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## **Arts Alliance Receives \$1,000 Grant From the Walmart Foundation**



### **Funds Used to Purchase "Back to School" Art Supplies for Elementary School Children**

As part of their annual outreach to bring the arts to the community, the Charles County Arts Alliance creates "Back to School" student art boxes filled with crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, bottled glue and scissors. Each box costs approximately \$5. This year, thanks to a generous award from the Walmart Foundation's Community Grant Program, the Arts Alliance was able to purchase enough supplies to assemble 500 boxes.

With the help of many volunteers from the Arts Alliance's Board of Directors, general membership, and the Spring Dell Center, the boxes were filled, packed up and delivered to the Charles County Children's Aid Society on August 9. The boxes will be included with backpacks and distributed to Charles County school children in grades K through 3rd.



Photo above: Kim Swann, La Plata Walmart Store Manager, presents the \$1,000 grant check to Charles County Arts Alliance President Gale Kladitis, with CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford (left), and Walmart Department Managers Katilla Stewart and Crystal Keplinger (right).



Photo above: CCAA Vice President Robert Rausch and Linda Campbell, Intake Specialist, at the Charles County Children's Aid Society.

A heart-felt thanks goes out to the Walmart Foundation and all the wonderful volunteers who support the Charles County Arts Alliance!

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org), or [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org).