



the arts empowerment project

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"Empowering Youth Through Summer Arts Education: Enhancing Life Skills Through Creative Outlets"

This summer, K-12 students actively participated in The Arts Empowerment Project's summer camps, where two dynamic programs were offered: "Encounters Life Skills/Promoting Peace + Justice" and "Culinary Camp." Through these engaging programs, students had the opportunity to enhance their life skills while building resilience and social emotional awareness. The immersive arts education experiences also provided a platform for students to sharpen their communication, decision-making, positive peer interactions, and community engagement. **Our program's impact aligns with national studies** showing the positive effects of arts participation on academic achievement and mitigating the effects of childhood trauma, as evidenced by the independent study conducted by the UNC-Charlotte School of Social Work on TAEP's pilot program.

Thank you for your continued support of these critical programs.

Sincerely,
Natalie Frazier Allen | Founder & CEO
The Arts Empowerment Project

Recent Programming News



CULINARY CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Our Culinary Camp, guided by seasoned professional chefs, offered an enriching experience that immersed students in the captivating world of cooking and culinary arts. Throughout the summer, the program focused on the themes of "Summer Hosting" and "Best Celebration," providing an avenue for students to develop valuable skills in healthy eating, nutrition, shopping, and cooking. Furthermore, the participants had the unique opportunity to explore diverse career tracks within the culinary arts, broadening their horizons and igniting their passion for the culinary world.

K-5 CULINARY CAMP

-Highlights-



TEEN CULINARY CAMP

-Highlights-





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YWCA Block Party

We are delighted to have collaborated with Youth Learning Centers at the YWCA of the Central Carolinas for a summer of outstanding social-emotional learning and arts-related programming, and to have played a role in the success of the YWCA block party celebration. Students had a blast creating bubble art at our station.

A heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful partners and volunteers who helped make this an incredible summer.



Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!
Join us for our Annual SHINE Fundraiser on
October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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We invite you to join our cause to help children and teens embrace new opportunities that foster resilience and build essential life skills.

*The Arts Empowerment Project is a 501(c)(3) organization.

“ DON'T BE
AFRAID TO
Shine
THE WORLD
NEEDS YOUR
LIGHT ”

-TIMI NADELA

The Arts Empowerment Project is excited to announce its 2024 Annual Fundraiser!

Proceeds from this event will help continue the organization's mission of breaking cycles of violence and trauma by providing art opportunities that ignite change in vulnerable youth. Invitation with ticket and event details to follow.

We look forward to having you join us!

Contact us for more information at:
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Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to support vulnerable youth in our community and follow us on socials to see the impact you've made!



LEARN ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR EVENT

Free Arts - Outreach

Our Free Arts program brings arts experiences to underserved youth in the

community. Throughout the year, students and their families have several opportunities to attend local theatrical performances and participate in cultural enrichment.

Thank You to Ally Financial Corporate Citizenship, who has graciously sponsored 20 tickets for our youth to attend the DivineNine/HBCU Night at Blumenthal Arts, where they will have the opportunity to engage with Charlotte's members of the Divine Nine sororities and fraternities and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities community and explore theatre industry career opportunities through an exclusive opportunity with The Lion King cast and crew.



Give Today

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/Promoting Peace + Justice, HeART Packs, Free Arts, Art Vocation/Career Day, Culinary Camp, and Fall/Winter Holiday events.**

To learn more about us -please email us at
info@theartsempowermentproject.org
or visit <https://theartsempowermentproject.org/about/>

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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