



the arts empowerment project

In 2024, your generous support and engagement helped us expand our impact—reaching more students and creating meaningful experiences for the children we serve. As we look ahead to our 2025 SHINE Fundraiser, we pause with deep gratitude to reflect on all that we accomplished together. We invite you to take a quick look at our 2024 Community Impact Report and see the difference your support made possible.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR FULL 2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT](#)

AT A GLANCE...



2024
IMPACT
BY THE
NUMBERS

953

STUDENTS
SERVED

156 MORE
THAN 2023*



6,782

Total Student
Contact Hours



1,568

Cumulative
Student Attendance



166

Total
Sessions



57

Program
Facilitators



13

Community
Partners



31

Program
Volunteers



WHY IT MATTERS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WHAT WE DO

The Arts Empowerment Project offers high-quality arts programming and social emotional development for at-risk children facing adversity. The programs integrate art instruction with life-skills development including communication, self-esteem, decision making, and more.

WHY IT MATTERS

Participation in arts and positive pro-social activities has been shown to contribute to academic achievement and to mitigate the effects of childhood trauma, as demonstrated by an independent study of TAEP's pilot program by the UNC-Charlotte School of Social Work.



Image: Artist Mikel Frank at Art Vocation, Artist & Career Day 2024.

3x

Students with access to the arts in high school are **THREE TIMES** more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than students without arts experience (17% vs. 5%)

4x

Students with weekly exposure to the arts are **FOUR TIMES** more likely to be recognized in school for academic achievement

5x

Students with little or no arts education are **FIVE TIMES** more likely to drop out of high school than students with high arts involvement

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Help us illuminate new pathways for students by joining us
on October 1st for our
[2025 SHINE Fundraiser.](#)

SAVE THE DATE



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ANNUAL *Shine* FUNDRAISER

IGNITING CREATIVITY FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES!

THE MINT MUSEUM UPTOWN, CHARLOTTE, NC

OCTOBER 1, 2025 - 6:00 PM



[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

Can't Attend? You can also use the link above to sponsor or donate a ticket to be given to a community member or young person.



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