Springfield Area Arts Council

*Mission: Enriching the community by promoting all art forms and*

*providing creative opportunities to participate in and enjoy the arts*

**Recommitment to Equity**

In the sweep of pandemic and protest, the Springfield Area Arts Council renews our commitment to encourage, embrace, and celebrate diversity. The Arts Council affirms our pledge not to discriminate in any way by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, income, mental/physical ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression and to listen to those who know better than we do where discrimination lingers in our society.

The visual, performing, and literary arts in the greater Springfield area should encompass all creative efforts. Therefore, the Arts Council stands ready to ally with those who seek to educate and to find community-led solutions. As the Arts Council nears our 45th anniversary, we will endeavor to help the community imagine, engage, heal, and move forward.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we

wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting

for. We are the change that we seek.” (Barack Obama)