

# 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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## FY 2016 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

**Art120** for art car artists to lead workshops for Hamilton County students and senior citizens as part of the Scenic City Art Car Weekend.

**Chattanooga Chinese Association** to organize and acquire dragon costumes for a dragon dance in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

**Christian Family Theater** to support materials for the musical *Annie Jr.* presented at Brainerd UMC involving underserved youth in the cast and crew.

**Grassroots midTown** to support arts events at the 2nd annual midTown Celebrates Fall Festival.

**Handmade Here/Tennessee Crafts** to support pottery workshops for seniors in public housing and provide transportation to the Empty Bowls exhibit at Chattanooga Workspace.

**H\*Art Gallery** to support workshops held in community centers with a culminating exhibit at the H\*Art Gallery with first responders, police officers and firefighters creating art alongside with members of the community.

**La Paz** to support local artist Olga de Klein to teach twenty Latina participants with minimal exposure to the arts how to paint on canvas.

**Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** to support an annual reunion to help educate and celebrate the history of the Lincoln Park area.

**Premiere Studios Entertainment** to support a four week summer performing arts camp for inner-city young people ages 7 – 18 in June, 2016.

**RiverCity Co.** to support Passageways, a public design and art exhibit focusing on animating alleyways that exist between city buildings.

**SPLASH** to support 50 young people mostly from Chattanooga's Westside area to participate in art classes led by Charlie and Iantha Newton.