

Integrace Fairhaven awarded competitive Seeding Artful Aging grant to catalyze the growing national Artful Aging movement

Integrace Fairhaven in Sykesville, Md. was selected as one of only 15 nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. to receive a grant from Aroha Philanthropies through its new national initiative, "Seeding Artful Aging."

Artful Aging programs inspire and enable older adults to learn, make and share the arts in ways that are novel, complex and socially engaging. Our work is driven by teaching artists whose creative process and understanding of older adults bring joy, connection, improved health and well-being, and a renewed sense of purpose to older adults in community and residential settings.

Chosen from a highly competitive field of more than 200 applicants, Integrace Fairhaven is among the first cohort of grantees to partner with Aroha Philanthropies in this seminal initiative designed to support the development and expansion of successful Artful Aging programs.

Management at Integrace Fairhaven said they are thrilled to join Aroha Philanthropies at the forefront of the emerging field of Artful Aging. Aroha Philanthropies' grant of \$21,500.00 will support our "Cultivating Creativity" program, which is designed to provide four distinct arts workshops in 2017, each eight-weeks long, exploring the disciplines of painting, photography, and creative writing. The fourth workshop will be determined by popular demand. Each workshop will culminate with a public showing of participants' work.

One of the guiding philosophies at Integrace is the belief that together we are better, and so they strive to live out their values in community. The "Cultivating Creativity" programming will be offered in group settings that intentionally facilitate social interaction among participants. And the culminating events will help to shine light on the passion, talent, and commitment of participants, further breaking down the perception of aging as a time of loss and decline, to a time of continued learning and new creative opportunity.

"Integrace Fairhaven is delighted to partner in the Seeding Artful Aging initiative to not only support our community but contribute to a growing national movement to bring the many benefits of artful aging to communities far and wide," stated a leader in the organization in a press release.

For more information about Integrace Fairhaven, please visit fairhavencrcr.org.

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Seeding Artful Aging, please visit aroheartfulaging.org.

For more information or to request an interview, please contact Lindsay Hebert at 443-471-5103 or lhebert@devaney.net.

About Integrace Fairhaven

Located in Sykesville, Md., Integrace Fairhaven is a community that allows residents to use their time and resources to pursue what they love with the people they most enjoy. Fairhaven offers a lifestyle of flexibility and choice that provides each resident with new opportunities to pursue their passions and enrich their life. Fairhaven is one of four communities in Maryland owned and operated by Integrace, a non-profit organization that strives to ignite in all people the passion for meaningful living. Integrace provides a continuum of services to support both residents and the greater community, including assisted living, skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation and more. More information is available at fairhavencrcr.org.

About Artful Aging

Aroha defines "artful aging" as a subset of the broader field of creative aging. Artful aging programs

inspire and enable older adults to learn, make and share the arts in ways that are novel, complex and socially engaging. Successful artful aging programs are led by teaching artists whose creative process and understanding of older adults bring joy, connection, improved health and well-being, and a renewed sense of purpose to older adults in community and residential settings. More information is available at aroheartfulaging.org.

About Aroha Philanthropies

Aroha Philanthropies is devoted to the transformative power of the arts and creativity, inspiring vitality in those over 55, joy in children and youth, and humanity in adults with mental illness. We believe that learning, making, and sharing art enriches everyone throughout their lifetime. Aroha Philanthropies works to improve the quality of life of people 55+ by encouraging the funding, development, and proliferation of arts programs designed to enhance longer lives, and by advancing the development of professional teaching artists working with those in their encore years. More information is available at aroahaphilanthropies.org.



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