

# Community Cultural Connections Grants

In response to *Imagine Chattanooga 20/20*, ArtsBuild implemented a program which makes arts and culture more accessible to underserved populations, inclusive of geographic area, ethnicity, age and individuals with disabilities.

The Diversity section of *Imagine Chattanooga 20/20* suggests the following goal:

*“To ensure that neighborhoods and underserved communities are better served, a special neighborhood arts and culture program should be developed that provides small grants for neighborhood and community cultural initiatives.”*

Funding for the Community Cultural Connections (CCC) grants was provided by the Lyndhurst Foundation, Hamilton County Commissioner Tim Boyd, and generous community contributions.

## 2013 – 2014 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

**Chattanooga Kids on the Block, Inc.** to provide two five-day puppet training workshops for children ages 6 – 11.

**Chattanooga Resident Service Department** to provide a means of transportation and admission access to area cultural events for low-income residents.

**Chattanooga School of Language** to host an 8-week language and culture class for approximately 40 children at Northside Neighborhood House.

**Chattanooga Workspace** to provide art instruction for juveniles at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center.

**East Lake Neighborhood Association** to host Movies in the Park event for residents in the East Lake community.

**Folk School of Chattanooga** to establish a Bluegrass Club at Red Bank Middle school and host a national bluegrass banjo champion for an in-school performance with other local musicians.

**Girls Inc.** to establish an afterschool project that will provide girls with hands-on experiences in the fine arts.

**Glass House Collective** to host a professional musician as an instructor for a beginner violin course at Hardy Elementary School.

**Greenwood Resident Council** to bring fine arts classes to the residents of Greenwood Terrace. H\*Art Gallery to create portable, pocket-sized and waterproof art supply packs for transient or homeless artists.

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association** to create a series of murals on McCallie Avenue painted by local artist Kevin Bate.

**Hixson Community Center** to host a series of photography workshops led by a professional photographer.

**LAUNCH** to paint a 10 x 20 mural on a newly acquired property in the Alton Park community.

**North River Civic Center** to host a series of classes teaching introductory oil painting to seniors in the community.

**Northside Neighborhood House** to provide afterschool programming related to dance and the arts in partnership with Chattanooga Ballet.

**Partnership for Families, Children and Adults** to provide African drum and dance classes to children in inner-city community centers.

**Secret Weave** to host a multi-media performance series in underserved neighborhoods and communities in the Chattanooga area.

**Senior Arts Council** to sponsor a series of four artistic and cultural programs for seniors, including museum visits, dance, music and theatre performances.

**Signal Centers** to provide movement and music instruction for children and adults with special needs in partnership with two local artists.

**SPLASH** to host weekly painting workshops for children integrating art, literacy and history.

**Students Taking a Right Stand** to facilitate student teams to rehearse and perform a dramatization reflecting the emotional impact of bullying behaviors in partnership with Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga.

**Therapeutic Recreation Services** to host an 8-week community program focusing on arts experiences for individuals with disabilities.