




**Foluké Cultural ARTS Center, Inc.**

**2017 - 2018 Annual Report  
and  
2019-2020 Service Goals**



*Wakanda Mural @  
Foluke Arts Center.  
Summer 2018*

Foluké Cultural Arts Center was organized as a faith-based initiative in 2002 at Lane Metropolitan CME Church in Cleveland Ohio and became community- based non-profit organization in February, 2003. The word Foluké (Foh LOO' keh) originates from the West African Region of Nigeria meaning "Under God's Protection". The West African Adinkra symbol  Gye Nyame (Jeh NYAH' mae) originates from Ghana and represents the immortality of god.



*The ARTS  
Experience @  
FolukeARTS*



***"The ARTS: One of the Most Valuable Tools for Building Relationships and Community"***



The economically disadvantaged Children and Youth of Cleveland's Central 'Promise' Neighborhood need innovative intervention to overcome their environment, in order to become productive and successful adults. Failure to address the educational achievement needs of this population will result in a generation lost.

Foluké Cultural Arts Center is committed to making performing arts and arts education available to all, particularly those who live in "underserved" areas. The programming of Foluké is family oriented with focus on at-risk children youth, and teens, Seniors and disabled adults. The goal is to be a beacon in the Central Community to actively engage more of its residents in participatory arts and culture programming through partnership with other arts organizations; Implement arts and culture activities that will develop positive community 'norms' through the belief that it takes a village to raise a child, and that the older people are keepers of the culture and must remain dynamic members of society to provide younger generations positive role models

Arts education is central to a youth's individual and social development. Research shows it raises overall academic performance and builds skills necessary for workplace success. The arts excel in helping students develop thinking skills (creative thinking decision making, problem solving, imagining and imaging, and knowing how to learn); social skills (speaking and listening, cooperative work, capacity to teach others, negotiation and conflict resolution skills, and tolerance for differences), and personal skills (individual responsibility, perseverance, self management, and integrity)

Arts education for older adults fosters positive aging. Nonprofit arts education organizations are uniquely positioned to play a leading role in providing innovative programming,

***"Developing Minds and Creative Expression Through Engaging Arts Activities"***



*Cuayhoga Arts and Culture Prospective  
Grantee Orientation Meeting*

for an aging population that is living longer healthier lives. A study reported seniors exposed to an arts-centered program had "higher physical health, fewer doctor visits, less medication use, fewer instances of falls, and few other health problems" than seniors not exposed to an arts-centered program (Cohen 2006). Additionally, the seniors who participated in the arts program experienced better morale and less loneliness (Cohen 2006).

**Programming Goals for 2019-2020**

- ◆ Continue the development of Community Arts partners..
- ◆ Expand Children, Youth, and Teen programming,
- ◆ Develop Arts programming for Senior and disabled Adults.
- ◆ Expand Saturday Arts programming @ Foluke Center.
- ◆ Establish After School Arts programming @ Foluke Center.
- ◆ Establish instrumental and vocal music programs.



*Ballet class at Foluke Arts  
Center Studio*



*Story Telling at Friendly Inn  
Settlement House*

Private contributions allow us to continue serving the Children and Youth of Cleveland. Your tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated. Make checks or money orders payable to Foluké Cultural Arts Center, and mailed to P.O. Box 93046, Cleveland, OH 44101-5046. Donations may also be made online at [www.folukeculturalarts.org](http://www.folukeculturalarts.org), All major credit/debit cards accepted.. Thank You.

*Foluké Cultural Arts Center, Inc is a 501c3 Organization  
Committed to providing After School Arts Activities for Children  
and Youth*

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Teen Workshop @ FolukeARTS

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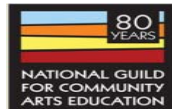
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In residence at Cleveland State University



2017 Achievements

January - December 2017

- Implemented After school Arts classes in Rites of Passage (Mentoring), Dance and Drumming at Friendly Inn Settlement House in the Cleveland Central Area.
- Hosted our first annual "Backyard Party" at the Phillis Wheatley Association. The Family friendly event highlighted local talent as entertainment, and was free and open to the general public.
- Anchored the CiCLEva event at east 55th Street, held in the Central Neighborhood on Quincy/Community College Avenue between East 55th and 22nd Street.
- Relocated to a 4,200 sq ft building situated on 39,425 sqft of land.
- Selected as one of 20 organizations nationwide to participate in Catalyzing Creative Aging Institute of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.
- Hosted a 'Winter Social' to re-introduce Foluké Cultural Arts to the community, in its new space.

Operating Budget for 2017 was \$105,997



2018 Achievements

January - December 2018

- Made Foluké facility available to the community events and workshops such as : Orientation for prospective Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Grantees; Free Back-To-School Haircuts, and Hairstyles, and various community theater presentations.
- Served as a summer meals site thru partnership with the Cleveland Foodbank, providing free breakfast and lunch to residents and summer ARTS experience participants.
- Served as a summer worksite thru partnership with Youth Opportunities Unlimited providing work and internship experiences to young people ages 15 - 24.
- Implemented SummerARTS experiences for students aged 7 thru 17, June 18 - July 20 providing classes in Dance, Theater, Creative Writing and Visual Arts. Classes were FREE to Central residents
- In conjunction with the SummerARTS experience Foluké Cultural Arts Hosted three community events: A Move and Groove Dance Cypher; Open Mic Night; and the 2nd Annual Backyard Party thru partnership with the Cleveland Museum of Art Studio-Go, and City of Cleveland Showagon.
- Implemented SaturdayARTS programming offering classes in visual arts, creative writing, theater, hip hop, and Guitar thru partnership with Cleveland Classical Guitar.
- Implemented the Teen Summit at Friendly Inn Settlement House. Teen Summit focus encompasses activities/ workshops to sharpen knowledge in the area social emotional learning. (Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision Making)

