



De'VIA Curriculum Logo
By David Call

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Dear Friend:

We write to ask for donations to cover a Deaf View/Image Art De'VIA curriculum project that is being used with Deaf schools across the US so that art teachers have training, materials and lesson plans to teach Deaf children about De'VIA. De'VIA is art about the Deaf experience and was established over 25 years ago. Many of us have met Deaf folks who remark after learning about Deaf View / Image Art De'VIA: "I wish I had known about De'VIA when I was young." Deaf and Deaf-blind people readily identify with visual and tactile art about the Deaf experience. De'VIA affirms their sense of Deafhood while it gives visual testimony to the discrimination that Deaf People experience – making the invisible visible.

Last year a group of Deaf art teachers and artists met at Rochester School for the Deaf and developed a draft curriculum with lesson plans and this past June, eighteen Deaf art teachers, artists-in-residence, and scholars gathered to continue working on the materials at the CA School for the Deaf in Fremont. Funds cover the printing of a reproduction banner of the 2nd Wave of De'VIA mural that was created at a De'VIA artists retreat in Kansas and a coloring book with the motifs from the mural. A finalized version of the De'VIA Curriculum and materials is posted online, free to all. Funds will also be used to reimburse teachers and artists for travel to the curriculum development site, in cases where teachers and artists cannot get coverage from their schools and to cover food expenses. All the teachers and artists are donating their time, expertise, and art to this cause.

For this endeavor, your donation is tax deductible via the Deaf Arts Festival of Michigan, which is the 501c3 non-profit umbrella. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to make a tangible and positive difference in the lives of Deaf children and in uplifting the spirit of our community.

Viva De'VIA,

Karen Christie, Kathy Derderian, Patti Durr, and Nancy Rourke on behalf of the De'VIA Curriculum Development group



(image courtesy of the Deaf Cultural Center)

Donation to the Deaf View/Image Art curriculum & kit

Donate via paypal at Nancy Rourke's website <http://www.nancyrourke.com/> –
click the “DONATE” button – or send a check (see below)

Please fill out the form and write checks payable to: Deaf Arts Festival with "De'VIA Curriculum Development Project" on memo of check Send check to:
Deaf Arts Festival
PO Box 99038 Troy, Michigan 48099

Thank you for helping us make this De'VIA curriculum possible.