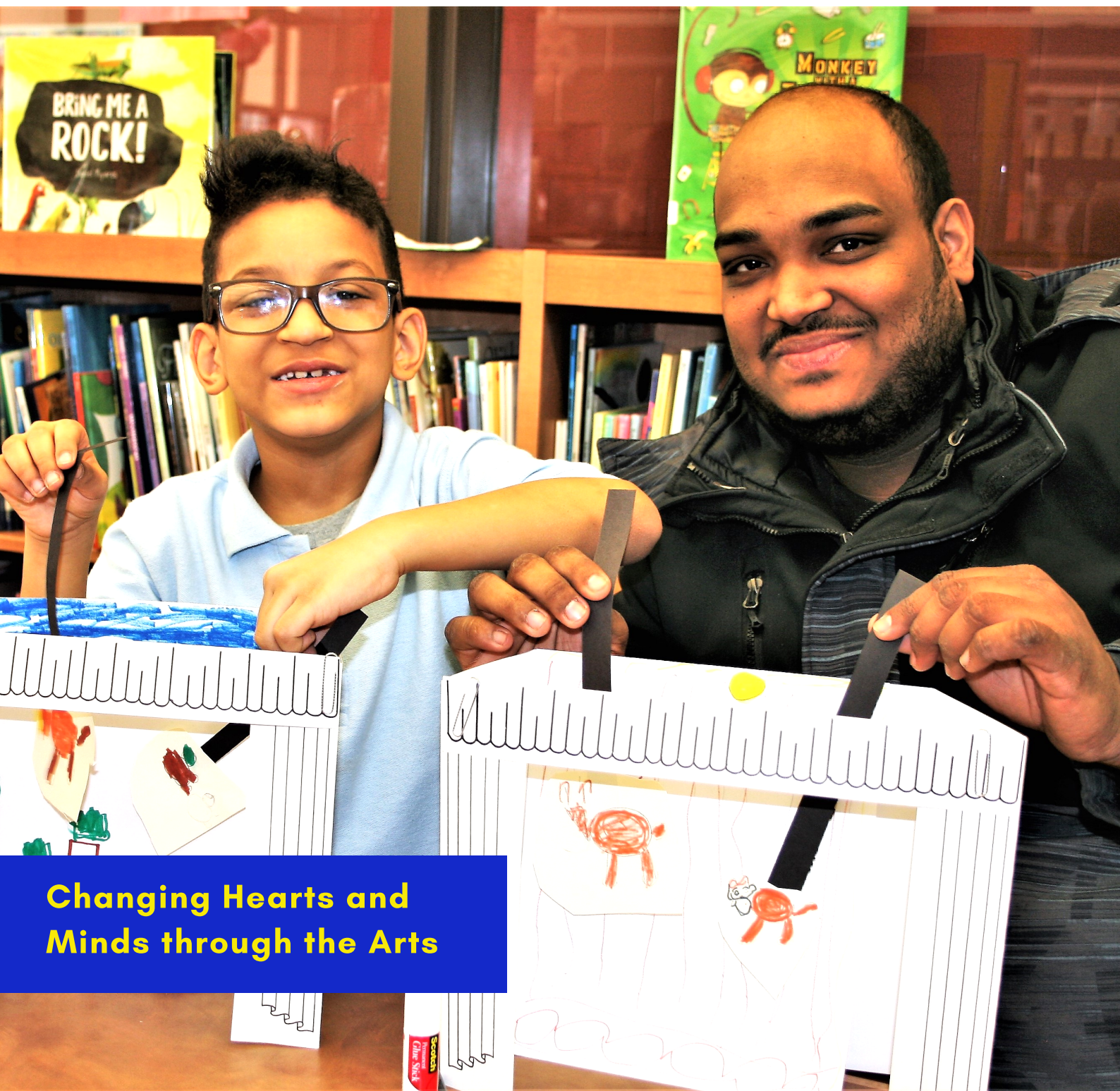




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Changing Hearts and
Minds through the Arts

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SPECIAL THANKS

SINCE 1974

Educational Arts Team, a leader in the field of arts education since 1974, is an innovative non-profit organization dedicated to improving literacy for students in low performing urban schools and providing positive cultural, social and recreational experiences in an outdoor setting during the summer months for local children.

We believe that all young people are capable of developing into creative, productive, and valued persons comfortable and confident in both academic and social settings. We also believe that all young people should have the opportunity to think, create, reflect, and be heard within a community of engaged learners.

Since its inception, the organization has been guided by the notion that effective programming requires a "Team" effort. We believe that robust relationships are at the core of our successes and that creativity and education happen best within a community. Making connections and forging partnerships are essential for the work to remain vital, relevant, and impactful.

This year we forged or continued partnerships with agencies of many different kinds to conduct a wide variety of programs. You'll see details about those programs in the pages that follow.

Our mission is to motivate young people to realize their self-worth, relate positively to others, and connect their lives to a wider world by making learning more meaningful.





A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARMINE TABONE.

There are some years that stand out as exceptionally impactful and 2019 was one of them!

