WHO WE SERVE

Young children, youth, families and adults with low- to moderate-incomes that lack access to arts and cultural programs.

CITY/COMMUNITY

The greater metropolitan Wilmington including 19801, 19802, 19805, 19702 and 19720 zip codes in New Castle County, Delaware.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

• Christina provides opportunities for performance and technological arts learning, youth violence prevention, creative economy career internships and education programs for community development.

• Youth and adults gain proficiency and marketable skills in music, dance, drama and technological arts for employment, business and human development.

• Youth and adults learn job knowledge and basic entrepreneurial skills with employers in health, education, technology and creative fields through paid internships.

CHRISTINA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER & THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE

Christina Cultural Arts Center focuses on advancing the economic mobility of African American and Latino youth by connecting them to opportunities in performance and technological arts that strengthen community support, employment opportunities and skills for careers related to arts, education, health, science and technology fields.

STRATEGY 1
Promote arts and cultural assets as essential elements in economic and neighborhood revitalization

STRATEGY 2
Increase the high school graduation rate for brown and black youth through family engagement, early literacy, positive cultural identity and resiliency.

STRATEGY 3
Expand career pathways programming targeting adolescents and adults that results in income growth, sustainable employment and asset development.

STRATEGY 4
Integrate financial services into programming by distributing information focused on financial wellness, and opening access to resources for building wealth.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

• As the largest employer of artists of color in Delaware, contracts result in earned revenue in excess of $230,000 for more than 171 artists annually.

• 5,447 children, teens and adults from low-income communities benefited from improved access to affordable arts learning experiences advancing human capital development.

• 90% of Christina students graduate high school and attend college or post-secondary training for careers in the creative economy.

• 30 youth and adults ages 16-24 successfully complete paid employment internships in creative fields annually.