

# FUNDRED

Dear Friends and Educators,

We warmly invite you and your students to participate in the **Fundred Project**, a nationwide collaborative art project engaging creativity and the value of human expression toward a healthy lead-free future for all kids. Although lead-poisoning is 100% preventable, it still puts millions of children across the country at risk for lifelong brain damage and other health issues each year. By drawing and donating one Fundred per individual to the Fundred Reserve, everyone can become part of a collective voice in support of efforts by impacted communities and their advocates to eradicate childhood lead poisoning once and for all. Through the Fundred Project, students can learn about the lead crisis, explore what they can do to create change around lead in their communities, and become part of the solution!

The ongoing water crisis in Flint shines light on the issue of lead-contaminated water nationwide. Beyond that, millions of homes still contain hazards remaining from the historic use of lead paint. Nearly half a million children nationwide are presently diagnosed with lead poisoning and millions more are at risk. Exposure to lead can result in a range of debilitating symptoms, including cognitive impairment, behavior and attention disorders, and potentially increased violent tendencies.

We hope you will join us to help raise awareness and bring an end to lead poisoning. The Fundred Project originated as a way of giving children a platform to represent the value of their health and their voice. We now hold over 455,000 individually hand-drawn Fundreds from across the country. These drawings were presented for the first time in Washington DC in 2017 and the Fundred Reserve remains in DC, where it can engage our nation's leaders and invite their commitment to actively keep kids safe from this avoidable threat. We hope you can be part of this mission to finally protect every child from the compromising effects of lead poisoning, and we would be honored to include your contributions in the Fundred Reserve.

Sincerely,

*The Fundred Team*

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