



the arts empowerment project

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BACK TO SCHOOL
LOOK BACK

Celebrate The Impact With Us!

August marks Black Philanthropy Month! Our CEO & Founder, Natalie Frazier Allen, expressed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of The Arts Empowerment Project, a 2025 grantee of Foundation For The Carolinas during the inspiring Black Philanthropy Month celebration. A big thank you to Foundation For Black Philanthropy for celebrating the importance of Black philanthropy and honoring the exceptional leaders in our community! We are proud and grateful for this recognition as we continue to SHINE and pursue our mission. Celebrate with us and see what we've been achieving this summer with your support!



RECENT PROGRAMS



Summer HeART Packs

This Summer
103 Students Received Art Supplies!

June 26, 2025

Our summer HeART Packs had a direct positive impact on students from various partner programs, including the YWCA, Safe Alliance, Youth and Family Services (YFS), and Transforming Youth Movement (TYM).



Culinary Camp

"Taste Around The World"

Culinary Classes with CPCC Chefs

Class Dates: July 8, 10, 15, and 17

Our incredible students prepared dishes featuring diverse global cuisines with the guidance of CPCC Chefs Beth and Danny! They acquired cooking techniques, nutritional insights, and essential life skills, drawing inspiration from the cultures of Africa, South America, Asia, and Europe.



Free Arts

Students Served: 146
Class Dates: June 18 - August 6

This summer was filled with Free Arts classes at local YWCA centers! Our weekly sessions emphasized the development of social emotional learning through the arts. Take a look at their masterpieces below, inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat!



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS / PROGRAMS

Fall Culinary Camp

Join us for our fall culinary camp, featuring delightful Thanksgiving dishes that not only impart essential life skills but also create cherished memories. Students will learn to set the table and are encouraged to recreate these recipes at home for their friends and family.



***Volunteering Opportunity Dates Coming Soon!**



Winter HeART Packs

Our Winter HeART Pack program is underway! Stay tuned for more information about donating art supplies and volunteering for our pack up day.

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Interested in volunteering? Reach out to our Program Coordinator Crystal Durham to get on the Volunteering list!

Email: Crystal.Durham@theartsempowermentproject.org

GET READY TO SHINE WITH US IN OCTOBER



Buy Tickets Here



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.

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