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April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and Free Arts works with children all over the Valley who have experienced trauma, neglect or homelessness. They transform children's trauma to resilience through the arts. Free Arts programs are typically delivered by 800 volunteer mentors and artists who serve more than 6,000 children annually through partnerships with over 40 social service child welfare agencies at 100+ sites across Maricopa County. Throughout COVID, Free Arts has shifted programs online or offered small in-person activities with safety protocols in place.

If you're looking for a way to help foster care and homeless children during Child Abuse Awareness Month, Free Arts is in need of Bravery Bracelets. You can work on this new intentional art project from the comfort of your own home. It's a great activity for families. Each colored bead has a meaning and children can use their creativity to make a bracelet that allows them to express themselves. These Bravery Bracelets will be a component of the next round of Bravery Boxes, which will be given to children just entering foster care throughout Arizona.

Check out the instructions here: <http://bit.ly/FreeArts-Bracelets>

Other ways you can help Free Arts:

- Consider claiming Free Arts on the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit by April 15, 2021.
- Make a donation to our programs or host an art supply drive
- Volunteer - Free Arts is hoping to resume in person programming this summer. To inquire about volunteering, visit: www.freeartsaz.org

About Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona

Founded in 1993, Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona is a nonprofit organization that works to transform children's trauma to resilience through the arts. Free Arts programs include creative elements that promote safety, self-expression, and a sense of belonging. Free Arts programs are delivered by 800 volunteer mentors and artists who serve more than 6,000 children annually through partnerships with 40 social service child welfare agencies at 100+ sites across Maricopa County. For more information on Free Arts, visit: www.FreeArtsAZ.org.