CoachArt matches children suffering from chronic illness and their siblings with volunteer coaches for individualized mentorships in any skill that interests them ... basketball, cooking, dance, guitar, painting, photography, piano, soccer, yoga, and so much more.

Our vision is that one day, every family impacted by chronic illness will be connected to a community of support and have access to enrichment services.

"We transform the lives of kids through something they love. At the same time, we enable volunteers to give something they’re passionate about. So it’s a perfect combination of creating purpose by connecting people."

— Leah Bernthal, CoachArt Co-Founder and recipient of the 2015 Point of Light Award

CoachArt creates a transformative arts and athletics community for families impacted by childhood chronic illness.

To learn more and get involved, please visit our website: COACHART.ORG

To see more of the stories featured in this brochure, visit: www.coachart.org/video

CoachArt is a 501(c)3 organization.
1 in 4 children in the U.S. is living with some form of chronic illness.

While arts and athletics may never “cure” a chronic condition, we have witnessed time and again the healing power of play. Through one-on-one lessons and group clubs, CoachArt provides pediatric patients and their siblings the opportunity to improve a skill, uncover hidden talents and passions, and simply have fun.

**ONE-ON-ONE LESSONS**
A student is matched to a volunteer coach for 8 weeks of personalized, in-home lessons.

**COACHART CLUBS**
Groups of 20 students participate in weekly, adapted sports and arts activities led by a team of coaches.

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CoachArt students:
- Often miss school and can’t participate in extracurricular activities
- Need extra support for social and emotional challenges

CoachArt gives its students:
- A safe space to learn and improve a skill
- An outlet to express themselves and have fun
- A personal coach who listens to them and cheers them on
- A community of peers who understand and support them

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Paying it Forward
Missaira Cortez, 25, was born with Oralfacial Syndrome Type 1, a condition that required many surgeries and prompted teasing from other kids. Growing up, she was shy and insecure. “CoachArt helped me be a happy kid,” she says. Missaira is now a CoachArt coach.

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“On the day for his art lesson, he perked right up. And I realized that while doctors were giving him what he needed for his medical condition, CoachArt was giving him what he needed for his emotional well-being.”
— Elena Halpert-Schilt, CoachArt parent and board member

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**THE IMPACT OF COACHART**

- **CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS ARE:**
  - Often isolated or left out of mainstream activities
  - Dealing with pain, discomfort, and stress
  - More susceptible to depression
  - Sometimes bullied or feel embarrassed

- **96% OF OUR STUDENTS FEEL MORE CONFIDENT & COURAGEOUS AFTER COMPLETING THEIR LESSONS**
  We teach our coaches to embrace difference and build confidence by offering encouragement and ensuring success.

- **100% OF OUR STUDENTS MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
  CoachArt provides structured socialization for kids impacted by chronic illness in a safe and inclusive environment.

- **58% OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AS A CAREER**
  CoachArt kids develop new skills, explore their identity, develop healthy stress relievers, and sometimes even discover future career paths.

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