

Black Village Arts



It takes a **village** to raise a child and **we're the ones they've been waiting for**

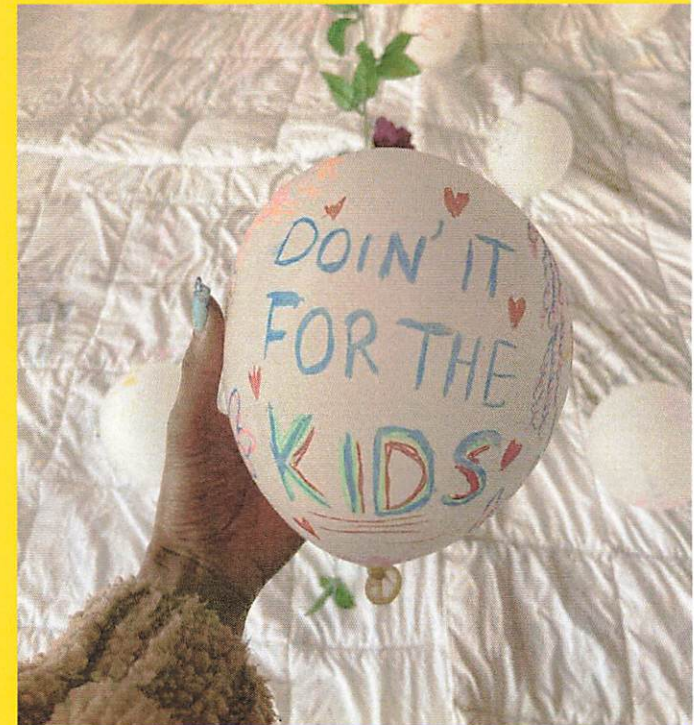
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WHO ARE WE?

Black Village Arts (BVA) is an organization making arts education more affordable and accessible for black and brown youth in underserved communities.

We inspire our youth to prioritize their mental health by being their most expressive and open selves through art.





What we do...

Understanding that minority students are at the forefront of the rapid decline of arts in education, **BVA's** mission prioritizes fostering opportunities for black and brown youth to utilize their creativity not only inside of a classroom but also **outside in their community.**

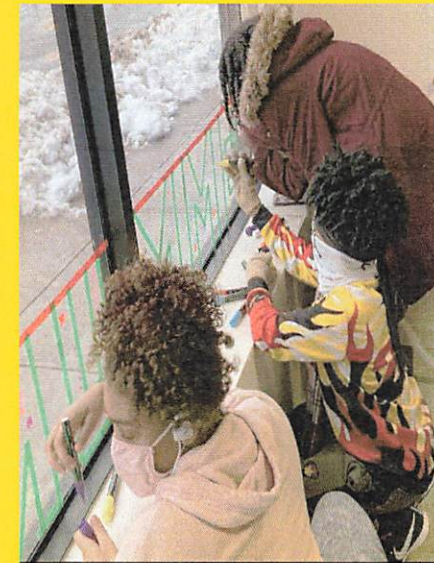
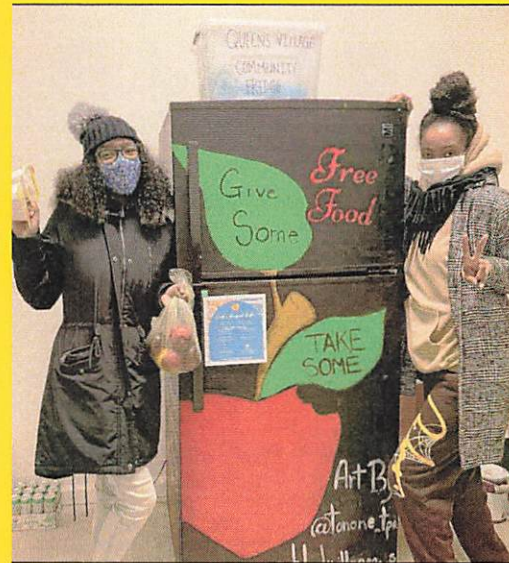
Employing our social-emotional art practices, we prioritize mental health.

Our art services intentionally focus on community building properties, to create stronger and more honest support systems with community members and bridge the gaps inside and outside of a household.



How?

- Spearhead art based workshops that focus on expression, self-sufficiency and community impact
- Partner with local businesses and other entities that allow us to hold space for youth to express themselves
- Connect our artists with youth on our projects that implement art as an impactful tool in community outreach spaces.



Why we matter...

...we address the **Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L)** issues within black and brown communities

As schools reopened throughout New York and NYC reimaged education; fewer than 1 in 4 teachers say S.E.L was implemented in their schools.

We believe in the **necessity and impact of art** as a key player in a youth's **social-emotional** well-being and development. Effects of the pandemic have left our youth needing these type of healing activities to express themselves now more than ever. Our mission is centered around **providing the resources to educate and encourage black and brown youth by people who look like them in the use of numerous art mediums as forms of expression and tools that can impact their own neighborhoods.**



By the numbers...

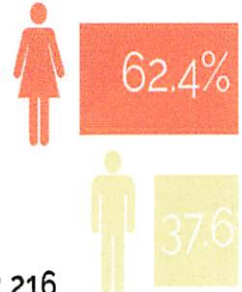
Black Village Arts has held over **100+** free or low-costing art workshops throughout Queens and Brooklyn. Servicing ages 4-14, our art programming specifically targets early childhood education, behavioral health and youth development, prioritizing communities of color.

