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Images Above: Art is Good Medicine at ECU Health, Rissi Palmer at Ayden Arts & Recreation, Youth Public Arts Project instructor and participant working on the keyboard

Cover Photo: Participant in Youth Public Arts Project

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

After three years of challenging times, including when our facility and programs were completely shuttered, everyone at Emerge is delighted to see all of you and to interact with you and your families again!



Programs and activities are returning full force with more excitement and vitality than ever. Every event is special because we've all missed being in the community with each other.

Our Outreach Programs work with youth, in healthcare, and with public schools. Vibrant exhibitions are hung, and opening receptions offer an opportunity to meet the artists. Children's camps and adult art classes are full, the Down East Sculpture Exhibition gets everyone outside, and the African American Music Series has taken the show on the road to Farmville and Ayden.

Providing grant funding to a wide range of organizations and communities has been one of our most exciting ventures in recent months. The scope and variety of organizations we've been able to support opens new opportunities for us all.

Check out these organizations and their programs: Ayden Historical and Arts Society, Farmville Community Arts Council, Greenville Choral Society, Greenville Museum of Art, Greenville Theatre Arts Center, HeARToscope, Magnolia Arts Center, Smiles and Frowns Playhouse, and Winterville Historical and Arts Society.

Our staff and Board are working hard to listen to our citizens and respond to what you want and need. After surveys, focus groups, and many individual conversations, we embarked on creating a responsive, continuous review strategic plan that helps our organization continue to improve the quality of life in Pitt County. The process was hard but rewarding, and we will be releasing that plan very soon. Thank you for all of your support, and if you are not a member yet, please consider joining us in our efforts to grow the arts in Pitt County. The arts mean business; the arts create jobs; without art, the Earth is just Eh.

Sincerely,

Wanda Yuhas Board of Directors President

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Arts Organizations and Artists in Pitt County are listed in the Art Venues and Artist Directory

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# PITT COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL AT EMERGE ANNUAL REPORT

#### THE ORGANIZATION

**4** full time and **3** part time employees in staffing growth

**35** Instructors hired for classes, camps, workshops as part of our artist opportunities

**\$12,000** spent on musical performances to expand our outreach in the community **70+** ECU interns and students

gained practical education in the gallery

#### PROJECTS AND GRANTS

#### \$15,000

Awarded in Artist Support Grants to ENC Artists **\$21,253** 

Awarded in Grassroots Arts Project Grants to Pitt County Arts Organizations

#### \$71,004

Funded for Public Art Projects

#### \$58,719

Funded for Emerald Loop Projects

#### PROFIT AND LOSS

\$728,977

Income

\$617,832 + \$100,000+ in retained grants

Expenses

Moving forward into this year, the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge will continue to help the nine Pitt County organizations grow stronger though our Rescue and Rebuild Grant. Those awarded are Ayden Historical and Arts Society, Farmville Community Arts Council, Greenville Choral Society, Greenville Museum of Art, Greenville Theatre Arts Center, HeARToscope, Magnolia Arts Center, Smiles and Frowns Playhouse, and Winterville Historical and Arts Society.

# EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC

It is starting to feel like Emerge is getting back to normal, or a new normal. Programs that were completely stopped during the pandemic are beginning again and flourishing with great support and interest. Programs Director, Paula Rountree, and Education Coordinator, Heather Suter, work extensively with the artists who share their skills, talents, and compassion. Emerge is happy to showcase a few of their amazing programs with some imagery from this past year.



The McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge is an amazing place for patients to stay free of charge that live 40+ miles away from the treatment center. Artists love visiting with the guests and offer art activities for their time together. The participants are often left with additional materials to work on in their rooms.

Four participants of the Youth Public Arts Project worked with their art instructor, Haley McElroy, to design the initial drawings for the banners installed on the construction fences at the future Hilton Garden Inn Hotel on Evans Street in the Uptown University District. The banners' subject matter touch on scholastic achievements, positive messages, and their place in the world.



Art is Good Medicine is a program where professional visual artists work with adults in the ECU Health Cancer Center, along with the McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge, and pediatric patients in the Maynard Children's Hospital. In addition, Emerge facilitates free adult workshops once a month at the gallery to individuals living with a health disability or disease, their family, and/or caregivers.

"We hope participants are able to alleviate some of their daily stressors with the opportunity of making art. The participants who we visit at ECU Health Cancer Center are often stuck in the infusion bay for hours while receiving treatment. We love that we are able to give a distraction even if it is just for a short period of time. We work with the Child Life Specialist at Maynard Children's Hospital in hopes to offer the youth some sort of normalcy and activity during their stay. No one likes to be stuck in a bed all day," Programs Director, Paula Rountree shares about the program

Emerge Gallery & Art Center staff are so thankful for their amazing partners who help make the Art is Good Medicine program possible.



Meet Ms. Norma (above, left). She has been participating in the Art is Good Medicine program for approximately 9 weeks. She shared with us that, "Art inspires you. It helps you express how you feel. It is also very relaxing and helps you feel happy."



Youth Public Arts Project is Emerge's longest running outreach program. It has been wonderful to see over the years the participants grow up, graduate from high school and become adults.

"During my time at Emerge Gallery & Art Center, I have been able to watch the program grow and expand into what it is today. The participants have been able to create some amazing murals around the community, as well as learn music from some amazing musicians," said Paula Rountree.

Participants in the Youth Public Arts Project are very glad to be back at Emerge Gallery & Art Center. Although the program was held virtually with private keyboard and art lessons last year, they are now back doing public art, and meeting with guest artists from the African American Music Series. This year, Emerge was awarded a Ben Folds "Keys for Kids" grant, helping the program build with additional keyboards and access to music lessons at no cost to the students.

The African American Music Series was one of the only programs that continued consistently during the pandemic. However, online streaming is not as enjoyable as a live experience.

Led by Artistic Director, Carroll V. Dashiell, Jr, the live concerts are back. The series has even has hit the road with two performances happening in Ayden and Farmville, in addition to the intimate space at Emerge Gallery & Art Center.

Following the public concerts, guest musicians, such as Rissi Palmer, Michael Friend, Christie Dashiell, and Allyn Johnson, led music workshops with the Youth Public Arts Project.





# **Member Highlight**

Betsy and Robert Hughes and their children, Hazel Kate and Murray, are deeply involved in the musical and performing arts of Pitt County. In addition to serving as the orchestra director at CM Eppes Middle School and JH Rose High School, Betsy also conducts the Eastern Junior Youth Orchestra. Besty has served the Farmville Community Arts Council as president for two terms. Currently, she is a member of the board for the ECU Friends of the School of Music and will be joining the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series board this year! Robert is a biological chemistry professor at ECU but has been an avid musician for most of his life. Robert has a master's degree in classical double bass performance from ECU and often performs with orchestras and local bands.

Hazel Kate is a violinist with the Eastern Junior Youth Orchestra and a singer with the Greenville Choral Society Children's Choir. Hazel Kate made an acting debut with the Farmville Community Arts Council's production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" in the role of Gladys Herdman. Murray is the principal Double Bass player with the Eastern Youth Orchestra and the J.H. Rose High School Orchestra.

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