



*F*AMILIES *are* *A*RTISTS, *C*REATORS, & *T*EACHERS!

BLENDING ART, TWO-GENERATION LEARNING, & ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THEMES.

FAMILY GUIDEBOOK

— CODE OF CONDUCT —

OUR FAMILY: _____

COMMUNITY: _____





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!! WELCOME !!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Families are Artists, Creators, & Teachers (FACT)! We are thrilled to have your talent present and ready to embark on a creative journey where we create art together and build community in the process! Your aim through the collaborative projects FACT offers is to explore and engage your community, beginning with your own family.

Through the combined approaches of Asset-Based Community Development and family learning, FACT seeks to strengthen family relationships and increase confidence and skill through the act of creating art together. By reflecting together on artistic skills and practices, families will have a chance to see themselves and each other as valued members of the community, who realize they are assets contributing to their community and who are up to the challenge of leading their neighborhoods.

I look forward to our journey ahead. As you venture into the classroom, know that you have the support of the nonprofit I lead, Neighborhood Associates, and the team of exceptional local nonprofits and public institutions with which we are partnering and collaborating: the Louisville Central Community Centers; the Association of Florida Teaching Artists; DREAMS of Wilmington; and the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

A special thank you to the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust for their funding, support, and faith in the FACT program. An additional thank you to our corporate sponsors, the property management firm CT Group and mixed-to-affordable housing developer, Telesis Corporation. CT Group is providing space for classrooms, while their dedicated Resident and Community Coordinators will support the FACT program in all facets. Telesis, our partner for two decades, continues to offer the time and energy of their staff and office to incubate Neighborhood Associates and thoughtful programs such as FACT.

Most importantly, thank *you*--for answering the call to spur the creative talents latent within communities all too often characterized by what they lack, rather than by the inherent wealth of spirit and energy they possess. Families are artists, creators, teachers...and leaders. It's a FACT!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bobby Austin, Ph.D.

President, Neighborhood Associates

Primary Investigator, FACT Program



Dr. Bobby Austin is an award-winning author, editor, educator, and a former foundation president. He was the founding editor of the Urban League Review and served as host of the national internet radio program "American Voices." As the director of the National Taskforce on African American Men and Boys funded by the Kellogg Foundation, he co-authored and edited the pivotal report Repairing the Breach. Dr. Austin held the General Hal G. Moore Chair on Contemplative Leadership at the Merton Institute and is recognized for his work in American Culture and Public Kinship. He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Social and Political Science and is listed in History Makers. He received his education at McMaster University, Fisk University, and Western Kentucky University; he holds a diploma in Education Management from Harvard University.



INTRODUCTION

THANKS !!

We hope you enjoy the class and gain inspiration from the art you'll create with your family, friends, and neighbors! Below are details on how the program works month by month.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

With the power of creativity, FACT aims to unlock the creative talents of families, strengthen ties among neighbors, and help families use art to voice the hopes and dreams they have for themselves and their neighborhood. FACT is all about how families can use art to learn and create together, craft new neighborhood stories, and lead positive change in the community. In the program, you will learn and practice artistic skills that build communication and collaboration. Activities include: drawing portraits of another person's vision of themselves; taking photographs that capture the neighborhood's spirit; and telling stories about the dreams you have for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood.

COST & SAFETY

FACT is free to residents of City View Park, Bradenton Village, Jervay Place, and National Housing Trust communities including all art supplies. All FACT instructors have passed thorough state and federal criminal background checks.

WHERE WE'LL MEET

FACT comes to you! Virtual art class sessions are held in Louisville, KY, Bradenton, FL, Wilmington, NC, and Washington, D.C. powered by ZOOM. Enrichment Activities will be worked out in advance during Summer 2021 in consideration of COVID19 safety precautions. Activities include field trips and guest speakers.

WHAT WE'LL DO

Units 1-3 and Unit Reflection of FACT offer several arts-based family bonding activities, we'll cover each Unit (10 sessions) in 10 weeks meeting virtually once a week. All families who participate in Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer FACT art classes will come together virtually for an interactive art exhibit that celebrates the artwork they made throughout the year.

- ★ **Unit 1:** how to draw pictures of your family to tell stories about your family;
- ★ **Unit 2:** how to use photographs to tell stories about community and your life;
- ★ **Unit 3:** how to use your experiences and words to craft a community story.

- ★ **Virtual Art Exhibit:** how to create a virtual art exhibit. FACT provides various interactive platforms to launch it!

- ★ **Time & Dates:** All sessions and workshops are hosted virtually. (1hour duration) *Please see online Schedule*

★ Bonus:

Units 1-3 have extra family-centered enrichment activities.

★ Award:

Families with 80% + attendance will receive micro-grant application opportunities to launch civic group projects in their communities beginning Spring 2021.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your local Resident Coordinator with questions, suggestions, or concerns you have about FACT. *Please review fact2genart.org for your Coordinator's contact Information*



SPIRIT + CODE OF CONDUCT

SPIRIT of the PROGRAM

- ★ **We're all artists:** This quote sums up how we view and respect one another as fellow artists in the program. *"An artist is anyone who says, I am an artist."* Mera Rubell, Rubell Family Collection
- ★ **People Power:** People are the greatest assets and partners in building community. All who participate in FACT — instructors, families, local art institutions, and nonprofits — are working together to support the values, skills, knowledge, and energy already in the neighborhood.
- ★ **Togetherness:** As FACT instructors and participating families work alongside neighbors, we are always learning from one another. At each step we are welcoming and inclusive of all community members, and work to realize the phrase, *"better together."*
- ★ **Open-minded:** We are open-minded and strive to be more responsive to our communities. The end goal of all our collaborative efforts through the FACT program is to deepen civic engagement through the arts, leading to greater self-determination and individual and collective action.

OUR REQUESTS TO YOU

Please help us create a fun learning environment where ideas are grown and shared.

- Please review and honor the program's code of conduct.
- Please bring your FACT Family Guidebook, art kit, and sketch pads to every class. ➤ Adults, please accompany your children to class. This program is not meant to be daycare. ➤ Adults, please bring whatever items you and your family will need to be comfortable for 3 hours. ➤ Kindly share your contact information for class reminders and schedule changes. ➤ Please provide an emergency contact for yourself and your children attending classes. ➤ Please let us know about special needs, such as food allergies or restrictions. ➤ Always feel free to ask us questions. The only bad questions are those not asked. ➤ Always feel free to bring in your own artwork to share with the class!
- Kindly review and complete the media release forms. With your permission, we'd like to include pictures and videos from class to tell the story of the program in our publications.

CODE of CONDUCT:

As members of the class, we agree to follow the FACT's code of conduct and be respectful of one another in class, during field events and field trips, and when working on team projects. From start to finish, the statements below guide the FACT program and everyone participating in it.

1. It is easier to tear down than build up. The FACT program focuses on building up local artists.
2. Respect is given when received. The FACT classroom encourages mutual respect among all.
3. Active listening without judgment is the beautiful art of learning more about people and places.
4. The talents, gifts, associations, histories, and memories within a neighborhood are valuable.
5. Art



supplies are everywhere, every day. They gain meaning through the artist's creativity. 6. Creative expression is a fundamental right for all. Everyone is an artist in their own way. 7. Art in all of its diversity is the creative expression of the heart, mind, and soul of individuals. 8. There are no mistakes in an art piece unless the creator of the artwork thinks so. 9. It takes courage, fortitude, and openness to share creative aspirations and work with others. 10. Art is the communication of thought and emotion. By displaying artwork, artists invite audiences to engage in new perspectives and conversations.