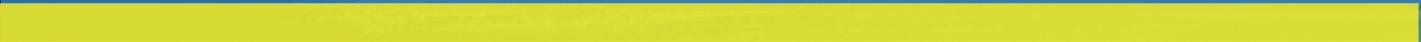




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Educate. Prevent. Empower.



Letter from the Director

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Greetings,

2018 has been a year of growth, new programs, and new partnerships. We have served over 14,000 students this year while teaching in 163 new classrooms. When a district reached out for a solution to juuling and vaping offenses, we answered the call by creating the Knockout Nicotine series. We also worked with a district to provide presentations on healthy relationships and developed a partnership with another nonprofit to bring Operation Aware back to Rogers County.

We feel honored to have been able to provide our services to the Tulsa area for nearly 40 years now. In that time, we have gone from a 5th grade program with 10 lessons to a PreK through HS program with 8 lessons for each grade. We have also created assemblies, parent meetings, and presentations on a number of subjects. I love that Operation is not only wanted by school staff and administrators but that we have a 97% approval rating from our Middle and High School students.

As we enter our 40th year, we are working to build on this solid foundation. The need for prevention has only increased as opioid addiction continues to rise, Juuling becomes more prevalent, and social norms shift. Our 2018-19 fundraising efforts were a huge success in that we were able to serve over 96 classrooms on our scholarship list; however, our need is even greater next year as we have more schools on our waiting list than ever before.

Please consider a gift of \$40 today in celebration of our 40th birthday. With your help, we are fighting addiction one classroom at a time. All of this would not be possible without our generous supporters, so THANK YOU.

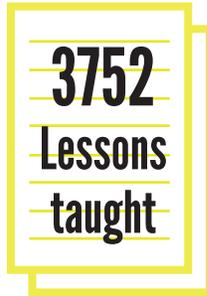


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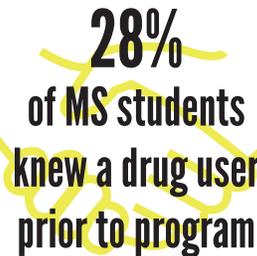
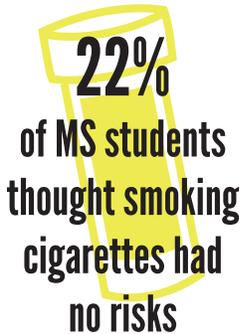
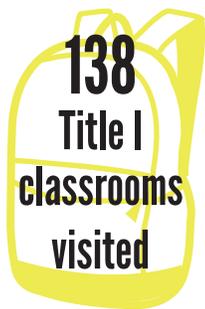
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Executive Director

Year in Review

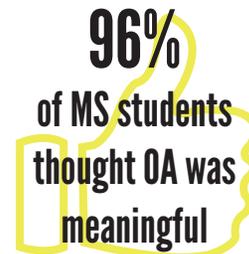
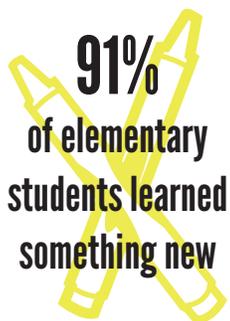
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Percentages reflect pre- and post-test evaluation results

New Programs

Sexual Health & Wellness Series

This four-week series aims to educate students about relationships. Topics include personal standards, healthy and abusive relationships, sexual harassment, cyber interactions, and consequences of being physical in a relationship. This necessary curriculum focuses on healthy relationships, knowledge of acceptable behaviors and how to make decisions confidently.

The series was debuted at Jenks High School in February. Students utilized an online forum to pose questions regarding unhealthy relationships, sexually-transmitted infections and diseases, and how to handle a range of scenarios. Of those surveyed, 92% agreed that the course was meaningful.

1,000
Students received
new Sexual Health &
Wellness series

Knockout Nicotine Series

Operation Aware teamed up with Jenks Public Schools to provide a new series focused on nicotine, utilizing the Tobacco Prevention Toolkit curriculum created by Stanford Medicine. The toolkit is a collection of resources aimed at preventing the use of tobacco and nicotine in middle and high school students (<http://med.stanford.edu>).

The new series covers the basics of tobacco, e-cigarettes, hookah, smokeless tobacco, nicotine addiction, and positive youth development. Two classes received the program this year, and the curriculum will be included in the prevention program going forward.

Operation Aware staff will be receiving official training on the Tobacco Prevention Toolkit in August 2019.

3,300
Oklahoma kids
become new daily
smokers each year*

*[stopswithme.com]

60
Students participated
in the new Knockout
Nicotine series

“Good choices equal a good life.” - Middle School Student, 2017-18

Thank you to our Donors

To all those who contributed to our efforts in 2018, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide prevention education to over 14,000 students this year.

Gifts from corporate and private foundations, proceeds from fundraising events, and individual donations are critical to the continuation and growth of our prevention education programs. Operation Aware appreciates the support and involvement of the community.

Thank you for impacting tomorrow by investing in youth today.



*Operation ART Interview, Channel 2 News KJRH
L-R: Jeni Dolan, Drew, Scott Taylor*

Top 10 Sponsors of 2018:

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Tulsa Community Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Commerce Bank
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David E. and Cassie L. Temple Foundation
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Bama Foods, Ltd.
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“No matter what, you can always say no, and there will always be people out there to back you up in the right decision.” - Middle School Student, 2018-19

12th Annual Golf Tournament

On the 13th of August, 23 teams of golfers took to the course at Cedar Ridge Country Club for our annual Operation Aware Golf Tournament. After a rainy weekend, the weather cleared for a pleasant morning of play. The winning team of the day was Rockwell Collins, which was made up of Stephen Khan, Ron Rausch, Rob Freyaldenhoven, and Chris Hinnen. In total, the event raised more than more than \$49,000.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our presenting sponsor, The John W. and Jerry E. Marshall Foundation, for supporting the Operation Aware Golf Tournament for the past eight years.

