WHAT WE NEED TO HEAR

A collaborative community project in Avondale
In Spring 2020, Lead Artist Calcagno Cullen and Apprentice Artists James Bond and Candace Krois started a participatory public sculpture project entitled ‘What We Need To Hear’ in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati. They created interactive boxes that asked residents to "Write words to positively motivate" their neighbors. They placed these hand crafted boxes, equipped with lollipops and cards for submissions, around the neighborhood at the Laundromat, Library, Rec Center, and elsewhere, and as a result they received over 75 responses. Four of these submissions were selected to become permanent, light-up sculptures at the Hirsch Recreation Center. Though we could not select all of them for the sculpture project, we wanted to share them in this zine. We found value in all of these communal words of affirmation and wisdom and hope you do too.
Read with your babies!

"For positive reinforcement"

Watch where you really care for you and unite!
Once united never give up on them!
Show only good manners!

From: C.T.
Age: Very mature

From: Eric
Age: 5
We are stranger together as a family

From: Joshua
Age: 18
"Everyone is family if you see them as such. Family help each other. Family is there."

From: Erin
Age: 5

Eat right, and stay in good shape.

From: Kenyatta
Age: 12

LOVE - FAMILY - REUNION
Friends Smile Support Share Dialogue

Every Person has a Special Gift!!

"We all have something to offer the world. :)

Always Be mind full of your neighbor

Strong, Brave, Smart, Helpful, Amazing

Learn... Learn... Learn!!!

"Everything, every experience is an opportunity to learn and grow"
I think it will help if we all do these things:

- We need to stop fighting.
- We need to be nice to one another.
- We need to create a non-hateful place.
- Be safe.
- Be peaceful.
- Be happy.
- Be kind.
- Be joyful.
- Be calm.

Keep dreams alive.
Try to save what you got.
So midosize!

From: Jia'nae
Age: 12

Communication = Peace

From: Jerome
Age: 45

Have hope always. Light is around you.
People are always around you to help. Ask for it.
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
BELIEVE IN GOD.

Wake up!
Eat @ gabriel's place 😊
Keep grinding on hooft
Community, Respect, Patience

From: Joel
Age: 33

Perseverance is the key to success!!

From: James
Age: 46

The phoenix, the rising of life

From: Royall
"I want to see me. Just myself"

Persevere!

"Avondale is a community that isn't the most affluent, and perseverance is what will keep the residents strong through all the surrounding change."

Hope, stay strong.

"There is an overwhelming sense of hopelessness in this neighborhood from the people that can no longer afford to live in the gentrified area. They are being pushed out of the area they love and 'hope' is all they have."
Love, kindness, joy.

Scratchin' and surviving good times.

From: Yashuwa
Age: 16

Strive to empower.

Power, self-control, smile, wisdom.

From: Khalil
Age: 19

Nothing is impossible.

be happy, educated, and free.

From: Daveion
Age: 14
From: Candace
Age: 16-17
"Don't let anyone make fun of you. Own your weirdness."

From: Zariah
Age: 6

From: Phillip
Age: 40

From: Makayla

"Just a message on how to live a better life"
Stay woke on noood.

From: Kalven
Age: 15

SK8 or DIE

From: James
Age: 17
"Put the gun down and pick up a board"

TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR COMMUNITY! IF YOU DON'T WHO WILL?

Take care of and respect yourself and others.

PEACE LOVE HAPPINESS = TOGETHERNESS

Way to go Arkansas!
ALL WAYS BE WILING TO HELP ONE ANOTHER, SHOW LOVE, FRIENDLY ATTITUDE, SMILE ALL THE TIME, LISTEN TO PEOPLE.

Love, Prayer, Faith, Honesty, Work, Belcine.

Friendly, Smile, have each back

Respect, Peace, Teamwork

From: Evette
Age: 50
“Respect all people race, color, creed, religion, background, peacefully, environment, and work as a team to beautify Avondale.”

be yourself

“Don’t let anyone bring you down. Keep going.”
CLEAN YOUR MIND
DISEASE WILL STAY FRESH FOREVER

I Love The CMUDCANDIT IS A Fun Place And It Is Fun
From: Kariah

The Struggle is Real!
Let's work together to bring Avendale together again!

From: Ivory
Age: 30
"These words mean everything to me because people need to know that it takes a village to build a community. I see the sculpture in the neighborhood to let people know they are not alone!"
EVERYONE IS A STAR!

get mad and more

From: Ausav
Age: 11

R.I.P coby bryant

From: Dominik
Age: 13
"They mean a lot. So people remember."

What seemed forever is now, what is now is the past, time is the essence don't waste it.
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