

ART ARK Apartments
1058 S. 5th St.San jose, CA. 95112
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
Family Resource Center

Letters Written by Art Ark Residents Reflecting ATAP Impact / Experience

(Letters copied just as written, with no grammar corrections)

1. From Mark, a 13 year old of a single mother:

i think this place is pretty nice its a place that you can paint, play basketball and play board games thers a lot of friendly people and staff!

2. From a single working (part-time) woman, young 50's:

Dear Sirs,

I would like to tell you how much Maria Todd does for the Art Ark community. She works unselfishly for the residents here. She helps us with classes to better ourselves, yoga, computers, art. She helps us beautify our environment, painting murals and helps to inspire our self esteem and community, and inspires us to work harder and take pride in our "home". maria is a #1 "go getter" and with her "All Things are Possible".

Sue

Art Ark Resident

3. From a young middle aged woman:

To whom it may Concern:

Marie and Coach Berry are doing a wonderful job in out community. The programs are beneficial and their positive on our complex. We need more programs in this area.

Sincerely

Brenda

4. From a single unemployed young man, early 20's:

To Whom it man concern,

The Art Ark/All things are possible collaboration housing project has been such a wonderful and supportive program for myself and many others. I find that their help has helped me on many different levels in times of need. The economic crisis has effecetd many U.S. citizens and I am truely grateful to be a part of this program. Much thanks to everyone involved from the original creator of all of this to the employees of the complex.

Best wishes.

David

5. From a divorced unemployed man, veteran, early 50's:

To whom it may concern,

my name is Martise. I am a tenant at the Art Ark, Apts. I have only lived here for a few months, but since I lived here, I have met two wonderful people, by the name of Maria

and Barry. who represent All Things Are Possible, and since I've met them, they have bought the complex community together, young and old. They have organized social events, such as yoga, introductory computer classes, basketball, took some people in complex to see motorcross in San Francisco Att Park. One time on the morning news, it was reported Denny's was offering free breakfast, maria and Barry personally took tenant's from Apt. complex, young and old to breakfast. everyone had a good time, and another thing, they have personally given tenants in need, furniture, T.V.'s, food. These people truly have compassion for the community. All things are possible, when they are God sent.

Sincerely,
Martise

6. From a married man, on disability, middle aged:

To Whom It May Concern

I (Gene) am very pleased with the activities that Maria & Barry have presented us with. I have personally been involved with the fundraiser held at the Giants stadium. Coach Barry and I are also involved on Saturdays coaching basketball for the young people at this complex. They both are very friendly and are always willing to help when asked.

Sincerley,
Gene

7. From a single young woman, early 20's (also our Yoga instructor):

(This letter was typed and the resident was so proud that she was able to type it since she's been taking the computer classes)

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Antoinette, am a resident of the Art Ark Apartments and I am writing a letter to you to show my appreciation for the All Things Are Possible Program. I would like to express my gratitude for letting this program represent it name because this program has really made all things possible. Since this program I have seen more residents come out to see what is going on in the program and what all the flyers are about. I think that I have met more people in my apartments now than I have ever see within the whole last year of me holding my residence here. I think that this program was a thing that was really needed incorporating into this facility. I also want to acknowledge Maria todd and Coach Barry and the rest of the staff on board this program for a good job well done. They have done so much in managing this program and keeping things afloat. They are always making sure that they do what they can to supply all the needs of the residents here. They are constantly having some kind of fun activity going for both the adults and kids. They have even got to the extent of providing field trips for the residents to attend. And let's not forget the volunteer work at the Motor cross at the AT&T Park in San Francisco. Which, by the way I had a blast at. This program for me really makes me feel like a part of the community. And it also makes me feel good to participate in things and get involved in my community. It is sad that a lot of people like me here didn't get a chance to get to know anyone here until now. I just wanted to say thank you for putting this program together and for allowing it to continue for as long as it has. And I wish this program the best and hope it to be as prosperous as it has made me feel.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Antoinette

P.S. If you have any questions please feel free to call me on my cell @ (408)417-5987.

8. From a single disabled older gentleman, with many illnesses:

My name is Ruben & I've been a tennent at Art-Ark apartment since Oct 20, 08. Before Maria started to work here it was boring because I didn't know any one here. But now, since Maria has started to work here I have met some one to go to when I have a problem. Right now i have an opportunity to attend a computer class. Also, when my health permits, i'm able to offer volunteer work & be a part of painting the hallway mural. So for everything appears fine to me & i can't suggest any new in-put, but i'm sure as time goes by i'll have things to suggest.

Thank You,

Ruben

P.S. All Things Are Possible

9. From a middle aged married couple, new residents:

To wom it may concern

Marie is a very sweet person. She help out my husband and I. We had no couch and Maria came through. She is the most wonderful person in the world. I thank you Marie.

Yours Truely

Faustino & Lynn

10. From a single middle aged working woman, very involved in the neighborhood:

Since maria has come to Art Ark Apartments with All Things Are Possible, there is a feeling of more cohesiveness here. Although programs of this nature take a considerable amount of start up time before people really respond, Maria remains enthusiastic and open to ideas and opportunities. I look forward to upcoming programs and activities, from computer classes to community interaction.

Judy

11. From a middle aged single Mom on SSDI:

(This was written inside a very beautiful notecard and left on my desk: such a nice surprise)

Please consider my application (for the home makeover)-

Thank you for all that you do

Toni

Sorry for the terrible penmanship, I no longer have office staff, computers, etc.

Maria & The New Art Ark

"Anything is Possible"

Miracle Workers

I should have known that something wonderful was happening here when my son Noah

(13 years old) prefers to stay at home this weekend & go downstairs! instead of going to Grandma's where there is big screen TV & cousins, etc. Your program seems amazing and as a property manager for 20 yrs I have a lot of experience in trying to meet the needs of residents.

12. Also from the same resident (above):

(She had been sick and I called her to see how she was feeling) (She was one of the 2 residents chosen for the Home Makeover)

Maria,

Thank you for the call on Fri eve. I spoke with Antoinette and she let me know that you would be out -of-town until today! I have an appointment at Socail Security Admin. I will call you when I return if that's OK? I am very excited about the makeover. I have been moving stuff out.....

Toni

13. From a young single mom looking for work:

(This was written on a notecard and handed to me, the resident saying, "This was wriiten from my heart")

Thank you to all the staff at All Things Possible for providing such a positive and great program for my family, and residents. My son has enjoyed basketball clinic and the recreation activities you provide. As for myself, I'm glad I've been able to meet such great people in your program.

Love, Lorena & Isaac

14. From (#7 above):

(This resident / yoga instructor was asked to keep the activities in the Community Room going while we were at the staff meeting in So. CA for the weekend. Her note was written on a very cute notecard and hidden in my desk draw for me to find as a surprise upon my return) Here's a thank you note for you while you were away! To maria: I just wanted to write you a thank you note for allowing me to help out the program by running the yoga class and for trusting me and having enough confidence in me to ask me to look over the program for you in your absence. I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you and kindness. Stay sweet and don't ever change and I wish for all the best in what you do. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Miss Antoinette