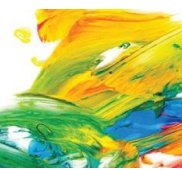




empowering the  
world's children  
through art



## What We Do and Why

*Children are naturally creative. However, many of the world's children have no means or encouragement to envision a break in the cycle of poverty. We provide the means to improve school attendance, leading to gains in academic performance, by supplying the materials and art therapy-based instruction that inspire children worldwide to create real and lasting change for them, their families and their communities.*

*The time they spend creating allows the therapeutic aspect of art to flow through them, encouraging them to explore their subconscious and conscious thoughts. By igniting their innate creative spark, the children learn a healthy way to process emotions so that they can turn them into something truly remarkable.*

## Mission Statement

Drawchange is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering impoverished children through the use of art therapy-based programming. Our programs teach coping skills that foster Self-esteem, Imagination, Collaboration, Empowerment, Dream-building, Creation, And Stress-Relief.

## Key talking points

- Drawchange partners with other organizations locally, nationally, and internationally to bring empowering art experiences to homeless children.
- We meet the children *where they are*, in the homeless shelters, as a team comprised of the director, an art teacher, a professional art therapist, and professional behavioral therapist
- Our art therapy-based curriculum helps the children visualize their dreams and envision a break from the cycle of poverty. Our programming and activities aim to instill confidence and a self-affirming attitude, reminding them that ***they are more than their circumstance.***
- Drawchange is always in need of volunteers. **No art experience required.**
- Monetary donations make the most difference for drawchange and sustaining donations, as low 80 cents per day or \$25/month goes a long way.
- Drawchange is always finding ways to partner with local businesses, whether it be through donations received or organizing mutual fundraisers. We're also interested in partnering with corporate organizations both nationally and internationally to improve our efficacy as we pursue our mission.
- We host local art showings and sales, with proceeds going back to the artists (our children!)