Thanks to the leadership and talents of our staff and partners, we were able to offer a wide range of special activities during the past year. Here are some of the people responsible for making them happen:

Thanks to Roxanne Arrojo who led our **Big Read Project**, which was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. In partnership with the City of Jersey City, we offered workshops, performances and gatherings throughout the city centered around one novel, *Station 11*. We worked with the City of Jersey City's Melissa Kozakiewicz and Christine Goodman, as well as William Delgado at the Jersey City Public Library and our colleagues at over 30 Jersey City community organizations.

Thanks to Bob Albrecht for coordinating the New Jersey City University panel discussion and workshop in partnership with his colleagues Winifred McNeill, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, Stephanie Chaiken, Director, Center for the Arts and Midori Yoshimoto, Associate Professor of Fine Arts.

Thanks to Teresa Lyon for coordinating our **Camp Liberty** fundraising campaigns that have enabled refugee children to attend the camp, and have doubled Camp scholarships over the past five years through our partnerships with Goldman Sachs, CASA, Community Development Block Grants, PACO and the many donors.

Thanks to Dominick Buccafusco for coordinating our incredible volunteer efforts to make the camp a beautiful place and the wonderful pool programs that keeps everyone cool during the hot summer days.

Thanks to Dani Kopoulos for carrying out the **Newark Summer Plus Program**, offering enrichment activities for in-school summer sessions, and Sam Zegarra for coordinating the **Hudson County Summer Arts Program** for special needs students throughout the county.

Thank you Alex Cassaro and Samantha Llanes for the wonderful art you did with children at the **Bagapalooza Event** at City Hall and the **West Side Arts Festival**.

Thank you Danny and Josh Bacher for the lively puppet show at the **Bergen Square Day**.

Thank you to Tim Craig at the Bayonne Public Schools; Zelda Spence at the Plainfield Public Schools; Nicole Washington and Ash'Shanae Cohen at the Newark YMCA; and Gladys Candelaria, Mary Albanese and Chantel Perry at the Jersey City Public Schools for hosting our **Professional Development** sessions for their teachers and summer staff.

Thank you to Danny Paolucci and Susan Murphy whose classes from Ferris and Synder High Schools' JCArts Honors Program participated in our **Teen Theater Project**.

Thank you to Mathis Sharp, Camp Liberty parent and Jay Torres with those fantastic bouncy houses for making this year's **Halloween Spooktacular** event so great.

Thank you to Joseph Vaccaro at JERSEY CARES Jersey Cares for bringing those hard working volunteer groups.

Thank you to Abbey Weathers for telling the EAT story through reports and the new website.

Finally, thank you to our great Board of Trustees who work behind the scenes to support all we do.

So many talented people making this venture of Educational Arts Team work!



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Students in my classes who were shy or reluctant to share ideas really gained confidence and became much more social, not only during the activities, but in classes in general. I have former students who come visit who still talk about how much they enjoyed the activities."

- Language Arts Teacher, Jersey City

LITERACY & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Our Theater Arts and Literacy Integration program centers on speaking and listening, inquiring, close reading, and writing for self-expression. Through highly interactive, out-of-your-seat theater-based strategies, students explored texts from novels and short stories accessing meaning and creating verbal, visual, and written responses.

The program helped students tap into their personal experiences; make connections to classroom texts and develop collaboration and communication skills.

Thanks to funding from the Gerardine R. Dodge Foundation and Jersey City Community Service Block grant funding we were able to reach 858 young people at 10 different schools.

THEATER ARTS & LITERACY INTEGRATION

480 Workshops

10 Schools

39 Teachers

858 Students

Students reading the curriculum novel *A Midwife's Apprentice* explore a critical moment in which a girl must decide whether to save a drowning boy who tormented her.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"In these workshops I have learned the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. I have also learned about peer pressure and how we can stand up for what is right."

- 5th Grade Student, #25 School, Jersey City

DRUG & VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Both our Drug Prevention and Violence Prevention series helped young people understand the importance of weighing the effects of our actions by reflecting before acting.

Students learn that the choices we make effect not only ourselves, but others as well.

Thanks to funding from the Jersey City Alliance to Combat Alcoholism and Drug Abuse we were able to reach 528 young people at 4 schools this past year.



DRUG & VIOLENCE PREVENTION

192 Workshops

4 Schools

24 Teachers

528 Students

Students demonstrate one solution to dealing with a bully through tableau. In role, a student shares some advice on how to deal with a conflict.



FAMILY LITERACY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JERSEY CITY
AND NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Family Literacy Celebrations offer families an opportunity to be actively involved in their children's academic and social growth, while helping build positive family relationships.

The sessions engage parents and children in lively learning activities that strengthen language arts literacy skills through storytelling and drama and support the development of communication and interpersonal skills.

These events were made possible through funding from the Turrell Fund.

