THANK YOU!

Dear Johannes + Clayfolk friends,

We are so grateful to Clayfolk for supporting the heart of our ceramics studio in such a practical and meaningful way. Through this grant, we received a set of kiln elements, a replacement thermocouple, four kiln shelves, kiln wash, and sponges - all things that might not look very exciting from the outside, but inside a busy community ceramics studio, they are essential!

Our ceramics studio is one of the busiest spaces at Talent Maker City. On any given week, our kiln is firing work made by kids discovering clay for the first time, community members taking a class, students participating through one of our school or nonprofit partnerships, and makers returning again and again because they have found a place where they feel creative and connected.

That amount of making puts a lot of love - and wear and tear - on our equipment. Having these replacement parts and supplies on hand means that when something needs attention, our staff can take care of it quickly and keep the studio moving. It means fewer interruptions to classes, more efficient kiln firings, and less stress on our ceramics team. Instead of scrambling to find funds for an unexpected repair or delaying a firing, our staff can focus their energy where we want it most: on our students, our makers, and creating a welcoming place to learn.

These are also the kinds of expenses that can quietly eat away at program budgets. By helping us cover the essential infrastructure of ceramics, Clayfolk allows more of our resources to stay focused on accessible classes, quality instruction, and keeping opportunities to work with clay within reach for our community.

At TMC, we believe making things together builds more than skills (it builds confidence, belonging, relationships, and community). Sometimes it takes a new kiln element or a couple of shelves to keep all of that happening! We are incredibly grateful to Clayfolk for understanding what it takes behind the scenes to keep a community ceramics studio thriving and for helping us keep the kiln hot, the clay moving, and our community making.
With heartfelt gratitude,

Alli French + the rest of the Talent Maker City team

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