



the arts empowerment project

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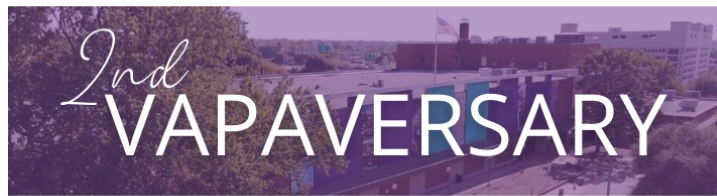
HAPPY SPRING



Renewal

Art from CMS Students in Partnering Schools.
Through The Arts & Social Emotional Learning.

We Celebrated Our



The Arts Empowerment Project is located at VAPA

📍 700 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

We joined the VAPA Center in celebrating our collective VAPAversary and two amazing years at our vibrant home in the heart of Charlotte.

We had a lot to celebrate during our drop-in "Paint & Learn" workshop at our 2nd VAPAVERSARY. People learned how to paint wonderful art with different techniques while learning about our programs and how we use visual and performing arts as well as culinary arts to teach social and emotional learning lessons. A great time was had by all of our visitors and new budding artists!

PAINT & LEARN COMMUNITY ART

3/2/24



LED BY



Julia Winfield & Brenda Ramos

VAPA Calendar

Current Programming News

Abstract Art With CMS Partnering Schools

3/20/24



Throughout March, we continued our Free Arts Program, partnering with CMS elementary schools. We completed lessons on Basquiat, Mask Art, Abstract Art, and other fun projects to teach social emotional learning components. The children we serve were responsible for creating a host of new masterpieces, and not only used different painting techniques, but learned all about artists and art movements, and were able to put their knowledge to paper. These lessons not only consisted of art, but learning about how to control emotions, cope with difficult situations, and resiliency; by creating artwork that expresses feelings in a safe place without judgement.

Encounters

3/23/24



Our recent Encounters seminar focused on social emotional learning through

Guest artists and speakers included:

- Angela Gala, Co-Founder of Youth Meditation
- Guest VAPA Artist and Photographer, Jeff Cravotta
 - CMPD Sergeant Braithwaite

Social Media Recap

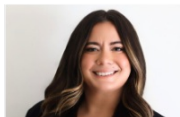
Women's History Month Features



Beverly Perdue
First Female
Governor of NC



Vi Lyles
First Black Female
Mayor of Charlotte



Liz Monterrey
First Latina Women on the
CMS Board of Education



Queen Charlotte of
Mecklenburg-
Strelitz

Featured in "Artist of the Week"



Davita Galloway



Rosalia Torres-Weiner



Bree Stallings



Monique Luck

Featured Museums



**Bechtler Museum
of Modern Art**



**Mint Museum
Uptown**

 [@theartsempowermentproject](https://www.instagram.com/theartsempowermentproject)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our team gathered at the Mecklenburg County Government Center for a press conference and kick-off event in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We joined community leaders and the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Office for "Pinwheel Planting" at the courthouse to support raising awareness about this critical issue. Stay tuned and plan to join us for upcoming events in April.

Mecklenburg County Pinwheel Planting 2024

3/28/24



Upcoming



SAVE THE DATE FOR

FACTS & SNACKS

"Making Hard Conversations Digestable"

VAPA 700 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

APRIL 6
11AM-1PM

"Facts & Snacks"

Join TAEP for a special event where we align ourselves with National Childhood Abuse Prevention Month (April) along with the Charlotte SHOUT festival.

VAPA Open Studios

Enjoy performances and art activities led by guest artists.



Bluz



friday jones



Twin Nation



Vision Elite Royalty



Joanne Rogers



Kenya Templeton

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@cltshout

Programs List



Thank You For Your Continued Support!

We have many opportunities to participate or volunteer for our various programs. Our 2024 programming consists of our [Encounters/Life Skills Program](#), [HeART Packs](#), [Promoting Peace + Justice](#), [Art Vocation/Career Day](#), [Culinary Camps](#), and [Fall/Winter Holiday events](#).

Keep posted for all of this and for more information about us please email info@theartsempowermentproject.org.

Thanks to our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and team members who continue to keep our programs operating to serve some of the most vulnerable children in our community.



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