



the arts empowerment project

MAY | 2025 | NEWSLETTER



GET READY TO SHINE



As we gear up for our exciting SHINE 2025 Fundraiser this Fall on October 1st, we are radiating positivity and creativity throughout the summer!

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming **Art Vocation Artist & Career Fair**, happening on **June 26**. This is a highlight of our summer programming that aims to inspire and empower our youth. By building sustainable connections within the community and introducing children to a diverse array of art styles and career paths, we're helping them develop the tools to make self-aware, positive choices.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a **video** of last year's Art Vocation on Instagram.

This year, we want to create an unforgettable experience for our children. You can make this a reality by **VOLUNTEERING** or **DONATING** items for our upcoming programs. See the flyer below and sign up for the summer fun!

the arts empowerment project
Summer
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HeART Packs
JUNE 19
12:00 PM - 2:00PM

Join us for our HeART Packs Packing Day! Help us assemble HeART Packs for students, filled with books, art supplies, summer goodies and snacks. These bags will be distributed to students attending the upcoming Art Vocation Artist & Career Fair. (See below for more details.)

Click here to DONATE SUPPLIES from our AMAZON Wish List

Click here to VOLUNTEER for the Pack Up Day on June 19.

ART VOCATION ARTIST & CAREER FAIR
JUNE 26
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Students & local artist will join us for a day of visual and performing arts, a book reading and learning about various artistic careers.

Volunteers are sought to assist with the setup, operation, and breakdown of this event.

Click here to VOLUNTEER For Art Vocation on June 26

For more information, contact Outreach Coordinator, Brenda Ramos
brenda.ramos@theartsempowermentproject.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer for HeART Packs

DONATE to our AMAZON Wish List

Volunteer for Art Vocation

Contact our Outreach Coordinator Brenda Ramos for more information.
brenda.ramos@theartsempowermentproject.org

RECENT PROGRAMS



Encounters: Life Skills

Class Dates: May 3, 17, and 31

In the photo above, you can see **Arthur Rogers, Jr.** engaging with our Encounters: Life Skills class. Arthur is a talented Artist, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Web Designer, Multimedia Specialist, and the Executive Director at VAPA. His realistic art style and captivating stories left students in awe. He shared valuable insights and wisdom drawn from his extensive career and disciplined work ethic.

Students embarked on their self-portrait journey with Arthur by learning the fundamentals and following step-by-step instructions on how to prepare a canvas for their artwork.



The Art of Resilience

Our transformative, evidence-based **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program**, “The Art of Resilience,” wrapped up on May 25th, bringing together students for a vibrant celebration of our program’s success. This initiative holds immense significance for youth from diverse backgrounds, equipping them with vital knowledge and tools. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, in 2023, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) revealed that **nearly 19.9% of young people aged 14 to 15 reported having tried alcohol at least once**. This statistic underscores the importance of the insights gained through our program.

Student Perspectives

“This program has shown me what to be aware of and how to avoid peer pressure. I can take what I learned and help others or at least use it to help myself.”

— James

“I could take what they taught us and make connections to my personal life... to things I have already experienced.”

— Ryder

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS / PROGRAMS



ART VOCATION ARTIST & CAREER FAIR

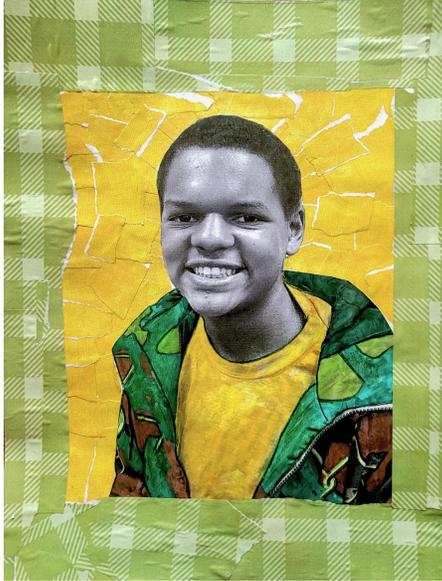
Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Art Vocation Artist & Career Fair on **June 26, 2025!**

This year, we're excited to give away **HeART Packs** to students attending the Career Fair. **Help us fill these special bags** with summer essentials, art supplies, snacks, and books by visiting our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to make a donation. Your support can make a world of difference this summer.

Click [HERE](#) to **VOLUNTEER** for the event.

ARTS RESIDENCY

TAEP's Arts Residency Program, in collaboration with Nine Eighteen Nine Studio Gallery, has been an awesome journey for our students.



Students been diving into multiple disciplines and getting hands-on mentorship from our residency faculty: Oluwanbe Amodu, Pam Imhof, Trey Miles, Molly Partyka, Brenda Ramos, and Claude Whitfield.

Our closing reception and art exhibition will be held on June 11.

 the arts empowerment project
FROM THE ENCOUNTERS: LIFE SKILLS
WORKSHOPS SERIES

**DANCING
INSIDE OUT!**
WITH CHARLOTTE DANCE COLLECTIVE

📍 VAPA • 700 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

BALLET TUESDAY JUNE 17 10AM - 2PM	JAZZ WEDNESDAY JUNE 18 10AM - 2PM	HIP HOP THURSDAY JUNE 19 10AM - 2PM
--	--	--

***MUST ATTEND ALL 3 CLASSES**



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

For more information, contact the Program Coordinator at:
crystal.durham@theartsempowermentproject.org

JUNE ENCOUNTERS: LIFE SKILLS

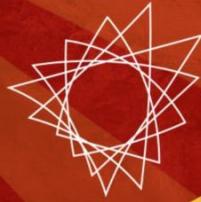
Our June Encounters classes will feature “Dancing Inside Out” with Charlotte Dance Collective. The sessions will lead students through Ballet, Jazz, and Hip Hop styles of dancing.

Class Dates: June 17, 18, and 19

GET READY TO SHINE WITH US IN OCTOBER

This year’s SHINE Fundraiser is in the works.
Keep an eye out for more announcements!

SAVE THE DATE



the arts empowerment project

ANNUAL

Shine

FUNDRAISER

IGNITING CREATIVITY FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES!

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 1, 2025 | 6:00 PM

THE MINT MUSEUM UPTOWN, CHARLOTTE, NC

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

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



EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO

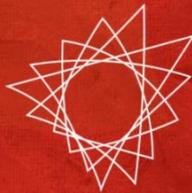
Shine

The Arts Empowerment Project is excited to announce its 2025 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:

Natalie@theartsempowermentproject.org



the arts empowerment project



Follow us to see more!



Give Today

Thank You For Your
Continued Support!

We have many opportunities to participate or volunteer for our various programs. Our 2025 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 visit
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.

How did you like this email?



The Arts Empowerment Project is supported, in part, by the North Carolina Arts Council, Arts & Science Council, United Way of Central Carolinas, and a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.



The Arts Empowerment Project | 700 North Tryon Street | Charlotte, NC 28202 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!