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Dear Friend,

Throughout history, art has been a key catalyst for change by raising awareness and pushing boundaries. After The Art Connection's more than two decades of providing access to original works of visual art, our small but mighty team knows firsthand how art can transform lives.

Where do you come in? We are so grateful for your support to date and we have exciting news to share about what's coming next. Your contributions have made it possible for us to do what we do and stay resilient, which in turn has given rise to more than **400 permanent art installations**, containing nearly **8,000 original artworks**, at hundreds of community-serving agencies across Greater Boston.

*You* made these things possible by sustaining our efforts. Thank you.

Now in 2019, we continue to use *art as a catalyst* in Boston to amplify connections between communities, agencies, and artists. We plan to curate participatory art experiences at Boston galleries and within agencies. We will use art as the entry point for inspiring new conversations between artists and citizens. And we will advance Artful Seeds, our immersive art-making workshop, with agencies.

A note about partnerships! Our partner agencies are on the front lines of support for clients as they navigate their way to new horizons—from homelessness to housed, from substance misuse to recovery or from trauma to healing. We need *healthy, expressive, and connected citizens* always, especially in these times. Art helps to heal spirits and connect citizens and communities. Through our work with partner agencies, we continue to see that Boston's neighborhoods need direct experiences with art now more than ever.

Your continued support (and ideas! Please talk to us!) will allow us to make positive impacts, the effects of which will increase the health and well-being of Boston communities long into the future.

Please join us in using *art as a catalyst* by contributing to our work, using our online donation form, or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope to support our 2019 initiatives. And please, connect with us! We want to hear your ideas and would love the chance to personally thank you for your support, financial or otherwise. Let's talk!

Artfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanne Dasaro".

Jeanne Dasaro, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Rousseau".

Michael Rousseau, Board Chair