



Annual Report Form 2015

Date: 7/17/15

Site Name: Iowa City

Vision Statement

The vision of the Iowa City Community Arts team is to provide ongoing access to diverse, interactive, and inspiring arts experiences for every K–8 child in Iowa City Community School District. Early and consistent participation in the arts develops creative problem solvers, fosters interdisciplinary learning and cross-cultural understanding, and cultivates lifetime participation in the arts.

We will use a multi-sector approach that reaches out to the entire community through elevated parent engagement, strong volunteer participation, and effective partnerships. In the Iowa City area, the arts have always been an essential community resource; these valuable resources will be mobilized to ensure every child has equal access to the arts.

Goals

1.	Infrastructure: establish the four main components for infrastructure for Any Given Child
2.	Funding: Raise \$25,000 a year for 3 years (used to be 2 years)
3.	Programming: Support current arts programming and help initiate new programs in response to needs in theatre and dance in grades K-2 and 7-8
4.	Communications: communicate the vision and mission to a variety of different constituents (parents, educators, students, artists, business owners & funders)

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Action Steps for 2014-15	Goal Area Addressed	Measurement of Success/ Numbers Served
Institute regular, monthly board meetings that include all committee chairs and school district representation	1	We meet on the third Wednesday of the month and have the desired board membership
Negotiate and finalize operating agreement with the Iowa City Community School District that defines our relationship	1	Agreement is complete and signed
Negotiate and finalize operating agreement with the Iowa City Community School District Foundation that defines our relationship	1	Agreement is complete and signed
Finalize fundraising strategy and meet with potential funders	2	Strategy is to pursue 5 major funders committed to \$5,000 per year for 3 years. We have had 7 formal meetings and many informal meetings
Secure funding commitments	2	3 major funders have signed on to multi-year gifts
Create pilot programs that meet needs identified by school mapping tool and CAT.	3	There is one new program currently identified – a dance education initiative from the University of Iowa. 5 schools and 1500 students served
Continue current programs and avoid further cuts to arts education provided by the schools	3	There were no further arts cuts in this year's school budget.
Maintain up to date web site with funding information	4	www.anygiveness.org
Print brochure for fundraising purposes	4	Printed a small number in October 2015

Please tell us about any changes in arts education policies; or increases in funding, media attention, or staffing, as a result of your *Any Given Child* project.

In the spring of 2014, the Iowa City Community School District had budget reductions district-wide. Numerous programs are being scaled back and/or eliminated including some arts programs. We tracked the spring 2015 budget process to be sure that more cuts in the arts weren't on the table. Even with a variety of struggles with the state budget, they did not come up as a possibility.

During this year, we reconsidered the details of the AGC coordinator position. The coordinator will now be fully employed by the ICCSD and receive the benefits available to all part-time ICCSD employees. The AGC board will still be able to set the agenda for the employee. The school foundation will act as fiscal sponsor for AGC.

The AGC board now includes the ICCSD's Chief Human Resources Officer and the school foundation's Executive Director as well as representatives from local arts organizations and the business community,

which gives us strong representation of s AGC partners. It will also help us to avoid conflicts in programming and fundraising. We will be better able to coordinate and decide how to have the most impact with a broad knowledge of what's happening.

We also decided that our fundraising strategy needed to be more aggressive in order to ensure sustainability. We decided to try to secure 3-year commitments of \$5,000 per year from 5 major donors. This funding, totaling \$25,000 per year for 3 years, would form the basis of the next three years of AGC. As of July 2015, we have secured 3 commitments and are in conversation with a few other possibilities.

We have had two major staffing changes this year. Erin Donohue, Hancher's Education Programming Director, moved on to a new position as managing director of Liz Lerman, LLC in Baltimore. Erin led the application process for AGC and served as co-site coordinator with Jacob Yarrow. Pam Ehly, ICCSD's Director of Curriculum, retired in June. Pam was AGC's main contact with the school system and led all of the school data collection. She contributed so many hours to AGC. She will continue to serve on the board and be involved, but will not have the same ability to influence programming in the schools.

Please update the statistics for your school district below. (If you work with more than one school district through *Any Given Child*, please provide statistics for each district individually.)

Number of students in grades K-8: **9,211 (As of October 1, 2014-Official Enrollment Date)**

Percentage of students with free or reduced lunch (K-8): **35.39% (As of October 1, 2014-Official Enrollment Date)**

Number of students with disabilities (K-8): **941 (As of October 1, 2014-Official Enrollment Date)**

Number of teachers serving grades K-8: **682 teachers**

Number of schools serving grades K-8: **23 (19 Elementary Schools and 3 Junior Highs for 2014-15 School Year. One additional elementary opens in 2015-16.)**

Number of Title I schools (K-8): **8 Title I Schools**

Number of persistently low-achieving schools (K-8): **4 Schools**

Graduation rate: **90.30% (2013-14 Four Year Graduation Rate per Iowa Department of Education—This is the most recent year available for this data)**

Please tell us about an innovation or program you would like to share with others at the 2016 *Any Given Child* Exchange.

We look forward to the AGC exchange and hope to have our staff person on board and able to attend.