23 Teams **92** Golfers **11** Volunteers **49,247** Total Raised

Operation ART Student Exhibit

Students, artists, parents, and art lovers gathered at Dos Bandidos downtown during the First Friday Art Crawl on April 5 for our Operation ART Student Exhibit.

The evening was captured by well-known local photographer Steve Cluck as part of one of his famous “Don’t Hate the 918” photo shoots as music from a live musician filled the air.

As the students and artists shared their work with family and friends amidst the fun, lively atmosphere, members of the community also had the opportunity to view the artwork ahead of the Operation ART Gala.



*Student Exhibit guests
Photo by: Steve Cluck – Don’t Hate the 918*



Operation ART Gala

Awareness. Reached. Together.

The 7th Annual Operation ART Gala was held on April 26 at The Mayo Hotel. Guests were treated to appetizers and champagne during a cocktail hour featuring entertainment from The Dance Pointe and a large selection of silent auction items. Following a gourmet dinner, including several unique and original creations from the chef, our live auction commenced.

This year, the auction featured thirteen pieces of art created by our student/artist duos. The artwork ranged in size from 15 inches to 5 feet and showcased many mediums from photography to acrylic paint.

The largest bid of the night went to Nunnehi by Josh Stout and Lindsey Samuel. Overall, the Operation ART Gala raised over \$42,000.



Operation ART Gala Guests
Photo by: Steve Cluck

Quick Facts

13 Pieces
of Artwork

26 Artists

6 Creative
Sessions

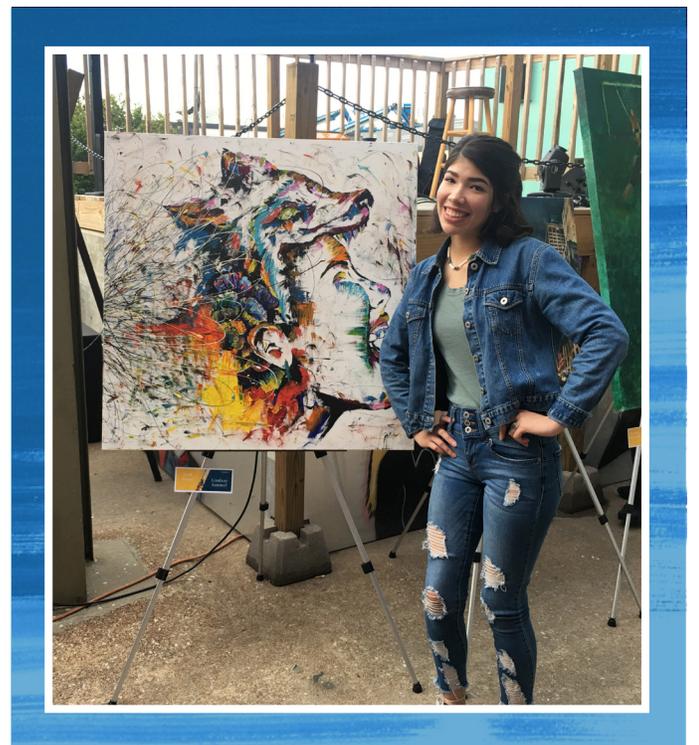
147 Gala
Guests

2,000 Highest
Single Bid

5 Pieces sold
for \$1,000+

13,050
Live Auction Total

42,939
Total Raised



Best-selling art piece: Nunnehi by Josh Stout
and Lindsey [pictured above with piece]

We're Turning 40!

As we near the 2019 school year, we are preparing for our 40th year in operation. We have had the great privilege of sharing our prevention education services with Tulsa-area schools for nearly four decades!

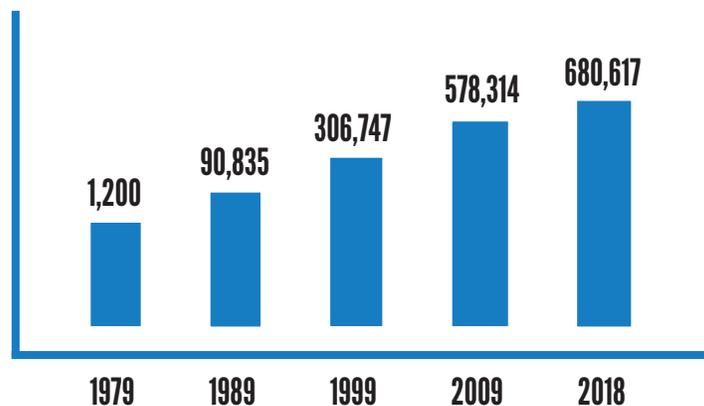
Since our integral year in 1979, Operation Aware has served nearly 700,000 students, and we don't plan on slowing down any time soon. Our program has remained the same at its core, educating students about goal-setting, bullying, healthy relationships, the risks of drug use, and making good decisions. Though in recent years, we have added new curriculum, including the tobacco toolkit and the sexual health and wellness series.

We started by teaching in a handful of schools in Tulsa and have grown to serving over 50 schools in seven counties. Each year, we are thrilled to speak with new schools about presenting our program, and we hope to continue our growth to include every school that wishes to participate in prevention education.

For our 40th birthday, we would like to be able to offer program scholarships for every school on our waiting list.

Will you consider sponsoring a classroom or school to receive prevention education? Learn more about our programs and how to donate at www.operationaware.org.

Total Students Served since 1979



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Equipping youth, through prevention education, with the knowledge and skills to make positive life choices.