

BELÓVED[®] GALLERY

Celebrating Faith, Art, and Community



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Reflecting on 2024, it's incredible to think that Belóved Gallery opened its doors less than two years ago with a mission to glorify Jesus and transform lives through His love. While the road ahead was uncertain, our faith in God's goodness and His power to work through art and stories of faith carried us forward.

Since our opening, Belóved Gallery has welcomed guests from all 50 states and over 50 countries to experience *Akiane: The Early Years*. Our art collection has grown to 14 masterpieces, including our latest addition, *The Journey*, completed by Akiane at age nine. This remarkable piece was unveiled at our 2nd Annual Fall Affair: A Celebration of Faith through Art. The event brought together 48 extraordinary artists, speakers, and musicians and hosted 1,500 attendees for a weekend of meaningful conversations that deepened our faith and understanding of Heaven.

This year also marked the launch of our new multilingual website, which now offers content in Spanish with plans to expand to additional languages. We've collected countless guest stories and are excited to unveil a dedicated webpage showcasing these heartfelt testimonies as part of our curated [#iam_beloved](#) stories of faith collection. In this Year in Review, you'll find inspiring highlights and accounts of how Jesus works through Belóved Gallery to touch lives worldwide.

Above all, we want to thank you, our faithful friends both near and far, for being a part of our Belóved community. Your encouragement, prayers, and unwavering support have been invaluable as we continue our mission to glorify God and inspire faith through art. Together, we are building something truly extraordinary.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We await your arrival in 2025,
Team Belóved

Mission and Vision Recap

Founded to amplify the work of extraordinary artists, our mission is for people of all backgrounds to experience faith through art. Our inaugural exhibition, *Akiane: The Early Years*, is thoughtfully curated to tell a unique story through art, poetry, and film, providing a space for reflection, response, and connection. In 2024, we witnessed this mission come to life while working towards our goal of one million people seeing the *Prince of Peace* painting free of charge.



Guest Stories

The profound stories we hear from our guests are too many to count or share in a newsletter. They have changed our lives forever.

“I visited Heaven and when I saw Jesus, I covered my eyes with my blanket because He was very bright. Jesus hugged me. I remember Jesus’s eyes were green and blue. The first time I saw Prince of Peace, I cried. It was the real Jesus, the One I saw in Heaven.”

- Hadarah Belle, age five

“I thought that Almighty God being directly in the lives of people was just in Bible times because we never hear about it today. Then, I discovered Akiane—her life, story, and art. The experience of Belóved Gallery, the Fall Affair, and meeting Akiane, words cannot be described. To become who my God created me to be and do His will in my life is my only goal right now. That is all thanks to Akiane—and to Belóved Gallery.”

- Daniel, Louisiana

“As I looked at Akiane’s beautifully anointed artwork, I felt as though Jesus’ love began to melt me with overwhelming healing. The painful months of this past year were gone. It was life-changing for me. I received healing and breakthroughs that gave me new freedom. My relationship with God is going so much deeper!”

- Lorraine, Arizona

“I visited the gallery on a field trip; I wasn’t expecting much, thinking it would be like any other gallery. When I saw the ‘Prince of Peace’ painting, something inside me changed. I was overwhelmed and couldn’t stop the tears from my eyes. I know my struggles aren’t as bad as those of others, but the message of love and peace I received from Jesus filled my soul. I felt like Jesus was right next to me. I walked out of that gallery a new person.”

- Vanessa, Texas High School Student

“I was a guest artist at the Fall Affair. After painting live on stage, I gave away a lot of prints and heard a lot of stories from guests. That was my favorite part! There were so many different people that came out from all over the world. It inspired my faith and was a beautiful experience.”

- Sam Ryan, Sam Ryan Studio

Key Events and Highlights

EXHIBITS

Akiane: The Early Years showcases fourteen original paintings from Akiane Kramarik's childhood that are on public display for the first time. Visitors came from around the world to marvel at her divine inspiration and profound talent, touched by the wonder of Heaven and the faith that comes from seeing her work and hearing her story.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

At Belóved Gallery's 2nd Annual Fall Affair, we embarked on an incredible journey exploring how Heaven is revealed through art and storytelling. Akiane Kramarik shared an exclusive interview, discussing why her paintings of Jesus resonate deeply with those who have experienced near-death encounters. New York Times Bestselling Author John Burke shared the biblical and scientific evidence he has gathered over 35 years of research. Together, we discovered new ways to experience Heaven and bring its beauty to Earth.

