

Artistic Expression

The L.A. Unified School District is not the only local education entity on an expansion kick. Inner-City Arts, the downtown non-profit organization dedicated to teaching elementary school children visual and performing arts, is expanding its operations by developing the empty warehouse it owns at the corner of Kohler and East 7th streets. The organization founded in 1989, broke ground on the \$7.5 million development last week.

"All of our visual arts programs will move into the new space and the existing building will be performing arts only," said Cynthia Harnisch, executive director for Inner-City Arts.

When the 24,000-square-foot expansion phase is completed next summer, Inner-City Arts, which provides daytime programs for children from 15 LAUSD schools in the area, will be able to accommodate 20,000 annually, up from the 8,000 it now serves. Inner-City Arts is also planning a second, 13,000-square-foot expansion phase, though "we're not going to commit until we're fully funded," said Harnisch.