

Arts in Motion
2025
Annual
Report



Enriching the
community and lives of
individuals with
disabilities through
expressive arts.



300+ hours of
off-site
teaching



1,842 hours of
in-studio
teaching



\$13,980 given
out in tuition
assistance

Reflecting on 2025

Dear Friends of Arts in Motion,

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude for all that our Arts in Motion community has accomplished together. This year was a powerful reminder of why our mission matters so deeply.

In 2025, Arts in Motion continued to grow as a welcoming, creative home for individuals of all ages and abilities. We offered four days per week of our all-day Day Program, providing structure, connection, and purpose for participants through meaningful arts engagement. Alongside this, we hosted more than 10 weekly classes in our studio spaces. Each class was thoughtfully adapted to meet the unique needs, abilities, and interests of every artist who walked through our doors. Beyond our studio walls, we expanded opportunities for creative exploration through community outings and field trips, allowing participants to experience live performances and visual arts. These shared experiences sparked inspiration that was carried back into our classrooms.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated teaching artists and staff, whose creativity, patience, and commitment bring our mission to life every day. We are also deeply thankful for our families, volunteers, partners, and supporters who continue to believe in the power of the arts and in the incredible individuals we serve.

As we look ahead, we are energized by what's to come. With 2026 marking Arts in Motion's 15th anniversary, we are excited to build on the strong foundation laid in 2025 and continue creating inclusive spaces where everyone can express themselves, connect with others, and thrive.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Your support—whether through participation, advocacy, or generosity—helps ensure that Arts in Motion remains a place where creativity and community flourish.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lisa Glover

Executive Director



Our Programs

Day Program

Arts in Motion provides a day program opportunity for adults with disabilities. AIM students are able to join us for an entire day (9am-3pm) and take part in 3 or 4 different art classes. Students also practice daily life skills such as helping clean after classes, heat up lunches, and building positive relationships with peers. We offer this Tuesday-Friday and have up to 12 students each day. A typical schedule looks like:

9am Arrive
9:30am Ballet
11am Song-Writing
12pm Lunch
1pm Project Art
3pm Head home!

In-Studio Classes

Arts in Motion divides the year up into 5 8-week sessions. Students can sign up for an 8-week class that meets weekly. Most of our classes run year-round, allowing students to continue building on their skill and knowledge. We also offer beginner and intermediate sessions of some of our dance classes such as ballet and jazz. Each class rehearses for the upcoming community performance. We host two community performances a year, one in December and one in the Spring. We also offer 1:1 classes based on student interest and availability.

In 2025, we taught 1,842 hours in our studio spaces!

Off-Site Programming

Arts in Motion recognizes the barriers that can arise in regard to transportation and staffing. To mediate those barriers, we send our teaching artists off-site to various community organizations to run programming at group homes, schools, and other organizations. This can make programming more accessible and cost effective for large groups. We love partnering with other organizations in the community and offering programming that can benefit more individuals.

In 2025, we partnered with 10 organizations to provide programming!



Performances, Exhibitions & Fieldtrips!

Community Performances

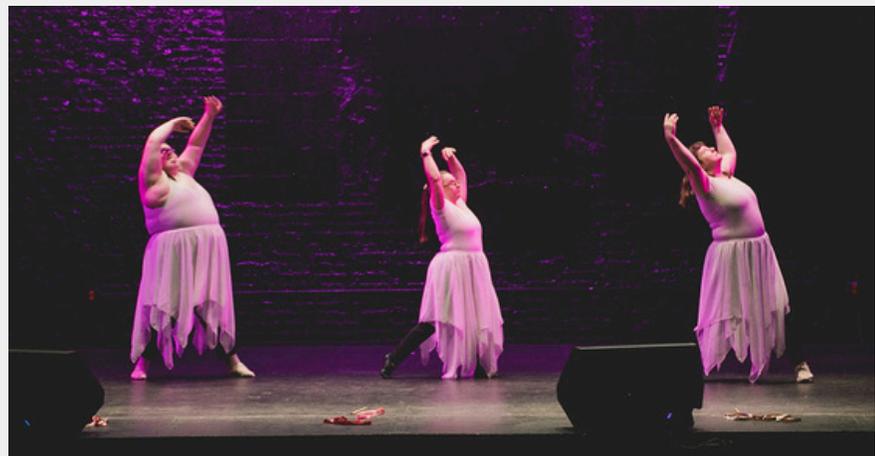
- ADA Celebration
- DSAWM Step Up Event
- Noorthoek Academy Big Step Walk
- Art Prize
- Annual Show @Wealthy Theater
- Holiday Show
- Grace CRC
- The Mitten Brewing

Art Exhibits

- Wealthy Street Bakery
- Art Prize
- Monroe Community Church
- Mary Free Bed

Fieldtrips

- Mary Free Bed
- Grand Rapids African American Museum & Archives



Fundraising

Dance On!

We love partnering with Indian Trails Camp to host our annual Dance On event. Students help fundraise for this event by getting pledges from friends and family. This year we raised \$10,000 together!



Golf Outing

In 2025, we hosted our first-ever golf outing at The Mines Golf Club! We had 20 teams sign up to participate with us. Not only did an Arts in Motion student DJ the event on the greens, but we also hired another AIM student to perform as an Elvis Tribute Artist!



A Chair Affair

Our biggest event of the year was back at Monroe Community Church. We had 300 guests participate in an unforgettable evening centered around celebrating students. 100+ pieces of art were on display throughout the venue and student dance performances were a highlight of the night. With your help we raised over \$40,000 for our studio!



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