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- What:** Picture and check presentation
- Where:** Chelsea High school, main office
- When:** Thursday, April 15 , 12:30pm
- Who:** Commissioner and board member Robbie Hayes
Principal Jay Peoples
Shelby County Arts Council board president Terri Sullivan
- Why:** Walmart Chelsea has awarded a grant of \$500, to fund ArtAbilities at Chelsea High school. This is an art therapy class for mentally and physically challenged students.

We have attached a detailed document explaining the program objectives, needs and benefits. We appreciate your time and attention.

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Who is the Shelby County Arts Council

Energized by the belief that the arts have the power to inspire individuals and rouse communities, the Shelby County Arts Council has promoted visual and performing arts throughout the county since 2005. The former Columbiana Fine Arts Center was formed in 2004 when Terri Sullivan and a small group of interested citizens responded to the lack of arts programming within Shelby County. They expanded their vision and scope as the Academy of Fine Arts of Shelby County in 2005 and added more classes. As its programs and outreach grew, the name was changed in 2007 to the Shelby County Arts Council to more fully denote its county-wide role of promoting arts programs and assisting artists. The Arts Council is fully incorporated as a functioning 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Since the Arts Council opened its doors in a rented storefront in the town of Columbiana in 2005, the organization has served over 15,000 children, youth and adults in a variety of arts education programs including oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, drawing, pottery, jewelry making, theatre camps, creative writing and guitar/ violin/ piano/ voice lessons as well as exposing the citizens of Shelby County to student, local, and visiting gallery exhibitions. The Arts Council has a growing outreach program that takes arts education to Shelby County schools and home-schooled students, senior citizen centers and juvenile detention facilities – widening the already considerable influence of the Arts Council.

Visit our web site to learn more: www.ShelbyCountyArtsCouncil.com