

\$4,000 grant goes to arts outreach group

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Victoria's Octa Collective Society, a non-profit group supporting the arts and art education, will receive a \$4,000 grant today in a presentation at George Jay Elementary School, thanks to a group of educators with out-of-province pedigrees.

The money comes courtesy of the Victoria unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario, and will go to the Octa Collective's artsREACH program -- designed to give visual- and performing-arts training to children, regardless of their financial means.

The grant from the retired teachers is part of their effort to support projects that exemplify "service to others."