Symphony of Art!

This year's Symphony of Art featured performances, thought-provoking panels, and an unforgettable gathering of artists and guests.



Master Fine Artist Akiane Kramarik and New York Times Bestseller John Burke enrapture the audience with a conversation about making the invisible accessible to viewers through art and the unique ways Akiane's paintings connect to John's research on near-death experiences.

Featured Speaker, Author, and Pastor Dean Braxton is sharing a moment of connection and inspiration with attendees. Dean's radiant joy and heartfelt conversations left a lasting impact on everyone present.



An awe-inspiring performance by Dance to Glory, led by Brittany Peterson, delighted the audience as the dancers brought Heaven to Earth through the beauty of worship and movement.

A guest immerses herself in Akiane's first book, "Akiane: Her Life, Her Art, Her Poetry," while waiting for a speaker session. The Fall Affair hosted 48 remarkable speakers, artists, dancers, and musicians on its main stage, with 1,500 guests from across the world.



The Fall Affair Market buzzes with activity as guests explore interactive art, purchase books and prints for artist meet and greets, and connect with our ministry partners, including REV1211, World Prays, Stones of Zion, Wholehearted & Courageous, Greater Love, Reclaim Academy, and Moon Bird Arts.



Singer-songwriter Ryan DeSiato captivates the audience with a soulful acoustic set at Symphony of Art, filling the atmosphere with catchy melodies and inspiring lyrics.

Artist and Muralist James B. Janknegt brings the stories of Jesus to life during his session, “Jesus' Parables: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...” His vibrant storytelling and art inspired all to see the Kingdom of Heaven through a fresh lens.



Belóved Gallery Co-Founder Lew Cirne shares a heartfelt laugh with the audience during Dean Braxton's “In Heaven at the Throne of God” session. Moments like these remind us of the community and connection in shared faith and storytelling.

Artist, Poet, and Influencer Sam Ryan paints live for the first time in his artistic career. Not only did Sam’s famous painting, “Tempest,” captivate the audience, but it was also auctioned off later at the Belóved Gala.



Northwest Rap Artist and Author Cody Andrews gives the performance of a lifetime by blending music, video, and storytelling, showing that there are no limits to God’s creativity and goodness in our lives.

Belóved Gala

With performances by the REV12 Orchestra and Dance to Glory, the Belóved Gala transported guests into a 360-degree gospel experience, blending worship, storytelling, and art to bring Heaven to Earth.



A powerful evening of unity and worship as guests lift their hands in praise, experiencing the awe of Heaven touching Earth.

Bidders raise their paddles at Belóved Gala in support of our mission, surpassing our fundraising goal of \$250,000.



Music Producer Ramy Antoun leads REV1211 in a worship setting, inspiring the whole room to stand and praise God together.

As the night ends, Akiane, Team Belóved, and gala guests applaud the evening. All who attended knew something unique and unforgettable transpired.



We will carry this time together in our hearts until next year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through free tours, artist Q&A sessions, and outreach initiatives, we engaged our local and worldwide community in new ways. Belóved Café was a hub for local fellowship, offering a place to enjoy hospitality and meaningful conversations. Private tour groups ranged from school field trips to non-profit organizations to church groups. Online community engagement consisted of sharing stories around the world and offering fans of Akiane's art a way to stay connected to gallery happenings.

Antonian Prep School Field Trip

In a heartwarming moment, students from Antonian Prep School visited the Belóved Gallery and experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet Akiane in person. This inspiring encounter allowed students to hear Akiane share her story and discuss her faith-filled journey as an artist, leaving a lasting impression on these young minds.



[ANTONIAN VIDEO >](#)

Notable Achievements

Belóved Gallery has hosted over **23,000 guests** from over 50 countries and all 50 states. Through social media, Belóved Gallery reached an audience of **over 2.9 million people**, an increase of **22.6%** from 2023.

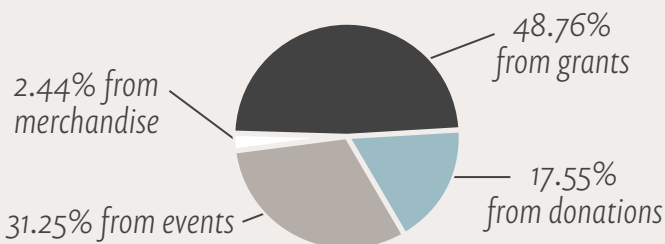
Collaborations in 2024 included partnering with influencers such as Hillary Caitlyn and Sam Ryan. Akiane and Sam took the Symphony of Art stage together with Akiane posing spontaneous questions to the fine artist while he painted live for the first time. REV1211, a non-profit that supports and fosters artists, and Dance to Glory, a premier dance academy, worked tirelessly alongside the team to create an unforgettable 360-degree worship experience for the Belóved Gala.



