THE KENTUCKY CENTER ARTS IN HEALING PROGRAM

The power of Arts in Healing is demonstrated by compelling patient histories and validated by remarkable evidence-based research. As defined by the National Endowment for the Arts, it is “an international movement that works to infuse the full spectrum of the arts into healthcare settings, including design, visual, performing and literary arts, resulting in programs and healthcare environments that are welcoming and uplifting for caregivers, patients, their families and visitors.”

THE IMPACT OF THE ARTS

The arts contribute to a healing environment for patients, families, and staff. In addition to improving the quality of the patient’s experience, the arts have been shown to shorten hospital stays, reduce pain medication, increase staff satisfaction and retention, and ensure effective and efficient use of healthcare dollars.

ONE COMMUNITY, TWO STRENGTHS

The Kentucky Center is uniquely qualified to develop this important initiative and to raise it to the same level of excellence as its nationally lauded arts education and Access Services training programs. The Center partners with Kentucky’s vibrant arts scene and Louisville’s renowned healthcare providers selecting local artists with years of experience as teaching artists, providing them with intensive training from national and local trainers and designing individualized programs for the Healthcare Facility around the needs of patients, family and staff.

In addition, The Kentucky Center takes national and international touring artists beyond the walls of traditional concert venues and into healthcare settings, providing quality performances and interactive arts events to people at a time of great need.

REACHING THOSE IN NEED

Through successful artist residencies, The Kentucky Center brings instrumental music, vocal music, storytelling, dance, drama, and visual art to patients healing from substance abuse issues, movement disorders and the wounds of war, children recovering from physical and emotional abuse and abandonment, seniors embracing the end of life, and patients undergoing cancer treatment.

The Arts in Healing Program furthers the Center’s mission of service to the Commonwealth by confirming its position as a cultural innovator committed to weaving the thread of the arts into the fabric of the entire community.

THE HEALING ARTS

Benefits of the program include creative self-expression, relief from pain and anxiety, and empowerment in an environment where patients and families often have little control. Patients, health workers and caregivers have all praised the program for providing positive experiences during difficult times. In the words of a patient at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center after a drumming circle, “I felt exhilaration and a rush of good emotions to my head.”

ARTS IN HEALING PARTNERSHIPS

The Kentucky Center has Arts in Healing partnerships with:

- Our Lady of Peace, Nazareth Home,
- The Robley Rex VA Medical Center,
- Frazier Rehabilitation Institute
- Movement Disorder Clinic,
- Norton Audubon Hospital,
- Volunteers of America,
- The James Graham Brown Cancer Center, and
- Home of the Innocents.

To learn more about the Arts in Healing Program, call 502.562.0797.

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