

《CAAT》 BEYOND



Volume 5



The Cultural Arts and Technology Center is developing a high-tech, state-of-the-art learning space, where youth and adults receive academic instruction and personalized attention from industry leaders, explore career pathways, and ready themselves for skilled positions in the high-growth fields of the arts and technology.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

CAAT-IN-THE-SCHOOLS (SCHOOL CAATS)



The CAAT Center's after-school programs provide a strong foundation in creative arts and crafts, allowing children to develop a deep appreciation for the arts in addition to sharpening important skills. Furthermore, encouraging self-expression and creativity through these activities is crucial for promoting comprehensive academic and personal development.

Additionally, we are igniting a passion for learning and guiding children toward bright futures as aspiring scientists, engineers, and mathematicians by immersing them in fundamental STEM experiences through interactive games and hands-on activities!

FAMILIES OF HARAMBEE

A social service program working to unify & strength the family bond.

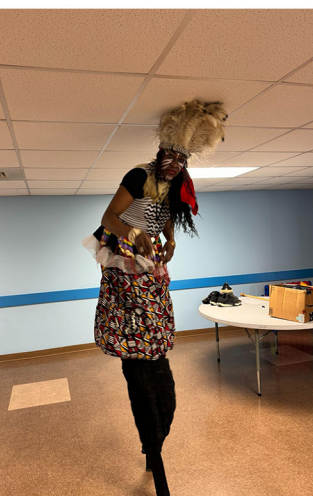


Families of Harambee is a seven-week program designed to encourage positive relationships among African American adults and their children. Encompassing the 7 Principles of Kwanzaa, the program is reinforced through communication, cooperation and cultural exploration. The mission is to unify African American families by increasing interpersonal relationships, promoting cultural awareness and reinforcing the importance of social economics.

Want to be a part of our next Families of Harambee session? Sign up for our next session, starting 4/4/2024, via our website at: www.chestercaatcenter.org/familiesofharambee

NEW PROGRAMMING

HIGH HOPES (STILT-WALKING CLASS)



HIGH HOPES CITY STILT WALKERS is an inner city youth, beginners, stilt training program taught by **Sistah Mafalda** a 20 year professional Stilt Walker who turns energy into Creativity. **HIGH HOPES CITY STILT WALKERS** integrate storytelling with spiritual and material aspects of life to restore balance between humanity and nature, and harmony in our community and planet.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING SESSION STARTING APRIL 8TH AT 4PM!



Unlock the magic of music with JC Alignment's Kids' Vocal Discovery Program! Designed for children aged 5 to 11, this engaging program introduces young voices to the joy of singing, rhythm, and creative storytelling. Through games, exploration, and a fun Grand Concert, kids develop not only musical skills but also essential life skills like confidence and teamwork in a positive, supportive environment.

The program is 9 weeks culminating in a recital showcase for family and friends of the participants to attend.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

THE MISSING PLUG

specializes in planning and promoting special events for brands that provide minority communities with purposeful experiences. A portion of The Missing Plug's profit from services goes directly into funding events for minority communities.

For a list of all services, please visit: www.themissingplug.com/services-2



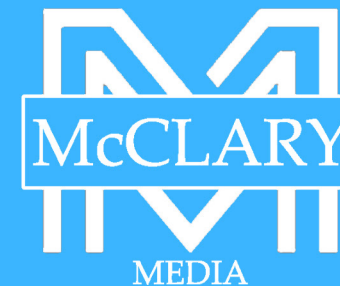
NORTHERN MARKETING AND DESIGN

At Northern Marketing & Design, we craft each marketing plan to match every business owner's unique needs and budgets. We create graphic work to fit your brand's personality and allure to your target market. At NMD, we are not just a hired service; we are your teammate to your business' success.

Please visit: hwww.yourtopbusinesssolutions.com for more information.



www.NorthernMarketing.org



MCCLARY MEDIA

M&M Studios, located inside the CAAT Center, is Chester's premiere photography and videography studio! With up to date technology like green screen effects and state of the art cameras, we'll make you look amazing on screen!

For rates and availability visit: www.mcclarymediallc.com today.

TOP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Top Business Solutions LLC is a small business consulting firm that specializes in strategic planning and implementation; legal registration and licensing; and tax preparation services for new business owners and nonprofit organizations. Chardae Davis B.S. MPA; (owner) and her esteemed associates Ceola Blake-Harris and Bryndaisha Byrd assist small businesses through the state incorporation process by filing on their behalf. We are honored to serve entrepreneurs in all 50 states!

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Financial Wellness Firm exists to provide clients and potential clients with information concerning our firm and our unique, low-pressure approach to personal and professional services. We have an excellent client-retention rate, and we are extremely proud of the high-quality services that our firm provides.

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FUNDER HIGHLIGHT

THE HAMILTON FAMILY TRUST



The Hamilton Family Charitable Trust comprises two generations of the Hamilton family with a long history of philanthropy in the Philadelphia region. Since 1992, the family has been committed to improving educational opportunities for children and youth, a mission established by Dorrance Hill Hamilton (1928–2017), mother and grandmother of the family Trustees. The family extended their philanthropic reach to Palm Beach County, FL and Aquidneck Island, RI in 2017. The family convenes four times annually to honor this legacy, supporting myriad programs that enhance the lives of the young people they serve.

CHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY



Our mission is to provide quality, safe, and affordable housing for low and moderate-income households in a discrimination-free environment. In doing so, we strive to integrate CHA residents and developments into the neighboring communities and to serve as a catalyst for revitalization and development for participant families in the city of Chester, Pennsylvania.

