



## WE CELEBRATED OUR GRAND OPENING OCT. 7, 2021

Inspiring Hope Ministries officially cut the ribbon and invited the community into our new space at 7425 University Ave., Middleton, WI in October! We had a great gathering of friends and supporters for food, fun and music. The gallery and bookstore were open featuring art by Alex Haunty, Chris Hindle, Bobbette Rose and Leslie Iwai.

## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Young adults and families with varying abilities come to Inspiring Hope studios to explore creative expression through dance, theater, visual art and writing workshops. We have a number of activities including tie-dyeing t-shirts, marbling cards, painting mobiles, dancing, learning improv and playing games.

Not only are these activities fun, science is showing us more and more that creativity and movement help our brains develop new neural pathways and keep us healthier as we mature. This is especially important to those with cognitive disabilities.

And we are all about building relationships and community as well. Along with private one-on-one mentoring, the workshops allow our artists to develop and nurture friendships!





## IHM GALLERY

With the building opening we are eager to welcome everyone to our new gallery. We are planning on highlighting artists with disabilities as well as mentors, teachers and artists who support and lift up people with disabilities. For the 2021 Opening we highlighted Alex Haunty who is the inspiration for Inspiring Hope Ministries. Joining him in showing art were his art mentors, Chris Hindle, Bobbette Rose and Leslie Iwai.



Alex Haunty is an artist with a big heart to love people, paint happiness and bring life to everyone around him. Living with a cognitive disability, he uses his unique challenges as a springboard to achieve his dreams and become a source of inspiration for many. Known for his bright whimsical colors, Alex paints originals using acrylic on canvas that are then printed as giclée prints, posters and cards. Alex donates a significant portion to his nonprofit, *Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc.*, to buy tickets for people with disabilities to see theater shows. In 2015, Alex received the Outstanding Young Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals WI, Greater Madison Chapter.



## IHM BOOKSTORE

The IHM Bookstore offers books, videos and other resources that help build and encourage everyone. Come in and browse our shelves for stories of creativity, faith, and overcoming our obstacles as we explore "dreaming big." It is not only be a great resource but will help give people with disabilities opportunities to learn job skills and obtain work experience.

**REVENUE**  
**\$17,422**

**64%** Cash Donations  
**36%** Gifts of Stock

**EXPENSES**  
**\$29,640**

**65%** Development Costs  
**35%** Workshops

\* Carry-over cash balance from 2019

**2020**

## WHAT WE DO



**CREATE:** An Inspiring Hope Arts Studio supporting creative experiences that encourage a community of IHM artists and those who desire to explore the arts with them.



**LEARN:** Educational opportunities encouraging learning about and exploring the world around us as we build relationships together.



**HEAL:** Pursuing a whole life; body, soul and spirit. Providing opportunities for prayer, encouragement, restoration, rejoicing and pursuit of wellness and building of a faith community.



**GROW:** Developing opportunities for growth in life wholeness for individuals and families. Creating jobs for life work and contributing to our community through the Hope Bookstore.



**SHINE:** Displaying our creativity through dance, song, theater, improv and a gallery of visual arts to show what we are doing!

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