# **RAW ART WORKS**



Raw Art Works (RAW), a creative community arts organization rooted in art therapy, believes that all vound people should be seen + heard, and that everyone has a story to tell.

Through art, RAW youth create in unexpected ways, and envision new possibilities for their future.

RAW's mission is to ignite the desire to create + confidence to succeed in our vouth.



JOIN RAW IN COMBATTING THE EPIDEMIC OF LONELINESS, ISOLATION + SOCIAL DISCONNECTION FACING OUR YOUTH.

### WHAT WE DO

RAW has developed a nationally recognized model for implementing high-guality, traumainformed creative youth development programming.

#### How we do it at RAW



A continuum of youth arts programming rooted in art therapy.



Pipeline programming for college/career readiness and engagement of a network of over 400 alumni.



**RAW offers 1:1 behavioral health** 

therapy to youth in partnership

with Lynn Community Health



The RAW building and Gather Studio offers space for inclusion and acceptance with the trust + support of respectful + caring adults.

Diverse + talented staff. including licensed art therapists, award-winning artists, RAW alumni, and highly skilled administrators.

RAW PROGRAMS ARE 100% FREE + OFFERED YEAR ROUND FOR GRADES 4-12

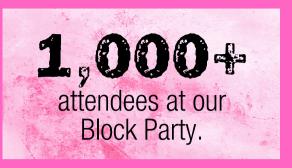
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### OUR IMPACT (2023 + 2024)







**GROWTH** 33.6% jump in summer enrollment; 21.6% jump in school year enrollment.

"I am so thankful for the welcoming + loving environment that has been created in all of RAW's spaces. I feel at home in this community and I will never forget the memories + friends I have made along the way." - RAW Teen

#### WHY WE DO IT



588 Individual Donors

**108** Institutional Supporters





Lynn is a vibrant community with a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and artistic threads. However, 35 years in, RAW youth remain under-resourced:

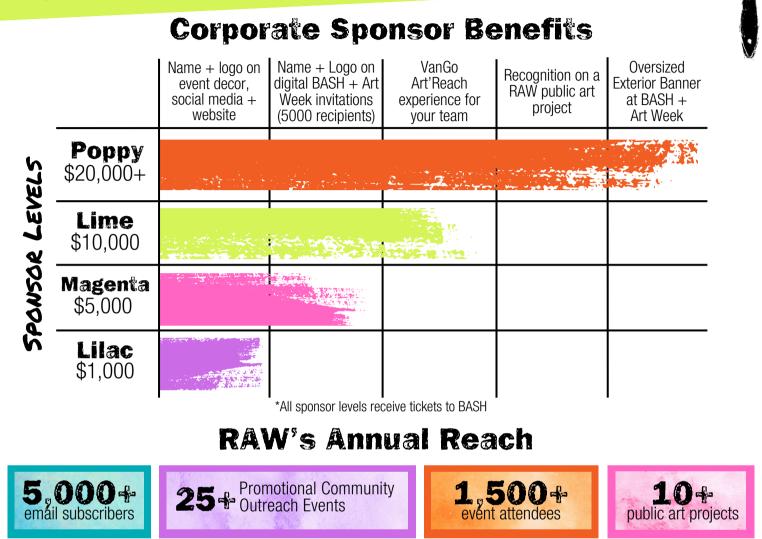


- 88% come from families with low or extremely low incomes.
  - 49% face mental health challenges or have other clinical needs (up from 36% last year).
- 28% have an Individualized Education Program, a 504 Plan, or face other learning challenges.

RAW asks what more we can do to foster equity and justice in the lives or our youth, and how we can systemically change harmful systems.

## JOIN US

RAW includes youth voices at every phase of our evolution. We are committed to centering equity in all that we do and advocating for mental health resources + creative outlets for young people in our community + beyond.



#### **RAW** programs your sponsorship supports:

STUDIO ART Studio arts program rooted in art therapy	<b>TALENT + PURPOSE</b> Public art + leadership employment program	VANGO Mobile art + creativity outreach program	ART WEEK Youth art exhibit, film screening + block party
REAL 2 REEL Award-winning film school	THEY LOOK LIKE ME BIPOC community mentorship event	<b>DOOR 2 DOOR</b> RAW's alumni artist- in-residency program	PROJECT LAUNCH College + career
film schoolmentorship eventin-residency programaccess courseBASH: Party with a Purpose:RAW's annual fundraising event and art auction			

Confirm your support online at rawartworks.org/donate, or checks can be sent to: Raw Art Works, 37 Central Sq., Lynn, MA 01901