

Dear ,

McLean Project for the Arts has been called a “jewel” by many, and it continues to shine, thanks to you and others like you.

We hope that you and your family are faring well. To say the least, it has been a challenging time for all of us and we want to thank you for your past support.

MPA's income dropped by 24% over the last year, primarily as a result of the downturn in the economy. Thankfully we were able to cut expenses and tap some of our rainy day fund so that we were able to present 17 exhibitions and 170 art classes in our Susan B. DuVal Studio.

We continue to face a difficult economy and every dollar counts. Bearing this in mind, ***we ask you to support MPA this year, no matter the size of your gift, and we ask you to donate now or pledge a gift to MPA for 2010. We rely primarily on individuals and local companies for our financial support.***

With a gift to MPA, you may be confident that your donation will be used wisely. As the oldest nonprofit visual arts center in the region, MPA accomplishes its mission with a highly efficient staff of predominantly part-time employees and hundreds of dedicated volunteers. Seventy-five percent of each dollar you donate is spent on our museum quality exhibitions and educational programs.

We are confident about MPA's future, and look forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary with you in 2012. Your gift will

- enable us to enrich the lives of so many in our community –
- . *Thousands of school children* each year, *including many at-risk youth*, who are inspired by the arts when they visit our galleries for tours and hands-on art activities;
 - 0. *Seniors* who remember and enjoy the simple pleasures of self-expression in our senior program;
 - . *Special needs students* who receive no arts education in their self-contained classrooms in the public schools;
 - 0. And local residents and artists who participate in *MPAartfest, our annual outdoor arts festival* in McLean Central Park.

Please visit our web site, www.mpaart.org, to find the schedule of exhibitions and educational programs that MPA offers throughout the year. We are truly grateful for your support!

Sincerely,

Kitty Gonzalez
Chair
MPA Board of Directors

Nancy Powers Perry
Executive Director