As a nonprofit arts community center providing facilities and expertise, the Zootown Arts Community Center delivers all ages arts education, fosters sustainable community development, and promotes accessible, life-enriching art experiences for Missoula residents and visitors.

The ZACC envisions a community in which art plays a central role in enriching lives, community engagement, and education.

The arts foster civic engagement, stimulate economic activity and increase cultural empathy, while playing a crucial role in sustaining thriving communities.

Everyone deserves access to a variety of arts and cultural experiences.

Arts education is central to the development of all children and to ongoing creative engagement for people of all ages.

Artists and arts organizations require a social environment that values and supports their contributions and encourages innovation.

The breadth, depth and diversity of artistic and cultural life are critical measures of the vitality of Missoula.

I have always believed that the primary benefit of education is what you draw out of someone, not what you put in. And it is a profound pleasure to be a part of the ZACC where I get work daily to create opportunities that draw out the best in people. The arts teach us how to communicate across generations, socio-economic barriers, and belief systems. They help us get to the heart of who we are, find ways to communicate when language fails us, and ways to heal. Access to the arts is not a luxury, it is a basic human right, and the ZACC continues to be a place that makes art accessible for everyone, not just as passive receivers of art, but as practitioners and creators.

2016 marks the ZACC’s 8th year, and we’ve grown to serve more youth and adults with engaging and educational creative opportunities than ever before. In the last year, we expanded our field trip visits, summer camps, and Young Artist Afterschool Program, providing over 8700 hours of arts education to over 600 Missoula youth. In addition, we planned and hosted six Festival of the Dead family-friendly, free art workshops; hosted the Northside/Westside Block Party, attended by over 1000 people; and brought creative activities to multiple community events, including, River City Roots, Out to Lunch, Downtown Tonight, Sunday Streets, and many others, all free to participants.

Our pottery, glass fusing, and community print shop served more than 2025 adults and youth who used our facility, supplies, and technical assistance to create their own works of art. In total, the ZACC continues to offer more than 100 workshops for adults, families, and seniors each year.

 Newly expanded in 2016, our Alternative Music Program has made a mark on the Missoula music scene, growing from just 3 camps per year to 12 camps. Rock camps for girls and boys, hip hop camp, DJ camp, jug band camp, and music tech camp created dynamic learning opportunities through musical exploration this year and we look forward to this unique program’s continued growth. Also new in 2016 is the Hero Sound Project, a peer-based gathering providing music instruction, healing, community, purpose, creativity, and socialization for veterans of war.

Thanks to our supporters, the ZACC has been able to help thousands of people find their voice, grow their self esteem and respect of others, and improve their ability to communicate and connect through ZACC programs designed help each person unlock their own creative power. Thank you. We could not do it without you.
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Any Missoula youth age 6-16 has the opportunity to attend YAAP and AMP classes at the ZACC. Housed in a safe, creative environment.

260 youth attended 10 weeks of dynamic and creative summer camps. Camps included music, drama, visual arts, public art, and clay.

400 children attended our Young Artists After School Program (YAAP) and Alternative Music Program (AMP) throughout the entire school-year.

- Over 30 classes offered in Sculpture, Printmaking, Drawing, Painting, Calligraphy, Bob Ross Night, Glass Fusing and more.
- The ZACC's AMP Program hosted a free music workshop for Military Veterans once a week on Thursday evenings.

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- Over 60 groups gathered at the ZACC for pottery painting or glass fusing as they celebrated birthdays, baby showers, graduations, and more.
- Over 35 field trips from local area schools visited the ZACC to participate in printmaking, clay, or glass fusing projects.
- We provided free art workshops at over 10 Missoula events including River City Roots Fest, Downtown Tonight, Out To Lunch, and more.
- 30 All Ages Music Shows including the music festival, Camp Daze, were housed in the ZACC basement.

The ZACC basement continued to host play practices and black box theater events for small theater companies working in Missoula. 60 All Ages Music Shows including Camp Daze and Total Fest performances, with over 1,300 people attending.
EVENTS

ZACC events bring our community together to inspire, connect and create. The arts foster civic engagement, stimulate economic activity and increase cultural empathy, while playing a crucial role in sustaining thriving communities.

5TH ANNUAL NORTHSIDE/ WESTSIDE BLOCK PARTY

July 16, 2016
- 1000 neighbors gathered for this all-day celebration of the culture and services offered in our neighborhood
- Over 30 bands, vendors, and organizations built community pride through music, family activities, free art projects, craft vendors, and more.

FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD

October 1 - November 2, 2016
- The ZACC offered 6 free community workshops sponsored by Hospice of Missoula in shrine-building, printmaking, sugar skulls, parade props and more.
- The 5th Annual Festival Of The Dead Group Art show themed “Heroes, Dreamers, and Fighters, opened on October 14th in the ZACC gallery and featured over 30 Montana artists.
- The 24th Annual Missoula Festival Of The Dead procession occurred on November 2nd in downtown Missoula. Thousands of people participated by either walking in the procession or viewing from the sidelines.

4TH ANNUAL MINI SHOW

March 26, 2016 | The Wilma
- 200 guests enjoyed nine rounds of savory mini-dishes and a mini-dessert auction.
- 11 restaurants participated in the mini chef challenge
- 66 artist’s pieces were shown and auctioned

6TH LAST BEST PRINTFEST

April 8, 2016
- Theme for the portfolio exchange: Metamorphosis
- Over 30 Montana printmakers and students took part in the portfolio exchange, sharing editions with each other

2ND MISSOULA MONSTER PROJECT

September 9, 2016
- 200 kindergarteners from Missoula County Public Schools created a monster that 200 adult artists adopted to create their own rendition of.
- This year’s youth participants were from Lewis and Clark, Coldsprings, and Russell School.
THANK YOU

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SPONSORS

4TH ANNUAL MINI SHOW

Anderson Zurbuchner
Bernice’s Bakery
Betty’s Divine
Big Dipper
Bravos Catering
Burns St. Bistro
Caffe Dolce
Crave
Eer Candy
Estep & Weber
Capital Management, Inc.
Hot House Yoga
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Missoula Copy Center
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Paradigm Architects Parkside
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Pearl Café
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Portico Real Estate
Republic Services
Southgate Mall
Statesman Foundation,
Inc.
Submitable
Summit Property
Management
Sweet Peaks– Ice cream
Tandem Donuts
The Green Light
The Red Bird
The Silk Road
The Top Hat

NORTHSIDE/WESTSIDE BLOCK PARTY

Big Sky Breakout
Missoula Community Radio
Real Good Art Space
Lowell School Health Center
The Clay Studio of Missoula

FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD

Axe Physical Therapy
Bathing Beauties Beasts
Bernice’s Bakery
Betty’s Divine
Bev & Stephen Glueckert
Big Dipper
Black Coffee
Boyle, Deveny, and Meyer
Butterfly Herbs
Charlie B’s Bar
Circle Square Second Hand
Store
Draught Works
Fact and Fiction Barbara
Theroux
Flanagan Motors
Good Food Store
Hospice Care Foundation
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Missoula Community Foun-
dation
Missoula Downtown
Association
Missoula Federal Credit
Union
Montgomery Distillery
Orange Street Food Farm
Pintx Inc.
The Green Light

FINANCIALS

REVENUE
Total Revenue: $273,806
● Program Service Revenue ($113,891)
● Donations & Grants ($102,830)
● Fundraising ($54,035)
● Membership Dues ($3,050)

EXPENSES
Total Expenses: $251,961
● Program Expenses ($171,336)
● Operations ($59,400)
● Fundraising Expenses ($21,225)