

# 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 2023 Community Cultural Connections Grant Recipients

**Be the Change Youth Initiative** to pay artist fees for after-school art programs at Red Bank High School and Soddy Daisy Middle School.

**Chambliss Center for Children** to pay artist fees for local artists who performed at their community festival celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**CHATT Foundation** to pay artist fees and supplies for weekly art classes at their homeless shelter for women and children. Classes led by SPLASH Youth Arts.

**Chattanooga Hip-Hop Summit** to pay a local videographer and photographer for their work at this multi-day event.

**Chattanooga Spiritual Ensemble** to pay 12 vocal artists who were part of the concert entitled Music of the African Diaspora.

**Crabtree Farms** to pay for supplies associated with art projects that enhanced the community garden (painted gourds, stepping stones, and signs).

**Eastdale Recreation Center** to pay The Pop-up Project to lead weekly youth dance classes.

**Eastgate Senior Center** to host a collage art class for seniors, facilitated by 4 artists associated with SPLASH.

**Girls Inc.** to pay for supplies for their Art 423 spring break program. This program encompassed creating visual art pieces + learning performance skills under the guidance of Chattanooga Theatre Centre.

**GPS** to pay artists' fees for a community dance performance that occurred at Barking Legs Theater and facilitated by a GPS student and her faculty mentor.

**Jennifer Wilson** to support the shadow interpreted production of *You're a God Man, Charlie Brown Musical*. This production took extra steps to ensure deaf audience members were able to enjoy the musical.

**KELCURT Foundation** to host 3 multi-media art workshops to support community members in creating bookmarks for the Soddy Daisy Community Library's bookmark contest.

**Kingdom Partners** to fund after-school art classes for youth at Tommie F. Brown Academy and Calvin Donaldson Elementary.

**Kingship Chess Academy** to pay artist fees and provide supplies for art classes that helped participants gain art skills while exploring their appreciation for chess.

**Latina Professionals of Chattanooga, Inc.** to pay associated costs related to their Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration involving a mariachi band and dancers.

**Mark Making** to pay 5 of the 12 artists who performed poetic monologues in UNMAKSING: Elders Speak. Remaining artists were paid via separate grant funding.

**MNGK Garvey Program** to pay artist fees for the artists leading the Capoeira Chattanooga Youth Expo, weekly classes for youth associated with Reach One, Teach One.

**Morning Pointe** to support senior artists participating in Seniors Got Talent.

**Nicole Doran** to pay artist fees for two chamber music concerts, one at Northgate Library and one at the Hixson Community Center.

**Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center** to host two lower cost nature inspired art workshops facilitated by The Chatterly.

**Re-Wake** to host two artist-led painting classes for individuals who have experienced incarceration and are seeking artistic outlets to move forward from that experience.

**Re-Wake (2<sup>nd</sup> CCC)** to pay associated costs related to hosting art classes with incarcerated community members and subsequent community events at RISE Chattanooga and Stove Works.

**Rhyme N Chatt Interactive Poetry** to pay for fees associated with the event "I Remember When" Poetry Throwback Open Mic Show.

**Rhyme N Chatt Interactive Poetry (2<sup>nd</sup> CCC)** to purchase signed copies of books written by the local authors at the Raise

Your Voice event. These books were provided to youth attendees free of charge.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chattanooga** to pay for supplies that enable the families residing at the house to engage in self-directed art projects and art classes guided by local artists.

**Sheryl Benford** to support the facilitation of the Tob.Art Mannequin Art Walk.

**Sol Dance** to pay for costs associated with facilitating four Sol Dance community events.

**The Chatterry** to pay for supplies, artist fees and marketing associated with facilitating the class series entitled "Arts for Older Adults."

**The Chatterry** (2<sup>nd</sup> CCC) to host *Self-Care Saturday for Black Creatives* involving fellowship and art instruction for 16 black creatives free of charge.

**The River City Company** to host free workshops at various community organizations that enabled attendees to design/decorate lanterns for the Light Up CHATT parade led by Playful Evolving Monsters during Rock the Riverfront.

**YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga** to pay for associated costs of Scenic City Clay Arts facilitating pottery classes with the youth signed up for YCAP.