



BRICK HOUSE 2018 Teen Center Newsletter

The Brick House is thrilled to give our neighbors and supporters an update on our budding arts and leadership programming for youth!

We have begun hosting quarterly exhibits where young artists show their work to the community. They invite their friends, family, teachers, and neighbors to stop by and support them. It is powerful for youth to be recognized for their creativity, talent, and unique perspectives! In addition to showing their artwork, they've developed entrepreneurial skills as they sell some work during each show. One participant, Summer, shares what this experience has been like for her:

"I'm 16, and I've been coming to the Brick House for three and a half years. I don't think I would have had as many artistic opportunities if I wasn't a participant at the Brick House because they have a lot of art supplies and resources. Recently there was an art show and I brought 15 paintings and made almost \$150! It gave me a lot of confidence, because I do think highly of my art, but I don't put value on things in my head. Once I saw people coming up to me and giving me \$30 for a painting the size of my hand, it was kind of a big news flash!"

Our next Youth Art Show will be on Friday, 12/14, 5-8 pm —please come!

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We are so excited to announce that we're expanding our arts leadership programming this year, with support from 3 brand new grants. With funding from a Mass Cultural Council YouthReach grant, a Community Development Block Grant through the Town of Montague, and a new partnership with the United Way of Franklin County we'll soon be offering weekly structured arts classes, and expanding our partnerships with local artists and entrepreneurs in the community.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events!



Youth Art Show

Dec 14th 5-8

Here at the Brick House during
"It's a Wonderful Night"
in downtown Turners Falls

View and purchase artwork made by youth in our community! This family-friendly event will include an art exhibit, light refreshments, and a green screen photo booth.



Soup and Games Night

Jan 7th 5-7:30

Free soup for everyone who comes out,
plus raffle tickets and sweets for sale.
44 Main St. Greenfield, MA

This is our first time participating in this playful, monthly fundraiser hosted by Hope and Olive in Greenfield. We look forward to a fun night with the people who love and support us (like you)!

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