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The Johns Creek Arts Center Paints the Way for New, Innovative Arts and Wellness Programs in 2024, Thanks to a Generous Grant Award!

Johns Creek, Georgia, November 22, 2023: The Johns Creek Arts Center undergoes major facility renovation and equipment purchase through a \$96,000 grant award given by Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta's Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund.

"After seventeen years in the Abbotts Bridge Road facility, the Johns Creek Arts Center is finally able to make necessary repairs and improvements to the building, as well as purchase equipment for use in new art classes. This would not have been possible without the benevolent support of Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta." said JCAC Executive Director, Stephanie Donaldson.

The grant money, enabled JCAC to repair the facility's concrete floors, paint the building interior, install a new filtration system in the Clay studio, redesign existing storage space in order to accommodate the need for additional art supplies, replace broken furniture, worn classroom paper cutters, and key components from the gallery hanging system, as well as purchase a new multi-use printmaking press to meet student demand.

Donaldson added, "Moving into 2024, our primary initiative is to bridge creative arts and wellness together, using innovative ways to bring inclusive, exciting, new programming to our diverse community."

The Johns Creek Arts Center is accomplishing this by holding roundtables with leaders from area marginalized populations to discuss how we can support their families through outreach programs that are equitable, culturally responsive and relevant, and by partnering with Art Pharmacy, as the premier provider in Georgia. Art Pharmacy is an organization which works with doctors to prescribe art classes for mental wellness. JCAC also offers therapeutic Ceramic classes for young adults with disabilities, and through the purchase of the press, we can now offer classes in Printmaking, satisfying a long-standing student demand.

The facility is closed for renovation until January 8th, 2024 when we open for classes. Please refer to our website at www.johnscreekartscenter.org for additional information.