

# Grant Presented to the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

By Allison Stiller

*THANK YOU WAHHI MEMBERS!*

The WAHHI Grants Committee was delighted to present a 2024 grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Jan Smith and Alana Adams of the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina on Tuesday, January 30 in support of its program "Very Special Adaptive Arts Program for Youth with Special Needs." The presentation was held at the Arts Center. Presenting the grant were WAHHI members Debbie Gorski (President), Linda Armstrong (President-elect), Jan Stallmeyer (WAHHI Grants Committee Chair), Megan Dinopoulos (WAHHI Grants Committee Member), and Allison Stiller (WAHHI Grants Committee Member).



*Allison Stiller, Jan Stallmeyer, Alana Adams, Debbie Gorski, Jan Smith and Megan Dinopoulos. Not pictured, Linda Armstrong.*

The overarching goal of this program is to provide an opportunity to vulnerable and underserved children through arts integration. Through this program, 161 Beaufort County 1st-12th grade

students with disabilities will create three to four visual arts projects during the school year using a variety of media, methods and lessons with the theme "Art Around the World."

In addition, approximately 20 Beaufort County teachers will participate in a professional development workshop to learn best practices in art lessons for students with disabilities. The 2024 WAHHI grant helps bridge the school district's educational gaps by exposing children to art, which in turn helps children hone problem solving skills.

WAHHI members can support this program by volunteering to prepare the materials for the classroom lessons with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina's Senior Director of Arts Education (Alana Adams - [AAdams@artshhi.com](mailto:AAdams@artshhi.com)) and also by volunteering in the actual classrooms during lessons (which requires a background check with the Beaufort County School system).