



BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE ARTS



THE THEORY OF CHANGE

ArtHouse is grateful to the J. W. McConnell Foundation and Innoweave for its funding support

Our Project Goals:

- **Create Pathways for Engagement** with creative arts programs that support the personal and academic growth of vulnerable JK-12 Children and Youth living in subsidized communities and attending high-needs elementary schools and alternative learning programs at high-schools throughout Halton.
- **Establish Benchmarks** that will demonstrate program success and measurable results for participants over a determined period of time.

We are pleased to provide updates on this exciting project:

The Project – Re-defining our Mission and our Intended Impact:

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| ▪ Who are we serving? | Vulnerable children and youth JK- Grade 12 without access to the arts |
| ▪ What demographic? | Low and lower income, and young people behind academically |
| ▪ Where? | Throughout Halton |
| ▪ Potential Reach? | 30,000 young people |
| ▪ What types of Programs? | |
| ○ During School Year | Community Neighbourhoods, Elementary and High Schools, *Other partners |
| ○ Summer Programs | Camp ArtHouse, *Other partners |
| ▪ What are our goals for progress? | Engaging young people in a safe and trusting environment |
| ○ What is “Engagement”? | Critical Life Skills, Resilience, Self-sufficiency, Improved Academic Results |
| ▪ How will we measure our outcomes? | Define measurement tools that will help us indicate evidence of progress |
| ○ Who will we work with? | HDSB, Our Kids Network, ROCK, Oakville Public Library, others. |

*Our Other Program Partners include:

- Public Libraries
- Children’s Aid Society
- Halton Multicultural Council
- Kerr Street Mission
- Reach Out Centre for Kids (Our Community Cares)

The Process:

- June 2018 – Funding Application to Innoweave - \$7,000 Grant Confirmed
- September 2018 - Begin work with Coach Lynn Fergusson
 - Finalize Impact Statement – E.g. by when, with how many, how will we positively impact
- December 2018 – “Pressure Test” Theory of Change Draft with Key Stakeholders
- Early Spring 2019 – Official Launch