




Foluké Cultural ARTS Center, Inc.

2022 Annual Report
and
2022-2023 Service Goals



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 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)

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



*Cast of "GospelFest:Foluke in
God's Hands"*

Programming Goals for 2024

- ◆ Continue the development of Community Arts partners..
- ◆ Expand Children, Youth, and Teen programming,
- ◆ Expand SaturdayArts programming @ Friendly Inn
- ◆ Expand After School Arts programming
- ◆ Plan LegacyArts (Creative Aging) Programming
- ◆ Plan Capital Campaign (Building Fund) for 2024



Private donations and grant funding allow us to continue serving the Children and Youth of Cleveland. Your tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated. **Please** make checks or money orders payable to Foluké Cultural Arts Center, and mail to P.O. Box 93046, Cleveland, OH 44101-5046. Donations may be made via text-to-give at 844-844-6844 and text FolukeArts, online at www.folukearts.org, or by scanning the QR Code.



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

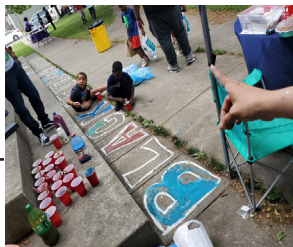
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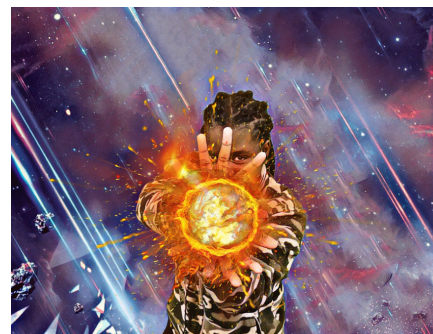


2022 Achievements

January - December 2022

- Extended our Arts partnership to Cleveland Playhouse providing arts classes at Campus International K-8 School..
- Added Photography and Film Making to our class Line-up
- Produced and presented “Cleveland: Land That I love” a documentary of the lives of Clevelanders. This presentation was broadcast on Youtube and Facebook.
- Implemented SummerARTS experiences in partnership with Friendly Inn, providing classes 2 days a week in Dance, Theater, Creative Writing, Hip Hop, Photography, Guitar, and Visual Arts. Classes were FREE.
- Participated in the CMSD Summer Enrichment Program via George Washington Carver.
- Served over 800 students via our various programs and partnerships.
- Partnered with Students of Promise, Closing the Achievement Gap for Summer Arts to 4 inner ring suburban High Schools
- Implemented Saturday Arts classes providing classes to Children Youth and teens on Saturday from 10AM - 2PM offering Visual Arts, Theater, Drumming, and Guitar.
- Planned our first Gala, “Central Renaissance: An Evening of Jazz and Blues”, to be held January 20, 2023 at the Ballroom at Parklane.

Operating Budget for 2022 was \$390,882



2023 Achievements

January - December 2023

- Received a Challenge America Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to develop Arts programming for Senior Citizens: LegacyARTS
- “Central Renaissance: An Evening of Jazz and Culture” - Fundraiser - Highlighting the history of the Central Neighborhood, featuring local adult artists and vocalists.
- Implemented Out of School Time (OST) arts programming conducting classes in Theater, Visual Arts, Drumming, Photography and Film, and Horticulture to over 800 students from Friendly Inn Settlement, CMSD schools, and 3 inner ring suburban High Schools.
- Produced a FREE stage presentation of “SpongeBob Square Pants the Musical” at Friendly Inn settlement in partnership with Rock The House Entertainment: 25 students from the Greater Cleveland area, ages 7 - 18 participated.
- Produced a stage presentation fundraiser in partnership with Karamu House called “GospelFest: Foluke in God’s Hands”, depicting the history of Gospel Music, featuring local adult vocalists.
- Implemented a new OST Program “The World Around Me”, which is a Cultural immersion program, that started with the introduction to Japanese arts and culture

Operating Budget for 2023 was \$375,344



“SpongeBob Square Pants the Musical”
 @ Friendly Inn Settlement