

2025 Grants

Artspace

Artspace is committed to increasing accessibility and broadening access to the arts; we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the creative process. Artspace on the Go, a mobile art van, brings the magic of arts education to children in grades K-12 and their families in underserved neighborhoods. The van tackles inequity in arts access head-on by providing free, artist-led, high quality art education experiences

<https://artspacenc.org/on-the-go/>

Augustine (Children's) Literacy Program

The Augustine Literacy Project works to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children and teens who struggle with literacy skills. The project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long term, 1-to-1 instruction.

<https://alptriangle.org/>

Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocates

The goal of BRMA has always been to increase student engagement, expand enrichment opportunities and nurture student leadership, as well as expand academic achievement and confidence, specifically for students who are historically marginalized and under-resourced.

<https://www.chccs.org/brma>

BookHarvest

Book Harvest is internationally recognized for its work to transform children's literacy. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than 2 million books to families in North Carolina, ensuring that parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy. With programs that are grounded in evidence, Book Harvest believes that literacy starts at birth, at home, with parents, and with books.

<https://www.bookharvest.org/>

Boomerang Program

Boomerang seeks to engage disconnected youth and their community by providing a supportive alternative environment for out of school time, offering resiliency-based training for professionals and other adults, and advocating for community change that has enduring benefits for all adolescents. This program works with short-term suspended middle and high school youth throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. They prioritize serving court-involved juveniles and substance-using students. In addition, they provide a community service site to high school youth who are involved in the adult court system.

<https://www.boomerangyouth.org/>

Central Park School for Children

Seeks to strengthen public education by empowering children and helping them thrive through project based child centered education

<https://cpsfc.org/>

Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA and Durham YMCA

Y Learning is the YMCA of the Triangle's signature afterschool tutorial program for low-income children struggling academically. Students meet in small groups (1:7 tutor: student ratio) to address remedial math and literacy needs as well as focus on completing their homework. A typical Y Learning program runs for 31 weeks of the 36 week academic school year. Program participants will enjoy a snack, individualized tutoring and age-appropriate activities for a total program time of 2.5 – 3 hours per day.

www.ymcatriangle.org/chapel-hill-carrboro-ymca

D3 Community Outreach, Inc.

D3 Community Outreach is an organization of positive adults whom empower and encourage disconnected youth/young adults through academics, service, entrepreneurship and athletics to become leaders and good stewards of the community.

www.d3communityoutreach.org

Durham Children's initiative

DCI builds pathways to equity for children and youth ages birth to 24 and their families and guardians in Durham NC 94% of DCI's students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Focus areas are youth education and two-generation family support programs as well as college and career development programs.

www.dci-nc.org

Durham Literacy Center

The mission of the Durham Literacy Center is to empower Durham County residents who want to improve their lives and the lives of their families by improving their literacy skills.

The Durham Literacy Center serves these youth, ages 16-24 years old, in its Youth Education Program (formerly known as the Teen Career Academy). The Youth Education Program (YEP) is a basic education and high school equivalency diploma program that provides individualized instruction to address each student's academic deficits and prepare him or her to pass the high school equivalency GED exam. In addition, YEP staff and volunteers work with students to identify career goals and take steps to plan for college, vocational training, and/or the workforce.

www.durhamliteracy.org

Durham Nativity School

Durham Nativity School is dedicated to providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment along with a comprehensive twelve-year support system tailored for middle school boys. Our aim is to empower students who possess the determination to excel academically, but may lack the means for a high-quality independent school education. By integrating comprehensive academics and growth, we nurture the inherent potential of every child, placing significant emphasis on the value of knowledge, ethical principles, academic competence, self-control, and the cultivation of character.

www.durhamnativity.org

El Centro Hispano

Education: aims to expand educational opportunities for personal growth and development of the Latino community members, from child to adult.

<https://elcentronc.org/about-us/>

Empower All Inc

Centered in Raleigh, Empower All Inc. aims to bridge the gaps between home, school, and the community. Fragmented support systems in science and math hinder educational advocacy and financial stability for underestimated youth and their families. We collaborate with schools and communities to merge early STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education with social-emotional learning, fueling student interest and fostering community growth.

<https://www.empower-allinc.org/>

GiGi's Playhouse of Raleigh

GiGi's Playhouse offers FREE therapeutic, educational and research-driven programs to individuals of all ages with Down syndrome.

<https://gigisplayhouse.org/raleigh/>

Minds Matter of NYC

While most mentoring organizations provide one mentor for one mentee, Minds Matter mentees are provided with an entire team of highly skilled professionals from various industries. Each student is assigned to two mentors who they meet with weekly: a team leader; and SAT/ACT test preparation, writing, critical thinking and math instructors. In addition, students are supported by volunteer program directors and counselors as well as full-time staff. This structure provides unparalleled support for our students, enabling them to benefit from collaborative learning opportunities as well as individualized attention tailored to their specific academic and social need.

<https://mindsmatternyc.org/>

NC Arts in Action

Using dance and live music, North Carolina Arts in Action (NC AIA) develops in students the life skills necessary for success in the classroom and in life. NC AIA uses dance, music and performance to instill self-esteem, perseverance, and excellence in children. The primary focus is bring the program to schools with underprivileged children. They currently serve 1,300 fourth grade students in schools across Wake, Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties.

<https://www.ncartsinaction.org/>

Raleigh Youth Choir

RYC educates youth in the art of joy and singing through quality instruction and performances.

<https://www.raleighyouthchoir.org/>

RHODA

Mentoring young women ages 12 to 18 in Durham and the surrounding area.

Title Wave

Based in Carteret County, a librarian saw a need for helping kids through the summer slide so she bought a school bus and outfitted it as a book mobile. She concentrates on neighborhoods and gives out free books.

<https://sites.google.com/view/titlewavebookmobile/id-like-to-help>

UNC- Chapel Hill C-Step

The Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program, or C-STEP, is a pathway for community college students to transfer to and graduate from Carolina.

<https://admissions.unc.edu/apply/c-step/>

Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program

Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program provides a positive, loving and enriched preschool environment, free of charge, which fosters the social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth of children who are socially and/or economically at risk.

www.weecareinc.org