**

**11**



## Our Volunteer partnerships



**ROCKET**  
Companies, Inc.



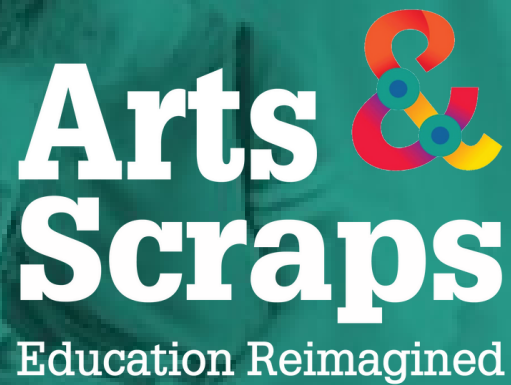
**AmeriCorps**

**buildOn**



We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our partners for their unwavering dedication and selfless contributions. Your hard work and commitment have been instrumental in our success, and we are deeply appreciative of your efforts. Thank you for being a valued partner and for your ongoing support!





# OUR STORIES



# Watch messages from our supporters!



**Dwight's Story**



**Janis, Deborah  
& Mary's Story**



**Tonya's Story**



**Joelle's Story**

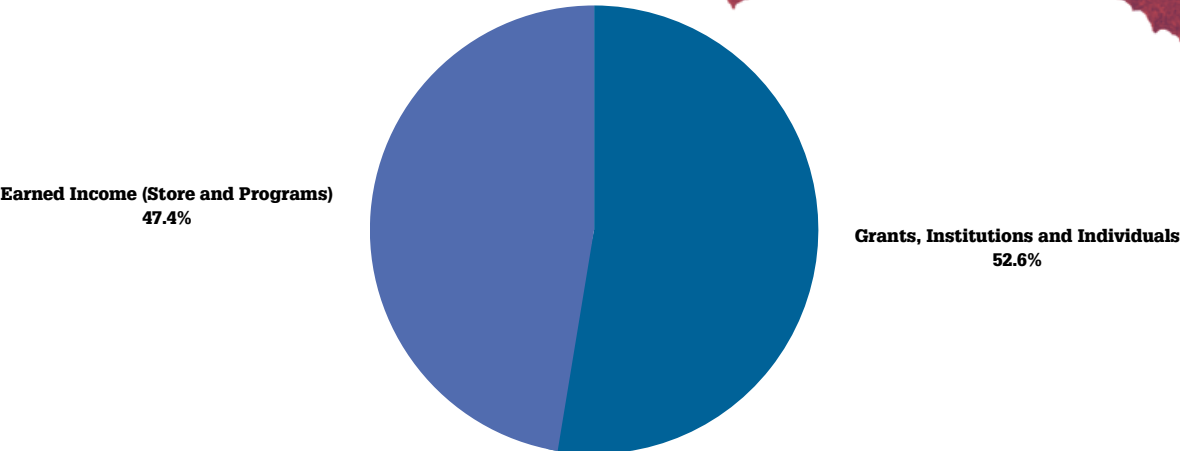




# FINANCES

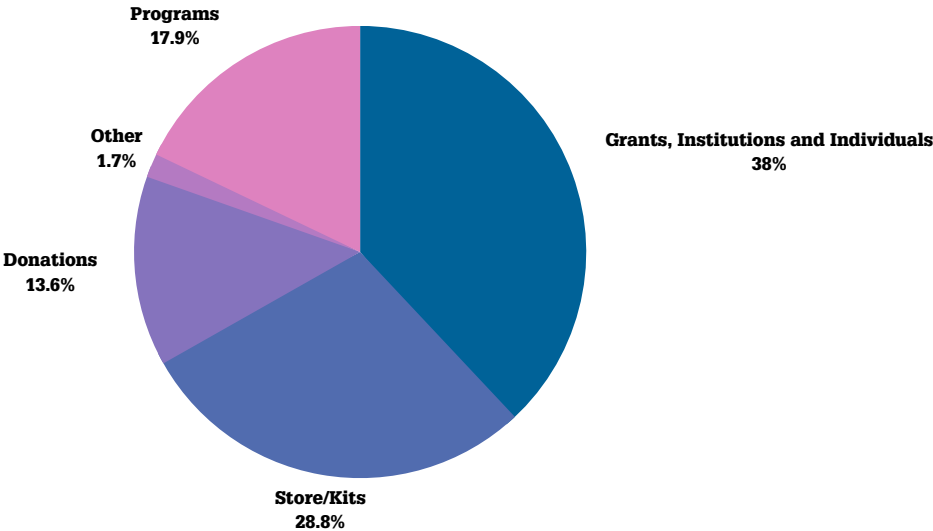


# A Financial Snapshot



### INCOME

We are pleased to report an improvement in our financial performance, with a balanced ratio of earned to unearned income. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, as well as the trust and loyalty of our supporters. We are committed to continued growth and success and are confident in our ability to maintain this positive trend in the future.