In just **two months** of starting our **first** afterschool program in an elementary school in Queens in September 2021, we have grown to hosting over **10 programs** of varying art mediums, in several schools throughout Queens and Brooklyn through partnership with **Child Care NY** and **LEAP**.



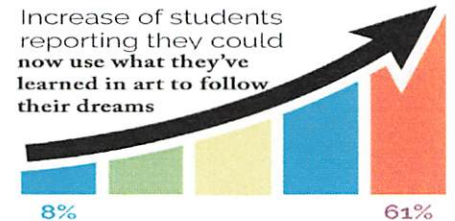
After the program, **83%** of students reported they **liked or loved ART**

45.3% Black/
African American
17.6% Asian
20.1% Hispanic/Latinx
3.5% Native American



Total Students Served: 216

Increase of students reporting they could now use what they've learned in art to follow their dreams



Of students who reported, **81.5%** Students of Color



Youth park art project

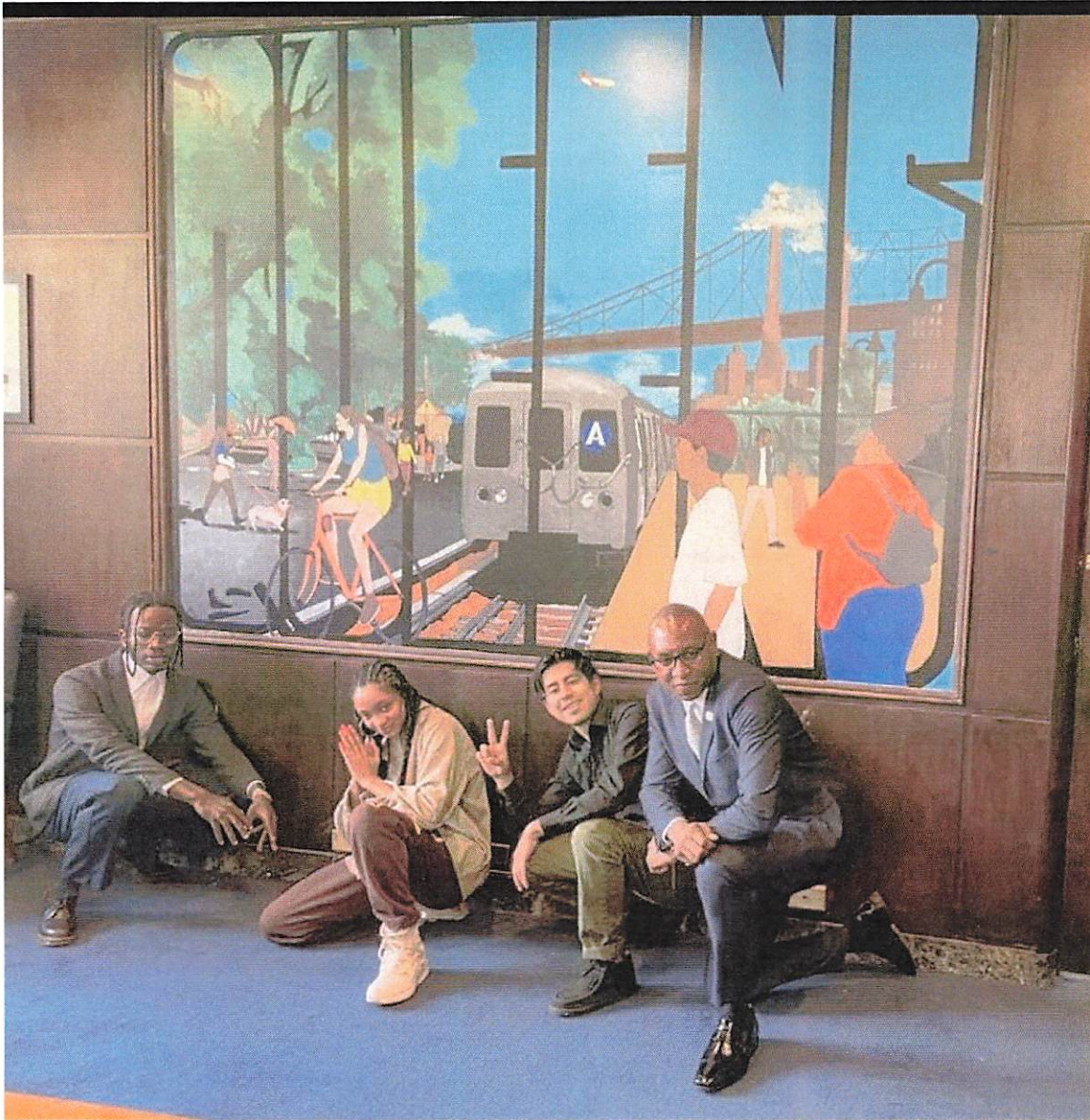
Youth mural project



Black History Month
Showcase & Exhibit
featuring all black girl
artists



Designing by youth of the 'Hood Library', library boxes
providing free books to community members.



'QGTM' Mural currently located in Queens Borough President's Office

Through mural projects and/or commissioned workshops for youth within your district, you are able to support us in continuing to bridge the need for art in underfunded and underserved communities among our youth.

You can connect with us by
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