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Mentors:
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Mr. Tyler Choi

History:
The concept for Locust Street Art was developed in 1959 in a Buffalo native's inspired desire to transform an abandoned convent into an area for artistic instruction. The institution developed significantly during the 1970s when it became operational. The program purchased the former convent so that the program could continue to offer its services. The dedicated staff, plethora of classes offered and amount of materials available makes Locust Street Art an amazing and unique organization.

Research:
Art has a lot of academic, social, and mental developmental benefits for children. For instance, art leads to increased language development, improved decision making and visual learning, increased innovation skills and awareness among others. Studies have shown that art also leads to improvement in academic achievement, as well as perseverance in learning tasks in children.

Our Experience:
Through our volunteer experience, we discovered the warm and inviting creative space that is Locust Street Art. The dedicated staff, plethora of classes offered and amount of materials available makes Locust Street Art an amazing and unique organization.

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Mission Statement:
Locust Street Art’s mission is to provide free or low-cost art classes on a consistent basis for any individual, especially youth, low-income and minority individuals from ages 1 1/2 to senior adult, to seriously develop the talent and skills necessary to excel in the visual arts.