

ENRICHMENT ALLIANCE OF VIRGINIA

Promoting **Inclusive** out-of-school time programs; **Enriching**, meaningful activities; **Collaborative** strategic alliances.

About Monumental Collaborations

<u>Monumental Collaborations</u> is a project designed to engage critically under-served children and youth in the visual arts through the creation of a lasting, site-specific monument.

Young people served typically have limited access to the arts due to one or more of the following challenges:

- They may be rural children, living over 15 miles from the nearest city with few or no extracurricular activities available to them;
- They may live in Charlottesville, but be unable to afford enrichment programming outside of school;
- They may lack transportation to local arts activities;
- They may have disabilities which require more modifications and accommodations than most extracurricular arts programs are able to provide.

Monumental Collaborations engages these youth in the visual arts and enables them to make a lasting contribution to their community.

<u>The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia</u> is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing people, resources, and ideas together to enrich the out-of-school time of critically under-served children and youth. <u>www.enrichmentalliance.org</u>

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Our work can be seen at William Monroe Middle School in Stanardsville, Va. and at Charlottesville, High School.

To apply for a collaboration with your program, please download our application form on the forms pages of our website, or please contact the Enrichment Alliance of Virginia or Ninni Baeckstrom.

We regard our youth as a gift to be celebrated, not a problem to be solved.





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