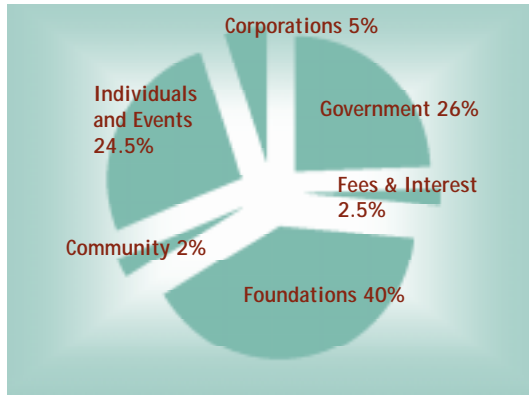
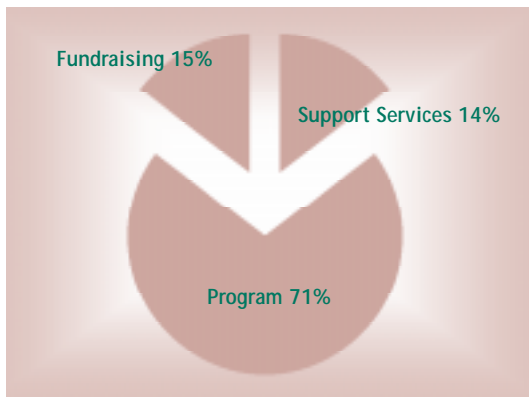


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Founder and Executive Director's Report

Dear Friends,

"Celebrating the Arts Across the Generations." In a year filled with tremendous joys and profound sadness for the Center, its families and indeed the entire nation, the **Sitar Center** worked to strengthen children and community by connecting generations, families and cultures through the arts. In its second year of arts programs, the **Sitar Center** sought to celebrate life —with its new beginnings and endings.

Patricia Sitar, our namesake, inspiration and dear friend, passed away in November 2001. Pat lived a rich, full life, founding Good Shepherd Ministries in 1985 and positively affecting the lives of generations of Adams Morgan families. At the **Sitar Center**, Pat was a Board member, where her wisdom, faith and experience provided a stronghold for her fellow Board members. She and her daughter, Diane, taught an art class for 1st through 3rd graders. The students adored Pat and attended "Pat's Art Class" each week. They looked forward to learning and basking in Pat's love. Her presence and spirit touched each of us and this lives on at the Center. Pat's life will certainly be celebrated by generations to come.

In 2001, the **Sitar Center** celebrated a new generation as we launched the Early Childhood Program for children 18 months to 3-years. The classes included the parents or caregivers, and it was amazing to watch the adults and children relate to each other with their new language—music. The **Sitar Center** offered classes exclusively for parents in guitar, art, salsa dance, and creative writing. The enthusiasm of the parents affirmed the **Sitar Center** vision that supporting parents allows them to grow in their support of their children. As they learn the joy of experiencing the arts, they more deeply understand the role they can play in the lives of their children.

We also celebrated the gifts that more than 50 volunteers brought to our children, families and staff. These talented and dedicated individuals taught music, dance, drama, creative writing and art. They worked in our office, provided pro-bono legal services, assisted us in our search for a building, and served on our Board. It is not possible to express the depth of our gratitude to each one of them.

It is with tremendous gratitude to you that we celebrate the second year of arts programming. As we evaluate the new possibilities of our third year, we remain grateful for your support, generosity, and prayers.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Buckley

Executive Director

P.S. On November 13, 2001, Maureen Dwyer, our Director of Development, gave birth to twin boys, Ciaran and Sean. We celebrate the arrival of this new generation!

History

The **Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts** was founded in 1998 in response to the artistic needs of the residents of the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Adams Morgan is a culturally diverse community, varying greatly in backgrounds, family incomes and lifestyles. Although many of our neighborhood's residents are affluent, the rate for children living in poverty is 35.2% in census tract 38 where the **Sitar Center** is located. The nearest elementary school to the Center reports 94% of its students receiving free or subsidized lunch, a clear indicator of low family income.

Unfortunately, low-income community usually translates into diminished opportunity. The **Sitar Center** works to change this reality for our community by providing diverse, high-quality arts programs that are accessible and affordable for every resident.

Mission Statement

The **Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts** is a community arts center located in the multicultural Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, DC. It is primarily focused on programs and activities for at-risk children, youth and their families, but reaches out to all community members through shared experiences in the arts. By providing a safe, structured and nurturing environment for exploring music, dance, drama, writing and visual arts, the **Sitar Center** serves as a catalyst not only for the imagination, but for increasing the cognitive and life skills of all participating community members.



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