

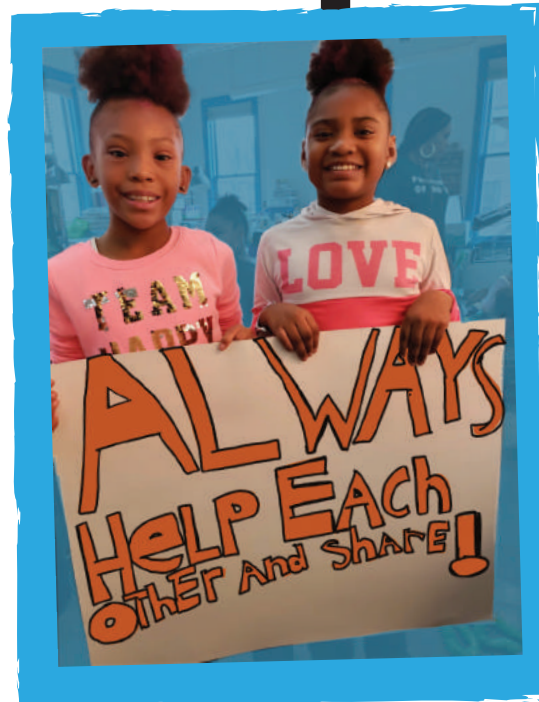


# Project Create

Create art. Create opportunity. Create community

# 2018

# YEAR IN REVIEW



CREATIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*All Year Long!*

## ANACOSTIA STUDIO PROGRAMS

Every day at our studio on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Southeast DC, Project Create offers visual, performing and digital media arts classes like mixed-media collage, painting, theater improvisation, dance, documentary filmmaking, graphic design, and music production. In addition to daily classes, we host Open Studio after school, which offers students a flexible space to learn and grow in creative practice in a supportive artistic environment. In 2018, we served ten middle school students, fifty teens and ten young adults in two semester-long sessions.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Since 1994, Project Create has worked in partnership with social service organizations that offer emergency, transitional and long-term housing to homeless families, as well as with out-of-school-time programs in underserved DC neighborhoods. In 2018, Project Create provided weekly art courses in partnership with Community of Hope; Sasha Bruce Youthwork; Genesis at Mi Casa; and DC Public Schools at Anacostia High School. Project Create also hosted weekend arts workshops for partners like BEST Kids and Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN). Our community partnership programs served over 100 students across the city.

## FAMILY ART DAY & EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKSHOPS

One of our favorite programs is our twice-monthly Family Art Days. On Saturday afternoons, Project Create opens the doors of our studio to local families to engage in artistic exploration, art-making and creative play, serving two or three generations of family members, from infants to grandmothers. In partnership with Inner City - Inner Child, we also offer special arts workshops once a month especially for the youngest Project Creatives, ages 0 to 5. In 2018, we served nearly 400 community members of all ages at Family Art Day.



## PROJECT CREATE ELITE

Project Create ELITE, our premiere teen program, is designed to develop and nurture leadership skills, cultivate critical thinkers, produce creative work that reflects students' interests, and strengthen teen voices to drive positive change. In 2018, ten ELITE students participated in a podcast production class which culminated in a once-in-a-lifetime interview with playwright and poet Ntozake Shange.





## ARTS ENRICHMENT FIELD TRIPS

Through field trips to local cultural institutions, performances and exhibitions, Project Create encourages our students to be active and confident participants in the arts. These visits empower students across all of our programs to participate in the production of culture, as artists, curators and critics. 2018 field trip locales included the National Museum of African American History and Culture, National Gallery of Art, Atlas Performing Arts Center, National Building Museum, Kennedy Center, Shakespeare Theatre Company and more.



## ARTS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Our Arts for Young Families program serves young parents (ages 17 to 24) and their young children simultaneously, providing opportunities for vulnerable families to create art, create opportunity and create community together. Parents act as guides and co-learners as their children create and explore through visual art and performing arts. In 2018, in collaboration with Child and Family Services Agency and Georgia Avenue Family Strengthening Collaborative, Project Create provided Arts for Young Families programs at three predominantly Spanish-speaking partner sites in Ward 4, serving 170 parents and their children.

## PROJECT CREATE SUMMER CAMP

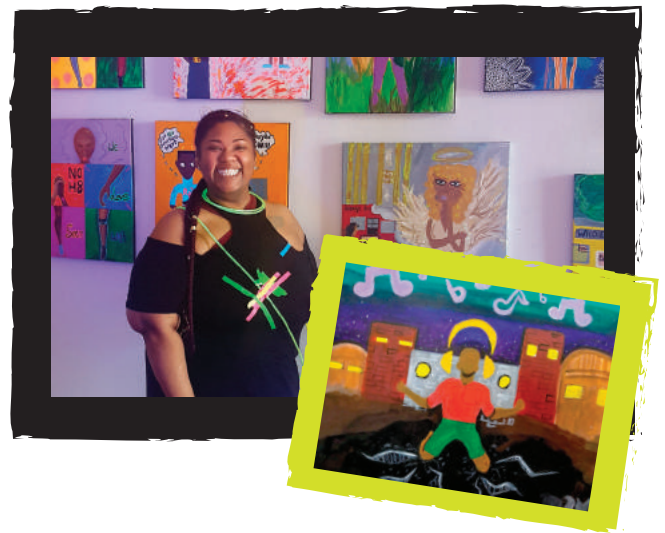


This summer Project Create teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club at THEARC to provide summer-long arts workshops for young campers. We loved exploring a variety of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture and collage. Our teen camp met every afternoon at Project Create's Anacostia Studio, and students worked to create portfolio-ready artwork. Week-long courses included 3D

printing, DJ/beat-making, photography, jewelry-making, graphic design and branding. Project Create was happy to partner with the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities to employ teens and youth through the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment (SYEP). Throughout our studio and community partnership summer programs, we served over 200 young campers.

## DCPS ACE PROGRAM

Project Create was proud to once again partner with DC Public Schools Office of Teaching and Learning to lead their ACE (Arts Curriculum Enrichment) fellowship program. Project Create Program Director and art therapist, Lindsey Vance, facilitated a year-long series of workshops entitled "Cultivating A Compassionate Art Room: A Trauma-Informed Perspective" with ten DCPS art teachers. Throughout 2018, we collaborated on instructional practice strategies, therapeutic curriculum development, responsive classroom environments, and student empowerment and engagement.



## STUDENT EXHIBITIONS

We love showing off artwork created by Project Creatives. On April 28th, we held our 2017-2018 student exhibition at Vivid Solutions Gallery in Anacostia, featuring student artwork and a dance performance. On October 13th, our Arts for Young Families students and their families gathered to share their artwork and performance pieces. Exhibitions and performances are an important opportunity for Project Create students to share what they have learned and to demonstrate their artistic achievement.



## STAFF & TEACHING ARTISTS



COMING JANUARY 2019

PROJECT CREATE TECH STUDIO

at 2208 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE  
featuring 3D printing, digital music production  
and recording, photography, videography  
and digital media.

*Stay tuned for more information!*

**THANK YOU** for your support in 2018!



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