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Supervisor Richard Elias
130 West Congress Street, 11th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701
January 11, 2013

Dear Supervisor Elias,

The Tucson Arts Brigade (TAB) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts and education organization dedicated to participatory community arts with an emphasis on integrating sustainable design and facilitating inter-group opportunities for youth, elders, and adults. We are writing to request your support for the Amphi Action Mural workshop program.

TAB aims to provide resiliency and empowerment to Amphi youth through its Amphi Action Mural workshop program. We plan to run weekly after-school art workshops over five months (February – June, 2013) for fifteen young adults that foster their fine arts appreciation and skills in tandem with increased civic participation. Our curriculum gradually introduces students to increasingly complex art mediums while challenging participants to engage the detrimental forces present within Amphi neighborhood. Our workshops will culminate in a new mural for Woods Library designed and painted by participants and expressing a collective neighborhood awareness and resilience to crime.

The Amphi neighborhood is one of the highest crime and risk areas in Tucson, Arizona. Crime statistics gathered from the Tucson Police Department (2011) indicate that 3.3% of all crime in Tucson occurred in Amphi. Compared to other Tucson neighborhoods, Amphi had the second highest amount of criminal damage violations (graffiti) and the highest amount of juvenile violations, narcotic violations, motor vehicle thefts, and offenses against families and children. Yavapai Road, in Amphi neighborhood, is a particular point of concern due to its high concentration of crime that occurs on a monthly basis.

Yavapai Road not only serves as a direct thoroughfare for students of Amphi High School, but also for Amphi Middle School and Prince Elementary School. Neighborhood enrichment projects have been very limited on Yavapai Road to the point that it is a desolate street populated by dirt lots, abandoned properties, junked cars, graffiti and unkempt yards and homes. Neighborhood residents and community members agree that neighborhood youth are vulnerable to antisocial behavior through repeated exposure to crime and a pitiful road. These youth in the Amphi neighborhood need access to constructive programs and projects that increase resiliency and empower them to make a difference in the community.

TAB respectfully requests your support in the amount of \$999 to help cover the cost of mural workshop supplies at Woods Library. We are currently seeking funding from several sources to support this program and complement the support received from TPAC. Support from Pima County will greatly enhance this project and help leverage further support from other sources.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Schwartz
Executive Director, Tucson Arts Brigade

AMPHI NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION MURAL WORKSHOPS



Bring your neighborhood to life! This mural will be designed and painted by a group of youth who will interview residents and dream up a design that will inspire people for generations to come. The mural will be painted on the side of the Woods Library, becoming a community cultural landmark.

FREE TO REGISTER! OPEN TO THE FIRST 15 YOUTH, AGES 11-18.

THURSDAYS

Feb. 28 - June 27, 2013

5:30 - 7:00pm

WOODS LIBRARY

3455 N. 1st Avenue



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