

Did you know that if a child's creativity is not encouraged it could be lost forever?

The International Child Art Foundation has served since 1997 as the national art and creativity organization for American children and their international counterparts.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Washington, DC, the mission of ICAF is to nurture children's creativity and develop empathy through the power of the arts.

The vision of ICAF is to increase America's creativity and ingenuity. Childhood creativity and empathy are preconditions for a prosperous America and for a better world.

ICAF's programs inspire imagination (Arts Olympiad), reduce violence (Peace through Art), and remediate suffering (Healing Arts).

ICAF organizes the World Children's Festival on the National Mall in Washington, DC, every four years as the 'Olympics' for children's creativity and co-creation. The festival is the world's largest international educational event that fosters empathy and global understanding.

More than 5 million children have directly participated in and benefited from ICAF's programs and educational events.

ICAF has won several awards, including the 2011 Ziegfeld Award for Outstanding International Leadership in Art Education and the 2004 World Culture Open Humanitarian Award.

The non-profit has received several commendations and endorsements, for example, from the Congressional Arts Caucus for the important national and international implications of ICAF's work and mission, and from the United States Olympic Committee, which has granted the ICAF an exclusive license to use "Arts Olympiad" and related marks.

ICAF advocates that every contemporary art museum should dedicate one room to the living art of children, that any deliberation on the future include the voices of the children, and that children's right to be creative and empathic be respected and honored.

*"I am grateful to organizations like the International Child Art Foundation that give us the opportunity to see the world through the eyes of our nation's young people. I encourage you to continue to support programs that help children to discover their talents and believe in themselves". - Hillary Rodham Clinton*