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Valdosta Grassroots Goes Above and Beyond

VALDOSTA, Ga. (March 22) – The Georgia Council for the Arts has named the Turner Center for the Arts the “Outstanding Grassroots Chapter of the Year.”

Grassroots is an afterschool program that reaches children in the community who otherwise may not be exposed to the arts.

Since beginning the program in 2001, the Turner Center has helped more than 500 children.

“The Turner Center has completely taken Grassroots to a whole new level,” said Janice Green, president of the Georgia Council for the Arts. “They have reached out to so many children. The turn-around of these children have made is an amazing thing to see.”

The Turner Center conducted a studied of last year’s Grassroots students. Out of 75 children, 63 showed improved behavior, 48 saw letter grade improvements and 27 became more involved at school.

“This is a really big honor and we couldn’t be more ecstatic,” said Anthony Miller, director of Grassroots at the Turner Center. “Really though, it’s the kids who should be awarded this honor. They are what make our program so great.”

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Grassroots programs combine visual art, music and theater to help children express individuality and creativity.

The Turner Center reaches out to elementary school students in the Lowndes County area.

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