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# **EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Arts Greenhouse has spent the past few months expanding our network and strengthening partnerships and program offerings. This has included new programming sites, an expanded online presence, and increased community recognition through funding and project support.

## Comic Workshop: Northgate School District

In December 2021, AG conducted a workshop with students at Northgate School District Middle School. Focused on webcomics, students wrote and illustrated one-page multi-panel comics around a central theme of collaboration and community. These items were then combined to create a full webcomic, which will be available later this spring.



# Partnership Update: HCV

In January 2022, AG started its second year of programming with Homewood Children's Village. Through our "Illustrating Myself" workshop, students are using poetry, sumi ink, and watercolor to explore and express their realities. This weekly workshop will continue through May, with students collaborating on an online anthology of their work.

#### **New Team Member**

Elise Hoffman joins AG as our new Media Assistant Intern. A MA student in Literary and Cultural Studies, the arts and humanities are a very big part of her life and create several outlets for creative self-expression. She is very excited to be a part of Arts Greenhouse and to help local youth think introspectively in order to express themselves. Elise is working on AG's social media presence and digitizing youth projects.



### **Heinz Endowment Grant**

In October 2021, AG was officially awarded a Heinz Creative Learning Grant from The Heinz Endowment. For our next phase of programming, "AG Expansion and Making Matters Curriculum," AG was awarded \$39,980 to support our work to promote equity, access, and quality for the Pittsburgh region's young arts learners. These funds will be used to advance existing growth needs and upcoming initiatives.