

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.”

Community Cultural Connections (CCC) grants are made possible by the generosity of ArtsBuild donors.

FY 2022 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

Culture Books to pay artist fees for Hawaiian dancers and local authors dancing at or attending the 2022 Multicultural Book Festival.

Doors Open Jazz to provide funding for 8-week fall music classes (trumpet & piano) at the Reach One Teach One campus.

Doors Open Jazz to cover tuition costs for summer instrument classes for youth whose families are currently unable to afford music classes.

Ed Johnson Project to provide stipends for artists and facilitators related to the Ed Johnson Memorial dedication reception and to provide funding for students to participate in a field trip to the memorial site.

Educate 2 Elevate to provide funding for hands-on studio workshops entitled “I Made This” benefiting youth attending summer programming housed at Calvin Donaldson Elementary School.

Glass House Collective to pay artists’ stipends in relation to the event Glass Street Live 2021.

Kelcurt Foundation to provide funding to support the Soddy Daisy Community Library (SDCL) bookmark art competition. Winning bookmarks became the signature bookmarks of the SDCL 2022 WILD Summer of Reading.

Micah Chapman to pay for panelist and speaker fees for the 2021 Chattanooga Hip-Hop Summit.

Mark Making to fund artist and professional fees for the Flannery’s Café production.

Music, Fashion, & Arts Foundation to pay artist and production fees for a 3-day arts and culture event.

Obvious Dad to provide funds for the production of BRIEF CHRONICAL, BOOKS 6-8, the first full-length produced play by a trans playwright in Chattanooga.

Playful Evolving Monsters LLC to cover materials and teaching artist fees for 6 free community lantern-making workshops, all part of Light Up Chatt’s efforts to strengthen community through a light arts initiative.

Reach One Teach One (ROTO) to pay for instructors from The Pop-Up Project and Move N Groove Kidz to lead dance/movement classes for youth attending ROTO summer programming.

Rhyme N Chatt Interactive Poetry to cover venue cost, food, and artist fees for NuBreed & Swayyvo for the 2020 Love Groove event.

Ross Sawyer to support City Farms Grower Coalition Garden Project, an artistic program for Chattanooga youth ages 7-12 to create garden markers for area community gardens.

Royal Circle of Sisters, Inc. to fund free family day activities including vision board, planters, and affirmation dice.

Silver Slipper Dance Academy to fund costs (venue rental, artistic fees, marketing cost), associated with their production of “The Phanu Fairies,” a performance comprised fully of BIPOC youth.

The Chatterly to complete 22 classes for older adults, partnering with Christ United Methodist Church and Morning Pointe Senior Living Centers. Online classes were also offered to the general public.

TN Arts Collective to support costs associated with offering 6 months of 1x/month free visual and performing arts classes for elementary and middle school youth at Scenic City Dance and Arts Avenue.

Young Ladies of Power to support the facilitation of their Community Fall Break Retreat, geared towards giving youth the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, camping activities + art experiences led by Black Chattanooga artists.