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The result: freedom and time to focus on their art

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THE CONVERSATION

Though artificial intelligence is making it easier than ever to produce images, music and text, the technology is also making it harder for the people who have traditionally produced this work to earn a living.

A photographer who once was com-

mitted to make art for an advertising campaign is now competing with graphics produced by the AI image generator Midjourney. A novelist who used to make money on the side as a technical writer is seeing that work be replaced by a series of prompts in ChatGPT.

The extent to which AI will upend creative work remains unsettled. But that uncertainty has made guaranteeing income for creatives a more viable policy idea.

In fact, creatives in New York recently participated in the largest basic income program for artists in U.S. history, the Guaranteed Income for Artists initiative.

Spearheaded by Creatives Rebuild New York and primarily funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the program gave 2,400 artists across New York state \$1,000 a month beginning in June 2022. There were no work requirements and no restrictions on how the money could be spent. The program sought to improve the financial stability of artists and encourage the public to see them as workers who deserve a stable income and social support.

As researchers who study artists, cultural work and public policy, we

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Donations pour in for family who lost mom, brother

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The community has contributed nearly \$50,000 to support a local family less than two days after a fallen tree killed a Franklin County woman and child at a Pennsylvania campground.

Pamela Landis, 45, and her 11-year-old son Andre Landis, of St. Thomas, died after a severe storm swept through the Mountain Creek Campground in Cumberland County and caused a tree to fall onto the family's tent the evening of July 4, according to Pennsylvania State Police and the Cumberland County Coroner's Office.

State police were dispatched to the scene in Gardners at about 6:30 p.m. to investigate two deaths. A third person was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to the police report.

Pamela leaves behind two daughters and a husband, whose birthday she just celebrated in a Facebook post on June 28.

"Cheers to the last year in the 40's, hope its the best year ever," Pamela wrote.

Andre was set to enter fifth grade at Shalom Christian Academy at the end of summer.

In a Facebook post on July 6, Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Chambersburg, recalled meeting Andre and his peers

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Pamela Landis and Andre Landis are pictured with their family.

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Chambersburg man killed in Adams County motorcycle crash

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A Chambersburg man died after a motorcycle crash in southern Adams County, according to Pennsylvania State Police.

In a press release, Pennsylvania State Police announced that Marty Shultz, 56, of Chambersburg, died at York Hospital on July 4, 2026, after he was injured in a motorcycle crash in Adams County.

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Shultz "failed to negotiate the left

hand turn in the roadway," police stated in their release, exiting the roadway and hitting an embankment.

After first responders arrived on the scene, Shultz was airlifted by a medical helicopter to WellSpan York Hospital for

what police described as serious injuries.

Shultz had been wearing a motorcycle helmet during the crash, according to the release.

A day later, around 8:30 a.m., the York County Coroner's Office informed Pennsylvania State Police that Shultz had died from his injuries, the release states.

No other vehicles, or occupants, were involved in the crash, police wrote.

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