

ArtWorks

2019 IMPACT REPORT



" **ArtWorks** has opened
the door to **my dreams.** "

- 2019 Youth Apprentice

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH WORKING IN THE ARTS



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Our Youth Apprentices were so creative in 2019 while working on 23 projects! These youth painted massive murals, created puppets and designed costumes. They honed their graphic design and writing skills. They learned to lead orchestras. They sewed and led community engagement activities. By working with artist mentors, they transformed 5 neighborhoods with art, and led nearly 100 community engagement sessions and events with an estimated combined attendance of 405,000.

MEET YORDY



When I moved to Cincinnati, I felt alone. I felt that I did not belong with the Cincinnati community. I was in a new culture that I did not know how to navigate. I did not know where to go, but ArtWorks opened the door. It felt like home, where I was comfortable and happy again.

For me, ArtWorks is like a family—a unique family where everyone is from different cultures, identities and neighborhoods. Working with ArtWorks is an amazing opportunity where I have met and networked with incredible artists. ArtWorks provides a place where everyone can share their talents and culture in a safe environment.

I love ArtWorks! I found my voice and am able to express myself through art around Cincinnati.

Yordy Cabrera Garcia, 21
ArtWorks Youth Apprentice

FOCUS ON AVONDALE



Our Youth Apprentices have been hard at work to install new public art along Reading Road in Avondale over the past few years. Beautiful florals. A phoenix rising. Kente patterns. A vanguard of multigenerational citizens.

ArtWorks is inspired to do this work in Avondale because of the residents' desire for more public art that is reflective of this wonderful community with its rich culture and history of African American change-makers.

In 2019, both Tylonn Sawyer's *A Song of Freedom*, honoring the late gospel composer Louise Shropshire, and Cedric Michael Cox's mural series, *Avondale Pride*, have been installed. With funding by the National Endowment for the Arts, more public art in Avondale is on the way.



Avondale Town Center Murals



"A Song of Freedom"

HOW YOU INVESTED IN PEOPLE

134

YOUTH APPRENTICES EMPLOYED IN 2019



"When I got the email about the opportunity to be part of ArtWorks family again, I cried with joy, because I felt loved by this amazing community. With my experience, I can share with my community that Cincinnati is a safe, beautiful and lovely place to live. I learned that every resident of Cincinnati has a voice."

– 2019 Youth Apprentice



HOW YOU INVESTED IN PLACE



New wall & sidewalk murals added



45 Public Art Installations



160

Partnerships with organizations and businesses



With BLINK®, Our Region Shined Bright



9

TEACHING ARTISTS

30

APPRENTICES

90

ARTISTS/COLLECTIVES

In 2019, ArtWorks was once again proud to be a partner in BLINK®, the largest light, art and culture event of its kind in the nation, smashing records with an estimated 1.25 and 1.5 million in attendance! Working with many artists, schools, businesses and community groups, ArtWorks was so proud to shine a light on our wonderfully creative region by producing the awe-inspiring BLINK Future City Spectacular Parade for 150,000 spectators and curating 45 large-scale light-based installations located throughout the event's 30-block footprint.



95%

Apprentices increased their career/workforce readiness skills and attributes.



94%

Apprentices ended the program with good or great workforce knowledge.



59%

Apprentices were from underserved households.



98%

Satisfaction rate from Youth Apprentices after completing their projects.



ArtWorks' Hero Design Company empowers Youth Apprentices to unleash their own power of empathy by engaging children facing crisis. In 2019, Youth Apprentices created custom superhero capes for 191 local kids, showing the world every child possesses an amazing array of strengths.

ABOUT ARTWORKS

ArtWorks is an award-winning Greater Cincinnati nonprofit that transforms people and places through investments in creativity. The organization creates jobs for youth, ages 14-21 with the majority from underserved households, providing competitive 21st century career-readiness skills through mentorship by professional artists. Since 1996, ArtWorks has employed more than 3,600 youth and 3,200 creative professionals, and the organization has completed more than 12,500 public and private art projects that include 190 permanent outdoor murals, contributing to the region's global reputation as an arts destination.

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