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A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

During this season, we are thankful more than ever for 2022 and the positive experiences it brought to TAEP. We were finally able to resume our in-person programming and to maximize the use of our new classroom space at the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA).

The support we received this year from our sponsors and donors was invaluable, and our work could not have continued without you. The youth we serve were able to experience many art and cultural activities including culinary camp, dance, and other classroom lessons where life-skills and providing hope were paired with important social and emotional learning components. We are grateful for our qualified staff, facilitators and volunteers who also made this possible.

During our recent Thanksgiving Culinary camp, we welcomed Chef Valencia, who was in our program when she was 15 and is now joining us to teach a class and give back to other teens!

We also want to add a huge THANK YOU to all of our supporters, donors and sponsors who supported Shine. We look forward to serving more youth in 2023, and because of your generosity, we can celebrate even more. We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you!

Thanksgiving Culinary Camp



Preparing Potatoes



The feast



Chef Valencia teaching techniques



Chef Beth and student whisking



Thankful Thoughts



Chef Beth demonstrating

Holiday HeART Packs



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HOLIDAY HEART PACKS



The Arts Empowerment Project's HeART Packs outreach program provides art care packages containing age-appropriate art supplies, drawing pads, coloring books, educational games, comfort and creative toys, healthy snacks, gift cards, hats, gloves, scarves and a message of hope for vulnerable youth. This year over 300 youth are depending on us. We are depending on YOU!

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

1 SHOP OUR WISHLIST THROUGH NOV. 30TH

Purchase items from our Amazon [wishlist](#) using the QR code. To donate gift cards, sign up [here](#).



Sign up [here](#) to volunteer to help us sort and pack supplies.

2 SORTING + PACKING

SAT, DEC 3rd | 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM

3 DELIVER + DISTRIBUTE

DEC 12th - DEC 16th

Help transport and distribute HeART Packs to youth in our community. More details to come!



Our SORT and PACK DAY on DEC. 3rd will be held in our classroom at the VAPA Center. Join us at 700 N. Tryon Street in Charlotte. Parking is free. Thank you for your support!

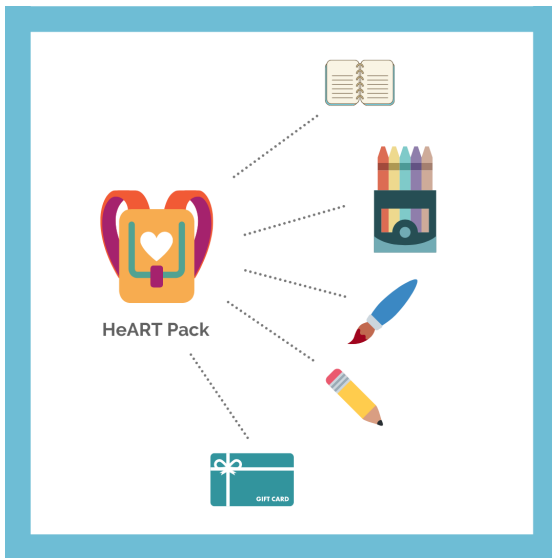


Our Holiday HeART Pack Program shopping and planning are underway!

The Arts Empowerment Project's HeART Packs outreach program provides art care packages containing age-appropriate art supplies, drawing pads, coloring books, educational games, creative toys, healthy snacks, warm weather accessories, gift cards, and a message of hope for vulnerable children. HeART Pack recipients will learn to utilize their supplies in

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DONATE GIFT CARDS



ongoing programs with TAEP artists. Our team will provide HeART Packs to over 300 children and teens in the community.

We are proud to partner with local organizations, including Safe Alliance, DSS, Niner Elementary and the YWCA to show students in grades K-12 that we are thinking of them during this special time of year. Join us for a volunteer opportunity by signing up, shopping on our wish list, or making a contribution today!

SHOP OUR WISH LIST

Remember To Select TAEP on Amazon Smile as your charity and give back to TAEP! Just set The Arts Empowerment Project as your charity anytime you shop and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to us. Share this info with friends too!

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**There Is Still Time To Help
Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal!**

**Support Our End of Year Fundraiser
Through December 31st**

Didn't get a chance to support our Annual Shine Event and Silent Auction? No problem. You can still give to our year-end fundraiser.

The children we serve are disproportionately represented among those experiencing social and racial injustice, as well as health and

opportunity inequity. Experiences that foster resilience, promote connections, and provide positive outlets for self-expression, are needed now more than ever. Help bring hope, healing and inspiration to the Charlotte children who need it most by making a year-end gift now:

<https://theartsempowermentproject.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/theartsempowermentproject/donation.jsp?campaign=6&>

We remain grateful to each of our amazing individual and corporate sponsors and auction donors for making our Shine Event and Silent Auction a success! To view the list of our 2022 sponsors, [Click here](#).

Thank you to all of our generous supporters!

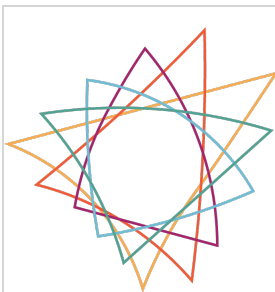
With gratitude,

The Arts Empowerment Project

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR IMPACT!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



MISSION: To break the cycles of violence and trauma through arts opportunities that ignite change in vulnerable youth.

VISION: A community that gives every child arts experiences that broaden horizons, foster resilience, and build essential life skills.

Sponsor a child's arts involvement, and afford them a brighter future. The average cost of program tuition and transportation per child is \$500. Your donation subsidizes this expense and allows TAEP participants to devote themselves to a transformative art experience free of financial burden.



MAKE A DONATION TODAY!



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