



Be The Change Youth Initiative – 2024 ARPA Funds Recipient

The Mission

At Be The Change Youth Initiative, we believe all youth should be SEEN, HEARD, and LOVED. Driven by our commitment to encourage youth towards balanced mental well-being, we educate, equip, and empower the next generation to become advocates for their communities. We do this through personal engagement and collaboration through art, music, and leadership as they share stories, extend compassion, and take action towards a brighter tomorrow.

The Vision

Our vision is to empower youth and positively impact their mental well-being by participating in cultural engagement and community transformation. We nurture their potential by providing tools and opportunities for leadership and positive change. Through our initiatives, we will foster purpose, empathy, and resilience, creating a collaborative generation dedicated to building a better world. Together, we will ignite the power of youth, leaving a lasting legacy of positive change in their communities.

Be The Change Youth Initiative has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the City of Red Bank's 2024 ARPA Funds. With that money, they will support

- in-school and after-school programming at Red Bank High School;
- pay Artist Presenters to facilitate art projects; and
- purchase supplies needed for projects.

Two programs are currently run at Red Bank High School under the Empower YOUth Initiative: one with Art 3 students during school and one in partnership with the Northside Neighborhood House Community Schools after-school program.

Goals and Outcomes for Red Bank High School Programs

- Create stronger community relationships
- Teach students about various art forms
- Students create art they can take home
- Bring awareness to local artists, opportunities and initiatives
- Create youth gallery exhibit in Red Bank (RBHS)
- Create a scholarship for a graduating senior

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