### INCOME BREAKDOWN

We are proud to report significant growth across all sectors of our organization this year. We experienced a notable increase in unique donors, and our store sales have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, we have expanded our paid programming offerings, which has further contributed to our overall impact. This is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our team, and we are committed to maintaining this positive trajectory in the future!



## BRILLIANT DETROIT PARTNERSHIP

During the summer and fall, we expanded our partnership with Brilliant Detroit, an organization dedicated to preparing students for early childhood development by using underutilized housing stock to create early child and family centers in neighborhoods.

Our instructors provided STEM Education Programming at Brilliant Detroit Houses for neighborhood students in grades K-5. The workshops were held outside and were designed to be socially distanced.

Each workshop focused on a specific STEM concept and included a themed creative activity for students to work on. Additionally, during the fourth and eighth weeks of the program, students had the opportunity to shop our ScrapMobile for materials. We were honored to serve the Central, Fitzgerald, Morningside, Brightmoor, and Southwest houses through this partnership.



“Since the beginning, she has been consistent and compassionate like our Brightmoor children were her own. She has brought fun and thought-provoking activities twice a week for the past 6 months and unlike me, she remembered names very fast. We had one child who wanted to be called Huggy Wuggy. So each visit she would say 'Hey Huggy Wuggy!!' Then when he wanted to change his name to something else, she would play right along.

Ms. Rachel has hugged the sad kids and laughed and played with the over-energetic ones. She has taught our kids some really cool things about art & science but more importantly to us, she made EVERYONE feel creative and important.”

My son Tyrese just loves coming to the Brilliant house for Arts & Scraps class. He really looks forward to it after school. He is getting much more creative with things around our house and he pays a lot of attention to what we can recycle. Tyrese even asks me which trash can to throw things away in. The blue one or the black one. I am so happy I enrolled him in this program and he is too.

- TaSandra Hemphill, parent

“I just wanted to say how thankful we are at Brilliant Detroit Brightmoor to have the Arts & Scraps Explorers Program over the past year. It has really brought our families closer to art and science. The children of Brightmoor have learned so much about recycling materials and being creative. Rachel and Katie have been the most amazing instructors. Their patience and flexibility working with our children has been nothing less than stellar. They teach with so much passion and knowledge about science that the kids don't even realize it's a class, it's more like play time. I have had the pleasure of hosting the Explorers Program at our Brightmoor site for almost a year now and it is a staple on our calendar. Our families look forward to it and the consistency it provides to the growth and development of their children. The ScrapMobile and store budget allowance has been VERY instrumental in allowing us the opportunity for children to create gifts for family during the holidays and even teachers during teacher appreciation week.

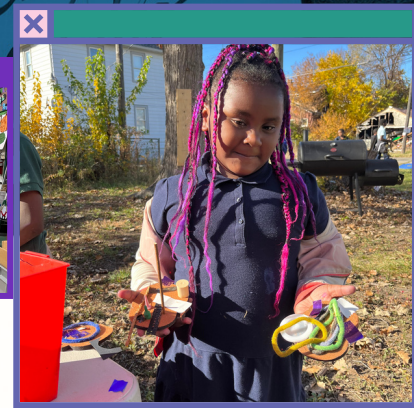
Arts and Scraps has not only taught our children about the benefits of recycling and being creative but the parents too. When our children leave the site with their art projects, parents are wowed with what their children created with just a few pieces of scrap materials. I want to send a huge THANK YOU to you and your amazing staff for bringing art and science to the Brightmoor community. We look forward to a long lasting relationship with you.

- Marlin Franklin parent



GIVING  
TUESDAY

Charity  
Livestream



Arts & Scraps Giving Tuesday Charity Livestream streamed on Tuesday, November 29th, from 12 pm to 5 pm. Viewers watched via Twitch or Facebook Live and donations were accepted via Tiltify donation links for each organization involved. The livestream was a way for people to participate in Giving Tuesday and learn more about some nonprofits that service SE Michigan. The nonprofits involved serve in many ways. Arts & Scraps count art, STEM, and education as their focus. The Chip Bag Project, an organization that takes recycled and misprinted chip bags and converts them into sleeping bags for the displaced and misplaced, created their first warming station with recycled materials at Arts & Scraps. There were videos featuring Brilliant Detroit to showcase their work with Detroit's youth. Spread Art Detroit, Women of Banglatown, the Hendricks Foundation, and Mint Artists Guild were also featured in the stream. Each organization involved accepted donations.

### Organizations We Partnered With:



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# WHAT'S NEXT FOR ARTS & SCRAPS?

## Watch our 5 year plan!



Join Arts & Scraps' Executive Director, Ang Adamiak, as we share our vision for the next five years. In this comprehensive video, we look back on our beginnings, share our goals and ideas for the future, and discuss how you can be a part of our journey. At Arts & Scraps, transparency is vital to us, and we couldn't have gotten this far without the support of our community. We hope you'll stick around until the end to discover how you can help us achieve our aspirations for 2023 and beyond.