Mission:

ST. LOUIS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (VLAA) supports the creative community by providing free legal and accounting assistance and a wide variety of affordable educational programs. We serve artists of every discipline and career level, nonprofit cultural organizations, and small arts-related businesses. Our organization enhances the region’s cultural fabric and offers rewarding volunteer opportunities.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

34 FREE UPSTART PRESENTATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
11 NEW VOLUNTEERS
34 NEW REFERRALS FOR ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE
20 WORKSHOPS
15 COMMUNITY-BASED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS
4 CLINICS
325+ TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS
281+ GIFTs RANGING FROM $10 TO $1,500
COVID RELIEF EFFORTS


$150K+ PRO BONO SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR VOLUNTEERS
Financial Highlights

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended 6/30/20

REVENUES
Public Funding ..................$42,415
Private Funding ...................27,524
Program Revenue ................. 5,983
Investments ..........................6,096
Total ................................$82,018

EXPENSES
Program ..........................$82,467
Management & General ....... 7,947
Fundraising ..........................8,941
Total ................................$99,355
Net Loss ..........................($17,337)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Total Assets 6/30/19 .... $134,047
Total Assets 6/30/20 .... $131,662

Covid Response

As a direct response to the pandemic, we immediately became fully remote in staff location and program delivery. We served our region’s hard-hit artists, creative businesses, and nonprofit cultural organizations by:

- Waiving referral fees and tuition for those facing financial hardship;
- Presenting our professional development programs online, including pandemic-related topics;
- Providing guidance regarding unemployment benefits, canceled gigs, missing stimulus checks, virtual programming, health insurance, and PPP loans;
- Continuing our Upstart college outreach program with virtual presentations made by working artists, who were paid to speak;
- Launching Briefly Stated, a well-received weekly e-newsletter with critical updates for our bi-state creative community readership.
- Working with the Missouri Arts Safety Alliance to safely reopen venues and workplaces;
- Advocating for arts-friendly state and federal policies and legislation; and
- Sharing resources and strategies with our national network.

“Chad Brigham is a huge reason why I’m able to call myself an Indie filmmaker today. This summer I shot my first short film. He made sure I had all my legal affairs in order — from helping establish my LLC to providing contracts for my cast and crew. Thank you for connecting us!”

Mia Bible, filmmaker

“Thanks again for your services! And thank you to Steenz [Stewart] for some much needed inspiration, reality and levity!”

Kathleen Sanker, St. Charles Community College

“Kathy Van Vorhees helped us rewrite our liability waiver to include Covid-19 coverage. She was efficient, knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with. We are so grateful to be connected to her.”

Arica Brown, Consuming Kinetics Dance Company

“Once again, huge thanks and praises to VLAA for helping me out with my taxes!!! Y’all are angels!!”

Paul Niehaus, musician

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