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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH OF COLOR

The Black Youth Healing Arts Collective (BYHAC)



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Why the Black Youth Healing Arts Collective?

Black youth who are the legacy of Africans brought to the Americas as chattel slaves, carry within their DNA a history disjointed of their motherland cousins. America's treatment of the initial slaves has been passed down as an inheritance of multiple forms of unspoken and unaddressed oppressive pain. The Black Youth Healing Arts Collective intends to provide safe space for Black youth to confront, inspect, eliminate, and replace the historical less narrative of the past. This is the healing process.

IGF is striving to build a safe space for Black youth to receive healing for their un/under-processed historical trauma. Unearthed historical trauma blocks the potential of full humanity and expression of gifts. The BYHAC will provide cultural, ancestral, and innovative processes to healing for Black youth foremost, while creating safe spaces and healing opportunities for youth of color.

What is the Black Youth Healing Arts Collective?

The BYHAC will be a multi-faceted center with cooperative values, residential leaders and services, activities, and training opportunities for Black youth throughout the day. All offerings will have a holistic integrative health/healing focused approach.

The BYHAC will be 20,000 square feet haven with spaces designed by youth for youth. The BYHAC will house 16 site leaders as they earn, learn, and prepare to move into the community. Newly housed site leaders will be selected to replace those who graduate to off-site housing. Current spaces and activities, in addition to housing, include a industrial kitchen, recording studio, ceramics, painting, weaving studio, performance stage, gallery, and therapy dog training center. Out of these services and activities we hope to develop social enterprises to fund The Collective long-term.



Our Process

IGF has undertaken the following steps in making this dream come true:

- IGF youth and staff have met with an Initial consulting firm to dream of the required space and received an initial assessment of 13,000 square feet as a building space estimate.
- IGF leadership utilized the initial space estimate report in initial meetings with an architect, realtor, and construction company. The refined space assessment was increased to 20,000 square feet.
- The realtor identified a potential building that could be renovated to meet our needs.
- IGF entered a purchase agreement to acquire a former school located at 643 Virginia Street, to house the BYHAC.

Our Next Steps

Our next steps are to find partners that will help us to move forward with developing our capital campaign to raise \$6.7 million dollars for the purchase and remodeling of the building and start up programming costs.

How You Can Help

If you can help connect IGF to partners to take the Black Youth Healing Arts Collective to the next phase please contact Dr. Fry at info@irgrace.org or 651-226-6594.

Thank you for helping heal the wounds of generations by supporting IGF in the making of the Black Youth Healing Arts Collective.