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Meyer Memorial Trust Funds a Clackamas County Arts Alliance project:

Youth Arts For Change - Drawing Upon Their Stories

Clackamas County Arts Alliance was a recent recipient of a two-year Grassroots Grant from Meyer Memorial Trust in support of its innovative project *Youth Arts for Change - Drawing Upon Their Stories*.

The \$39,960 grant will support a two-year demonstration project using art as an intervention tool for juvenile offenders. The project is designed to connect youth offenders with their community, enhance protective factors against risk vulnerability and expose youth to the positive possibilities of creative expression. Working in partnership with Clackamas County Juvenile Justice Department, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services and North Clackamas School District, the Arts Alliance's theater training and graphic novel immersion offers adjudicated teens a unique way to complete required community service.

Grant funds will be used to hire a project coordinator, and to secure services from a theater skills trainer, artistic director, graphic novel artist, lighting and sound technicians. Associated operational expenses will also be supported in part by this grant.

Meyer Memorial Trust is a private foundation and is not affiliated with or connected to Fred Meyer, Inc.

The Clackamas County Arts Alliance is a nonprofit organization working to keep art central to life in Clackamas County. Information about the Arts Alliance can be found at www.clackamasartsalliance.org.

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