

**What inspires you about the arts in our community?**

Growing up in Chattanooga in the 80s and 90s has allowed me to witness all the positive changes that have come about in our city because of the arts. We are continuing to grow and inspire people within this community by continuing to build up the arts, which are an essential part of our world experience, not only by expanding our individual perspective so that we can understand others' but also by literally improving our neighborhoods and shared social experiences.

**Why do you feel it's important to give back to the arts?**

I grew up spending a lot of time around the arts. My stepmother owned an art gallery in St. Elmo before it developed into the neighborhood it is today. I was involved in theater and arts classes throughout middle and high school. I believe being exposed to the arts and participating in the arts has not only influenced my interests and career

path but has also allowed me to better understand myself. Arts education doesn't get enough attention, in my opinion, and it has such an impact on building young peoples' confidence, creative thinking, problem solving, and social skills. I know from experience!

**Why did you decide to become an ArtsBuild donor?**

I gave a donation to ArtsBuild for the first time when ArtsBuild was at a Chattanooga Girls Rock event. I'm on the board for Chattanooga Girls Rock. Seeing ArtsBuild out in the community just gave me the prompt I needed to make my first donation! I'm proud to be an annual donor now, and I encourage people to get engaged and learn more about all the different ways ArtsBuild is investing in the arts in our community. If I were to tell someone what ArtsBuild does in one sentence it would be, 'ArtsBuild creates community and connection through the arts.' And that is something I want to support!



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