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## **ART Z Launches COVID-19 Outreach**

### *Bridge and Heal the Divide*

**Quakertown, PA (May 4, 2020)** A Bucks County non-profit is using art to bridge and heal the divide between families affected by COVID-19 and the therapists who help them. Art Z is mobilizing the community to unite and give back, to fund and supply this art-based outreach.

“For families across the Delaware and Lehigh Valley, their loss is a tragedy and the aftermath is traumatic,” said Renee Bures, executive director at Art Z. “We mourn the crisis and are eager to make an impact on the healing.” Families will receive an art kit, assessment and virtual art therapy. It's a non-verbal, tangible way to process grief, release stress and focus on resilience. “Art Z continues to be a safe haven for expression,” said Bures, “especially now when there seem to be no words.”

Thanks to a hefty donation of art supplies from Neidig Elementary School in Quakertown Community School District, Art Z staff and volunteers have already made a difference. They assembled 'unity' art kits to help kids cope with school closures and social isolation, as well as helping clients in residential lockdown maintain a connection to their therapeutic studio community. To support this initiative, visit [Art Z GoFundMe campaign](#). To learn more about Art Z's COVID-19 outreach, refer individuals for services, and to donate supplies, visit [Art Z online](#).

Since 2005, Art Z has served more than 3,000 people in the Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh and Philadelphia counties, logging over 176,000 studio visits and 9,800 volunteer hours. Prior to the pandemic, Art Z invited people of all ages in the general community to make art *and* make a difference, with 100% of donations received supporting the [Art Abilities](#) program for artists with disabilities. The community continues to bolster Art Z, especially now through funding outreach.

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