44 Sessions | 968 Children | 660 Parents

BUILDING LITERACY ENGAGEMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

"With the emphasis on high-stakes testing these activities can help simplify how to attack the PARCC. They give teachers ideas how to experiment and approach classroom activities from a new perspective. We not only discussed activities, but participated and experienced."
-Middle School Language Arts Teacher

FOR TEACHERS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JERSEY CITY, BAYONNE, AND PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Teachers debate in-role as characters from the curriculum novel *Maniac Magee*, deciding the fate of a child without a home.

These sessions, designed to improve teacher practice, introduced 250 teachers and administrators to interactive strategies for the reading, writing, performing arts and speaking curriculum.

FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEWARK YMCA

In June and September 60 staff members of the YMCA of Newark participated in a 3 hour training: *Promoting Competencies for Working with Young People*. The session consisted of interactive activities, discussion and reflection to help staff focus on how to motivate, build teamwork and cultivate communication.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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Educational Arts Team participated in a number of one-day events, including our very own Halloween Spooktacular, Bergen Square Day, West Side Stories Festival, Earth Day, and Bagapalooza with art activities, puppet shows and information material.



AFTER SCHOOL

In partnership with Weehawken School District

The Afterschool Enrichment Program helped young people develop confidence, teamwork skills, and stage presence through theater improv activities and magic lessons.

SUMMER SCHOOL ARTS

In partnership with Newark Public Schools

Our Summer Enrichment workshops at five locations featured drama workshops for students in grades K – 8. Funding was provided by the Newark Summer Plus enrichment program.

HUDSON COUNTY ARTS IMMERSION PROGRAM

In partnership with Hudson County Office of Disability Services

9

Art
Sessions

4

Site
Locations

2

Field
Trips

55

Parti-
cipants

10

Art Teachers
and Aides

Young people gained a sense of accomplishment by building skills in new art mediums.

The visual art activities included pastels and watercolors, clay creations, and a collaborative group mandala. Movement activities and yoga were included with a focus on breathing, postures, and movement. Both the art and movement strategies developed participants' social skills and served to enrich the lives of the participants with a lifelong appreciation of the arts.



NEA BIG READ

10 Hook the Book Workshops
5 Book Reflection Talks
4 Art & Storytelling Workshops
3 Story Exploration Workshops
4 Story Slams
2 Panels



in partnership with The City of Jersey City Department of Cultural Affairs; Jersey City Free Public Library; New Jersey City University, Jersey City Arts Council, and over 30 other community partners.

Educational Arts Team conducted a city-wide series of workshops and events centered around themes found in the novel, *Station 11*. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Big Read is designed to encourage reading in cities around the nation. We offered visual arts and storytelling workshops for children, families, and seniors; book discussions and panels, story slams, exhibits, performances, and an author talk with Emily St. John Mandel.



JERSEY CITY TEEN THEATER TROUPE

60 Participants
40 Hours of Theater Workshops
2 Performances

In partnership with the City of Jersey City Departments of Cultural Affairs and Recreation; the Ferris and Synder High Schools' JCArts Honors Program and Camp Liberty.

Young people ages 12 to 17 participated in theater arts workshops and rehearsals that included: creating, conceiving and developing scenes based on the Spooky Tales books. The staff developed the workshop material into 15 short scripts that the participants performed at Camp Liberty and the Apple Tree House on October 26.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Parents and Individual donors raised \$10,000 and Goldman Sachs matched with another \$10,000, giving **24 local children** the opportunity to attend Camp.

Thanks to the Community Development Block Grant summer funding of \$10,000 **18 children** from Booker T. Washington and Curries Woods Housing Apartments were able to experience the fun at Camp Liberty.

PACO Community Development Corporation raised \$11,000 and sent **20 children** from their program!

This past summer, Camp Liberty brought together **over 1,000 local children** of diverse ages, races, ethnicities and economic backgrounds.

Children played, created, swam, sang, danced, performed, and made new friends in an urban sanctuary of tree-lined open green space.

"My daughter has attended Camp Liberty since she was five years old. It is one of the few places left that reminds me of all the good things of my own childhood summers. Thank you Camp Liberty for another amazing year!"
- Michelle Vitale



Revnuue	2019	2018	2017
Grants	\$169,195	\$164,044	\$149,954
Donations <i>Individual</i>	\$10,888	\$16,696	\$17,963
Donations <i>Corporate</i>	\$38,218	\$12,241	\$20,605
Contingency	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Fees	\$549,477	\$540,534	\$594,800
Investment Income	\$56,304	\$-9,186	\$42,371
Other	\$3,251	\$5,443	\$16,267
Total	\$827,335	\$789,772	\$841,960

Program Expense

Camp Liberty	\$394,917	\$412,126	\$385,605
After-School Programs	\$283,339	\$304,336	\$354,280
Total Program Expense	\$678,256	\$716,462	\$739,885

Support Expense

General Administration	\$63,192	\$65,877	\$73,527
Marketing	\$0	\$0	\$0
Events	\$140	\$309	\$211
Contingency Fund	\$75,000	\$0	\$25,000
Total Support Expense	\$138,332	\$66,186	\$98,738
Total Expense	\$816,588	\$782,647	\$838,623

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