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Art-Reach Provides Scholarships to Summer Arts Camp in a Unique Partnership with the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts and the YWCA New Castle County

(PHILADELPHIA)—**Art-Reach**, the nonprofit organization that facilitates access to the arts for people with disabilities and economic disadvantages, is providing scholarships for two children from the **YWCA New Castle County** to attend a summer arts camp running **July 25-29** at the **Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts** in Wilmington.

“As we continue to expand our programs and services into Delaware,” said **Art-Reach** Executive Director Michael L. Norris, “we are thrilled to give these young people the chance to participate in a hands-on educational arts experience.”

The scholarships will allow two children, ages 8 and 9, from the **YWCA New Castle County** to take part in a one-week summer arts camp at the **Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts**. Campers will enjoy a whole range of visual and performing arts activities, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, choreography, performance, instrumental technique and stage design. They will also explore DCCA’s seven galleries and artists’ studios, as well as take a field trip to the Delaware Theatre Company for a backstage tour and on-stage acting exercises.

The two camp scholarships will come from a special fund Art-Reach created last year to strengthen its current programs or to start new ones that fulfill its mission in a deeper way. “Classes and workshops can be expensive for arts organizations to offer,” said Norris. “With these scholarships the **YWCA** kids get an experience they’d never get to have on their own, **DCCA** isn’t forced to choose between commitment to the community and fiscal responsibility, and **Art-Reach** fulfills our mission in a whole new way. It’s really a win-win-win situation.”

“Working with Art-Reach is a great way to supplement the services we offer our residents,” said Mary Harley, family activities specialist for the **YWCA**’s Home-Life Management Center, which provides a holistic approach to self-sufficiency for homeless families. “These scholarships will provide two of our young residents with an experience they’d never have an opportunity to enjoy otherwise during the summer, when it’s so important that kids stay active.”

Art-Reach’s programs and services in Delaware are supported by a grant from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and are offered in partnership with the Delaware Division of the Arts and VSA arts of Delaware. For more information, contact Art-Reach at 215-951-0316 or go to www.art-reach.org.

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