



# Spring 2022 Newsletter



## A letter from our founder Sophie Alpert

Dear friend of Piece by Piece,

Piece by Piece has been very productive these past few months! I'm thrilled to share that we have moved into our much-needed permanent space at Deep Green Housing's Broadway Village in South LA. We held some of our first community workshops at this very location 15 years ago, which makes this transition feel like we are returning home. In addition to our in-person workshops, we are continuing to provide virtual classes for individuals that are either physically or emotionally unable to attend in person. These virtual classes continue to provide them with a safe space to connect, create, and participate in learning. Although there has always been an organic, therapeutic benefit to our work, we have also become more intentional about our program's focus on mental health and wellness.

We recently bid farewell to Daniel Villa, after his seven-year tenure with the organization. Daniel accomplished a great deal in his time with Piece by Piece, and on behalf of the entire organization, I want to express our gratitude for his friendship and support over the years. Jadie Deigado will be assuming Daniel's role as our new Operations Manager. Jadie has been working in the nonprofit sector since 2018 and has a longtime passion for the arts.

Today, Piece by Piece is in a stronger position as an organization, with a deeper understanding of our need to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion. To this end, we have expanded our Advisory Board to ensure the voices of our community are represented.

Thank you for your continued support and shared commitment in building community through art, creativity and hope.

With gratitude,  
**Sophie Alpert**

**P.S** We are working diligently to update our database, if your name is misspelled or incorrect in the greeting please let us know so we can correct it.

## Watch Piece by Piece's Latest Video



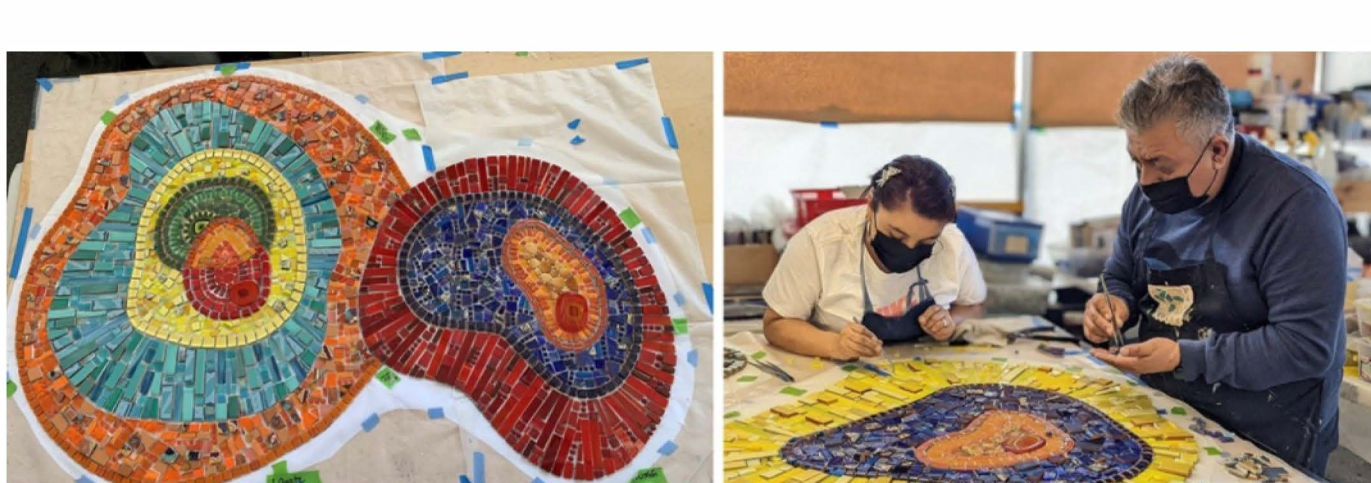
Get to Know Piece by Piece in this short 94 second video.



## Piece by Piece Artwork Goes Swimmingly into New Apartment Complex



Piece by Piece had the good fortune recently to work with architect Hai Lin to create a unique piece of artwork for the spa and pool area of 200 Ocean Apartments in Long Beach. Mr. Lin wanted to add some color to the space, which is primarily neutral tones.



Mr. Lin found Piece by Piece by searching for mosaic artwork online. He was impressed with the scale and quality of work our artists create. In fact, he joined our artists for a work session in the studio to participate. During the design process, we worked closely with Mr. Lin to make his vision of a colorful and vibrant artwork a reality. Using a variety of brightly-colored repurposed ceramic and glass, our team created a series of organic shapes based on his concept.



Our team worked with installer Juan Varela to install the mosaic as well as tile the entire back wall, which is behind the jacuzzi. We are grateful to work with Mr. Lin and bring art to this lovely open space.

## Meet the Piece by Piece Advisory Board

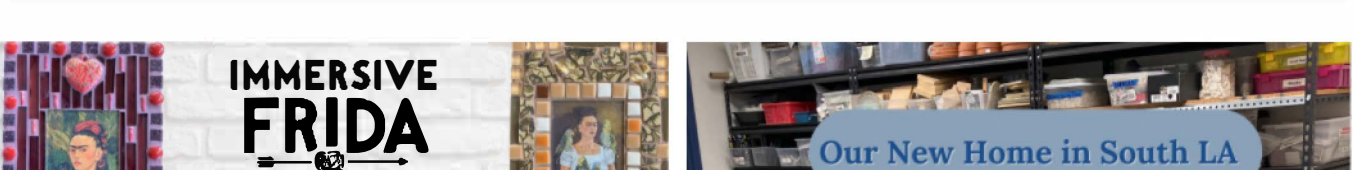


The Piece by Piece advisory board is comprised of community members who have expertise in the work and services offered by Piece by Piece. They offer insight into how the programs help the community; how Piece by Piece can continue to serve the community; and also help to identify and address some of the unseen issues and barriers that Piece by Piece artists face in their day to day lives. This unique perspective from diverse voices allows for a better understanding of what participants need and how Piece by Piece can grow to address those needs.

They meet quarterly to provide insights and recommendations around programming, outreach, and advocacy. As a part of this, at least once a year the advisory board provides the Piece by Piece board of directors and staff with recommendations for an advocacy plan for the organization. This may include recommendations on how Piece by Piece can support participants around mental wellness, the benefits cliff, housing security, access to services, and other areas that will help to improve the overall quality of life for Piece by Piece participants.

The other main function of the advisory board is to offer recommendations on programming and outreach. Staff relies on the advisory board's feedback on the current program offerings including the certificate program. Staff also utilizes the advisory board to help design program evaluations and guidance on how to empower participant artists in their healing and artistic journeys. We are grateful to their dedication and commitment to the Piece by Piece artists and thank each of them for their service!

**We are pleased to introduce the 2022 Piece by Piece Advisory Board Members; [Jose Morales](#), [Bea Jones](#), [Luz Mack](#), and [June Cigar](#).**



Piece by Piece is excited to share that [Impact Museums](#) and [Immersive Frida](#) invited Piece by Piece artists to sell their work in the gift shop! 100% of the proceeds go directly back to our artists. Please show our artists some love and shop their pieces at the gift shop!

We are thrilled to announce our new permanent home, located at Broadway Village 2 Apartments in South Los Angeles. We are getting settled in, and are beyond excited. We want to extend a sincere thank to Deep Green Housing for their partnership and support. Stay tuned for announcements about new classes and events!

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## Did You Know?

In 2021 Piece by Piece recycled over 1.5 tons of materials; making art and reducing trash in landfills.



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