Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center with Motherland Community Gardens Project.

Mission/Vision Statement/ History

Intro: Since 2013 The Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center (GTCARC) is dedicated to serving the African American community by offering a robust support system that addresses cultural, educational, emotional, and creative needs with high-quality, child-friendly, and pertinent content. GTCARC fulfills its mission via 6 week educational programs in art and music for youth aged five to seventeen, paving the way for the future success of Springfield's students. We offer guided instruction by professional artists to nurture budding artistic talents.

GTCARC fosters empowerment through creativity, exhibitions, entrepreneurship, marketing, sales, presentation, communication, and a blend of artistic education that cultivates lifelong relationships and friendships. This genuine program is unique within the city limits of Springfield and its neighboring regions.

Vision: As a community-based organization dedicated to supporting the most vulnerable students, the Garvey-Tubman Center plays a pivotal role in promoting educational excellence and inclusivity. Through arts-based programming, mentorship, and skill development initiatives, we empower students while amplifying diverse community voices. We are eager to contribute to a consortium that reflects the hopes, needs, and aspirations of the communities we serve.

The Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center

Worked with:

SAA	AUMC	United way	Holy City	Wild Rose	ALUUC	SIU
SAAC	ALPLM	GYO	Outlet	Riggs	OIAM	FCCG
P.E.O Chapter	I Magic Nation	Coalescence Theater	Mateny Withrow	Wimsey Tea Company	First Pres Church	Perspectives Art Studio
UIS	FVBC	BLM	NAACP	Ill Hum	MCGP	Juneteenth inc
Enos Elementary	Intricate minds	Fae Folk Collective	The Purple Coalition	Creative Reuse	Northside Library	Activator Magazine
The Group Insurance Agency	Taste of Seoul Restaurant	Replay Lounge Restaurant	Popeyes Barbeque Restaurant	Tick's Barbeque	Flavorz Icecream Truck	Unveiling Black Springfield
Expressions in the Dark	Paint My Poetry	Art Senergy	Springfield Poets and Writers	Activator Magazine	Cultural Arts Mag	Illinois Times

Donors:
Fresh Visions Community Church, Unveiling Black Springfield, Don Shandrow, Debbie Bandy, UIS/GYO, SAAC, Springfield Reprographics, One In A Million, Whimsey Tea Company, First Presbyterian Church, ALUUC, Replay Lounge, Taste of Seoul, Ticks Barbeque, Popeyes BBQ Restaurant, Flavorz Ice-cream Truck, Motherland Garden, SIU School Of Medicine, Illinois Humanities, Phoenix Center, Fea Folx Collective, Verus Van, Springfield Police Department Detective Newman, Asbury U.M. Church.There were more activities, meetings and collaborations that happened in the interim of these dates.

ILLINOIS HUMANITIES

The Summer arts Program was a wonderful success and it is because we all worked together to make it happen.

Thank you families for making this possible. Without learners there is no one to teach.

If you are interested in continuing to support our program we are in need of financial and material donations
https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/donate-to-the-garvey-tubman-cultural-arts-research-center
Complete list of needed supplies (varies depending on class size):

- **Cardstock, Canvas, or Poster board**
- **Stickers**
- **Tape (clear, masking, duct)**
- **Sharpies**
- **Scissors**
- **Glue (liquid or stick)**
- **Paint brushes**
- **Writing utensils (pens and markers)**
- **Note books or Journals**
- **Donated recycled cards and Greeting card envelopes**
- **Red, Black, green, and yellow beads**
- **Hot Glue Guns and Sticks**
- **Blenders**
- **Toilet paper**
- **Culturally creative paper prints**
- **Culturally creative party supplies**
- **Culturally creative table covers**
- **Bottle water**
- **Healthy snacks**

The program aims to empower young people by helping them overcome personal and societal challenges through self-awareness and creative expression. It fosters resilience and encourages students to turn personal growth into meaningful contributions that uplift their communities beyond the classroom.

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If you would like to see more photos and activities of the past programs please visit the website.
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