Financial Overview

2024 was a year of growth with funds raised from grants, donor contributions, events, and merchandise sales enabling us to expand our reach. Your continued support ensures that we can keep offering these transformative experiences.

REVENUE SNAPSHOT:



Volunteer & Staff Recognition

Our success in 2024 is owed to the many staff members and volunteers who continuously work towards our goal: **that every person who comes through Belóved Gallery leaves with a stronger faith than when they entered.** Members of Team Belóved covered the many day-to-day details, from leading tours to helping plan and execute events. We are especially grateful for our volunteers who contributed their time and talents!

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| Kathy Turner | Debra Latham |
| Karen Haefs | Susie Mayfield |
| Terri Floyd | Laura Bethel |
| Danna Cotten | Bruce Cummings |
| Carol Anton | Tracey Shields |
| Lisa Crawford | |

Watch as one of our team members, Karen, shares her experience as a volunteer tour guide.

[KAREN'S TESTIMONIAL >](#)



*Belóved Gallery is thrilled
to share the exciting things
happening in 2025!*

Our 3rd Annual Fall Affair, *Commissioned: Sharing Faith through Art*, will be held October 24-25, 2025. The word commissioned means to appoint, produce, and bring into working condition. An artist can be commissioned to create a meaningful work of art. God also commissioned us into His family as sons and daughters, individual masterpieces designed by the Master Artist Himself. Building on this foundation, Jesus's final words on Earth called for the Great Commission, an invitation to share with the entire world the profound work of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, His unbreakable love for every one of us, and His promise of eternal life. Join us for a two-day art and music event with keynote speakers, live painting, live music, dance, and more, exploring how we are commissioned to be loved, to create art, and to share the Good News of Jesus, regardless of our age, position, or background.

The **2025 Belóved Gala** will be held on October 25th at the Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. Team Belóved is already planning for this year's incredible immersive experience. You won't want to miss it!

[SAVE THE DATE >](#)

FROM THE CEO:

I am immensely grateful for your unwavering support of Belóved Gallery. Our ministry is unique—we are the sole public exhibition of Akiane Kramarik’s works worldwide and the honored stewards of 14 divinely inspired masterpieces accompanied by profound poetry. Your generosity and encouragement have enabled us to share this incredible collection with countless individuals, offering hope, inspiration, and faith.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share our ambitious vision for 2025. With your continued support, we will expand our efforts to touch even more lives:

Global Outreach: We are committed to spreading hope and inspiration across all 195 countries by enhancing our resources and platforms to reach a global audience.

Traveling Exhibitions: Akiane’s iconic "Prince of Peace" painting and miraculous story will take center stage in exhibitions designed to spread its transformative message of hope.

#iam_beloved Book Project: This inspirational, multilingual book will share the powerful faith stories from our #iam_beloved campaign, connecting hearts and minds worldwide.

Community Events: We aim to welcome one million guests to “Akiane: The Early Years” through free events designed to inspire, uplift, and unite communities.



At Belóved Gallery, we are committed to “making room” for whatever the Lord has planned. We are confident that, with your partnership, we can achieve extraordinary things in the year ahead.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey. Your prayers, contributions, and belief in our mission are the foundation of everything we do. Together, we will continue to share Akiane’s

inspired artistry and message of love and hope with the world.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful holiday season.



With gratitude,
Donna Wilcox
CEO, *Belóved Gallery*

Support Our Mission

Join our mission for people to experience faith through art and inspire hearts for generations to come! Here's how you can stay involved:

DONATE _____

Your contributions help us bring Heaven to Earth through transformative exhibits, events, and outreach programs.

VOLUNTEER _____

Use your time and talents to make a meaningful impact through tours of Akiane: The Early Years, and upcoming events.

ATTEND FUTURE EVENTS _____

Experience faith and art at our gallery tours, workshops, and annual events.

FOLLOW US _____

Stay connected and share our mission by following us on social media.

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At Belóved Gallery, we are reminded daily of the beauty and power of art as a bridge to Heaven. Thank you for sharing this journey with us. May 2025 bring us even closer to His glory.

2025 BELÓVED VERSE OF THE YEAR

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.
2 Corinthians 12:14*

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