NON PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

TRIPPLEY FOUNDATION



Imagine a world where every youth could walk the streets, laughing carelessly with a soccer ball under their arm. Imagine a world where every person was given the same roadmap in the pursuit of happiness, with the right tools to forge a path of greatness.

Our mission is to enrich all children's lives by giving them opportunities to develop their cognitive intelligence, open their hearts, learn new skills, and rediscover hope. We have several programs located in Chester, Pennsylvania, and virtually.

AMERICA 250PA



The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, America 250PA, was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

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EVENTS IN REVIEW

UNVEILING THE RENAISSANCE



The CAAT's 5th Anniversary celebration was nothing short of magical. We'd like to thank everyone who joined us for "Unveiling the Renaissance" – Chester style! Our guests came dressed to impress, donning wardrobes and accessories reminiscent of the Harlem Renaissance Era. They were indeed in for a night on the town, complete with delicious hors d'oeuvres, fun drinks, and dazzling performances. Guests were also invited to participate in our silent auction, where they bid on amazing pieces by talented local artists.



YOUARENOW WEDNESDAYS

Our first round of events in our YouAreNow Wednesdays series has officially come to an end, and we had a time! From our Poetry and Live Painting Night to our DanceHall night, an entertaining and enjoyable time was had by all who attended. Featuring delicious food, a relaxing atmosphere, and talent out of this world, we are excited to see what our April events have in store for us. Please join us April 10th starting at 6pm for our next City Unplugged- Artist Showcase.



EVENTS IN REVIEW

MLK DAY 2024



This MLK Day, in partnership with Widener and the Foundation of Delaware County, the CAAT Center curated a day of service for the city of Chester that honored the life and legacy of Dr. King in a huge way!

We started the morning off with breakfast provided by Widener University to fuel us for our day of community driven activities, after which we began our peace march from the campus to City Hall. One of the biggest concerns of our neighbors in Chester is the cleanliness of the city; we made a small step in the right direction by tidying up and beautifying our downtown area. We also made warming kits for our homeless population- complete with gloves, handwarmers, and PPE supplies.

After our delicious lunch, which was catered by Aunt B's Country Cooking, we were treated to inspirational words from our CAAT CEO, Tara Jones, as well as community leaders including Councilwoman Carol Kazeem and Councilwoman Monica Taylor. Governor Shapiro also shared a few words with us, marking this as his first time visiting in Delaware County!

We ended our night with an epic poetry slam that brought out so many talented artists and creatives! All in all, we had a wonderful time coming together for the good of our community! The spirit of unity and harmony was palpable, and proved to us that together we are a mighty force! Memories of the day include three Martin Luther King inspired murals- painted by everyone who joined us for the day- that will be placed publicly throughout the county.

As always, next year promises to be bigger and better! Please stay tuned into our website for more information on 2025's MLK Day Celebration which will be officially announced later this year!

BLACK FUTURE DINNER

The Missing Plug, in partnership with the CAAT Center, brought Black History Month to a close the right way! Thank you everyone for joining us for our 2nd annual "Black Future Dinner," where we have the conversations that really matter. This year, our special guests were high schoolers from the Chester community, and we were extremely interested in what they had to say!

Guests were also treated to a full course meal by "Mom Cooked It" and top notch entertainment by one of our favorite poets, Ricky, while the conversation was moderated by our very own, Kristie Barnes.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

AVERY



Avery on what kind of music inspires her to dance...

"I like music with a message behind it. Because it's easy to have a conversation with it while I'm dancing. It's like okay you talking to me, now let me talk to you. So it could be a rock song. If I hear it, and it's talking to me? We can relate to each other."

WATCH NOW: [LINK HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ART UNFRAMED - "EARTH THINGS" EXHIBIT - APRIL 12TH - MAY 3RD - 7 ARTISTS

Our Women's History Month Exhibit was just the beginning of what we have in store for you all at Art Unframed Gallery. Please join us on April 12th for the opening of our second exhibit, "Earth Things," featuring all things nature and the environment. We have seven extraordinary artists putting their work on display; come out and support your local artists! Light appetizers will be served, and artwork will be for sale!

STAR WARRIOR CAMP

Save the date for our brand new 6 week summer camp, the STAR Warrior Camp! Taking place summer of 2024, this interactive day camp will include voice lessons, stilt walking classes, modeling, dance, girl scouts/boy scouts, theater, and cultural arts lessons taught by our CEO, Tara Jones. Food will be provided daily, and we have fun educational trips planned for our little scholars!

Let us teach your kids to be the warriors we know they can be! More information will be provided on our website soon.

"Melt-to-Make" Candle Making Sessions

There aren't many things more therapeutic than creating with your hands. Add the scent of a delicious candle, and you are in for an evening of relaxation. Please join us for our "Melt to Make" candle-making sessions starting

Thursday, March 28th, and every month after that!

NEW TEAM MEMBERS



TYANA VICTORIA

AKA YAN WICK

Executive Assistant

Meet Tyana Victoria, the creative force behind You Are Now Entertainment, a visionary event curator, manager, and booking agent dedicated to bringing unforgettable experiences to life. With a passion for music and a keen eye for talent, Tyana seamlessly blends artistry and organization to craft dynamic events that leave a lasting impact on audiences.

DENISE DAVIS

Participant in the Maturity Works Program

Blessings to All. I am Denise Davis, the new kid to the CAAT Center Team. I graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education. I'm suppose to be retired from WaWa going on 3 years, but I guess God saw a new journey in my life, so now I'm the CAAT Center Downtown Art Gallery Manager and loving the new adventure. I am a proud Charter Member of Tau Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority being of service to the city of Chester Pa and surrounding Delaware County areas.

