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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Heller An Shapiro

**RE:** Arts in Healthcare Programming Phaseout Description

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As agreed, the Arts in Healthcare program is phasing out. The following will be published as soon as the final transition takes place at the end of 2018.

**PROPOSED DESCRIPTION:**

After eight years of providing Arts in Healthcare programming at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, ArtStream will phase this program out by December 2018.

**Allies in the Arts** offers injured servicemembers and their family members creative opportunities for physical, mental and emotional healing, recovery and rehabilitation.

**You Are a Work of Art (YAWA)** helps the nursing staff improve their resilience and morale through creative projects. YAWA also serves as a demonstration project for Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences medical residents to learn about the role of arts in healing.

ArtStream's mission, flagship programs and growth opportunities are focused on using the performing arts to improve skills for the IDD community. The decision to phase out the Arts in Healthcare programming was made by the Board of Directors during the January 2017 Strategic Planning Process. Input from Board members, Families, and Teaching Artists helped to guide this decision.

The Institute for Integrative Health will take over YAWA programming for nursing personnel. YAWA's highly trained and experienced professional staff team will transfer to the Institute in order to continue this program. The Allies in the Arts program will be discontinued.

ArtStream is proud to have supported and grown these programs to serve more than 1,700 nursing personnel and 700 injured servicemembers and their caregivers each year. We look forward to a smooth transition and continued growth of the YAWA program at The Institute for Integrative Health.