

# 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.”*

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## Spring 2015 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

**A Different Touch** to provide art instruction for juveniles at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center.

**Chattanooga Housing Authority** to provide low-income residents a means of transportation and admission to cultural events.

**East Lake Expression Engine** to expand a youth musical arts program for up to 80 local students.

**East Lake Neighborhood Association** to create a wall mural along Dodds Avenue painted by local artist Seven.

**Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga** to produce a festival of short plays highlighting different cultural themes.

**Family Promise of Greater Chattanooga** to provide art therapy for homeless families with children.

**H\*Art Gallery** to create portable, pocket-sized and waterproof art supply packs for homeless families, hospice clients and hospitalized children.

**La Paz** to host arts and crafts workshops for women in the Latino community.

**Native American Services of Tennessee** to establish an annual event to bring Native American musical performances to the Chattanooga area.

**Renaissance Presbyterian Church Literacy Arts Program** to host artistic and creative thinking classes, taught by local artists, for low-income children.

**The Salvation Army ReCreate Café** to expand the work of Playback Theatre and prepare for regular performances throughout the community.

**Senior Arts Council** to offer opportunities for senior citizens to attend and participate in cultural events and activities.

**SPLASH** to establish a summer art program, teaching easel painting and drawing to over 100 students.