

In 2007, Cora Lou Robinson, a fourth grade teacher at Richardson Elementary School approached Cultural Crossroads about a possible grant to bring the arts into her classroom of at-risk children. With no funds available at the time and no time to apply, Chris Broussard, a local artist and art teacher volunteered her time.

Every Friday afternoon for the entire school year, 'Miss Chris' taught Cora Lou's class. She provided instruction art and all the supplies. The results of that year were reflected not only in the wonderful artistic creations of the students, but Mrs. Robinson saw improvements in their behavior and their grades. This volunteer approach to bringing some kind of Arts in Education program to area elementary schools went on to become one of the main objectives of Cultural Crossroads. With no art program in the elementary schools aside from the Gifted and Talented program, the board of directors of Cultural Crossroads made Arts In Education one of their priorities.