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**CONFERENCE UPDATES**



It is a BOOST tradition to kick off the annual conference by celebrating and giving back to an exemplary organization whose values match our own. This year we have chosen to highlight and honor the amazing and colorful work of ARTS-A Reason To Survive.

**Join us poolside at the Hilton Hotel for a one-woman art show to kick off the BOOST Conference. Meet a remarkable young 16 year-old woman whose life has been turned in every direction and has emerged as a resilient leader and artist with the love, support and hope of friends, community and ARTS-A Reason to Survive.**




**My name is Inocente. Life for me has never been normal.**  
 When I was about 8 years old I was introduced to alcohol, drugs and abuse. My father beat me and beat who ever came close to him. One day he went over the

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**BOOST CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2010**  
**Palm Spings Convention Center**  
**Palm Springs, California**





**BOOST BUDDY OF THE WEEK**



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**2010 BOOST Inaugural Opening Reception Hat Contest**

BOOST is starting a new tradition at our Annual Opening Reception so get ready to celebrate in style. Show up at the opening poolside reception on Wednesday evening and show off! Ornate, glamorous headpieces, outrageous-themed head wear, fancy floral arrangements, sports-theme, program orientated or boast your company or agency flair!

Be entered into one of 3 different Hat Contest categories:

- **Most Glamorous**
- **Best Theme**
- **Most Creative**

top and my journey through shelters began. I feel confident in saying that I have been in about every shelter in San Diego.

I have been from place to place in the past 8 years and there's one thing that I have found throughout my path, and that thing was art. I knew I could draw **but I never knew I could paint until a paintbrush was put in my hand.** Art has gotten me so far in my life it's sometimes overwhelming.



**Art has played a big part in who I have become.** I was introduced to ARTS about 3 years ago and it has shaped my life completely. I have improved in all my art skills and I have made new friends (which to me is most important). I have accomplished so many things in the past 3 years that I have been here at ARTS and I have learned that my passion is art.



**ARTS: Transforming Kids' Lives Through Free Arts Programs**

Founded in 2001, ARTS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to healing, inspiring and empowering youth facing life challenges by providing innovated arts-based programs, education and employment opportunities. ARTS offers programs to youth (ages 3 to 22) who are facing many types of life challenges, giving them access to a safe and nurturing place to escape and create through visual, performing and literary art forms. ARTS serves over 5,000 youth each year from more than 35 partner organizations that include hospitals, foster care agencies, residential treatment facilities, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and other social service agencies.

In addition to the Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center, a 7,000 sq ft workspace which includes a music room, media arts lab, performance space, ceramics studio, printmaking/mixed media studio, painting studio, as well as an exhibition and sales gallery for student artwork, ARTS operates a transportation service called Van Go! to ensure that all kids can participate in the programs at the ARTS center.

For more information on ARTS, please visit their website at [www.AReasonToSurvive.org](http://www.AReasonToSurvive.org)

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April 28th is truly a day to celebrate in Palm Springs with colleagues from all over the country.

### Hat Party

Have fun at the poolside Hat Making Party! Join Anna Reyner from Discount School Supply and create a hat all your own!

## Register Today to Attend the BOOST Conference & Legacy Summit

### Phase III: Standard Registration

October 16, 2009-April 13, 2010 \$425 per person

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