

# Autistry Studios

## End of Year Ask



Autistry Studios was founded in 2008 by the parents of a teenage son with autism. Looking for programs to help their son transition after high school into independent adulthood they found nothing available and set out to fill the gap themselves. Autistry Studios serves teens and adults with autism, Asperger's and other compatible learning differences.

Our program is based on fantastic projects from each student's imagination. By facilitating their ideas and working with them to make their projects real, we explicitly teach practical life skills while implicitly practicing social skills that will enable our students to engage with their community. We have created a unique post industrial workspace in San Rafael, California.

In four years Autistry Studios has grown from a group of four students working in a backyard shed to nearly forty students working in a 10,000 square foot converted warehouse. What are we working on? Trains, planes, automobiles, swords, shields, helmets, tanks, guitars, quilts, dolls, dresses, films, paintings, computers, chairs, puppets...whatever you can imagine! In 2013, we will launch Autistry Enterprises offering direct employment experience to our students.



Our core values are small groups, half-day sessions, realistic boundaries, and outstanding staff. This combination delivers incredible growth and a rewarding experience for our students. Families pay fees for service and about 25% of our families receive some form of tuition assistance. Tuition only covers 85% of the total cost of the program and we would like to ask you to help fund this important and remarkable program.

Autistry Studios will be featured in an upcoming television special, *Profiles of Excellence*, airing Sunday, Dec. 2 on ABC7 KGO-TV at 10am.

Contributions may be made by check to **Autistry Studios**.

Or via PayPal at: <http://www.autistry.com/blog/index.php/donate/>

*Autistry Studios is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your contributions will be tax deductible to the extent allowable by your tax situation.*

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