

YEAR 2023

Clement
ARTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2023





A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fellow Advocates,

Hearing laughter from art classes, the hum of the machines from sewing classes, the creed recited during each class, and smelling the delicious aromas while kids try new recipes in culinary classes... makes working in our office a joy!

Our 2023 events calendar remained full as we experienced the inspiring Exodus Story through Ballet Magnificat and, "Deliver Us." We worshiped with Sarah Kroger during Poets, Painters & Storytellers. We supported our young artists by purchasing beautiful pieces of art from their student-led Spring & Winter Art Shows. We enjoyed connecting in the kitchen while hearing stories from Chef Kibby during our Celebration Dinner. We were left speechless by our beautiful ballerinas as they presented "What a Beautiful Name," highlighting the names of Christ through dance.

Over the summer several of you helped us to renovate our studio to create a welcoming environment, accommodate growth, and develop a workspace that inspires innovation and collaboration.

Our churches continued to be an inspiration as they truly were the center of care for vulnerable children and families in our community. They championed CarePortal and Families Count, and supported our families in intentional and creative ways.

With every event you attend, every sticker you purchase, every class you attend, every ballet you watch, and every casserole you bake... you are making a difference. Thank you for joining us in our efforts. We truly couldn't do this meaningful work without you!

CHRISTAL GAVIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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For the Kids

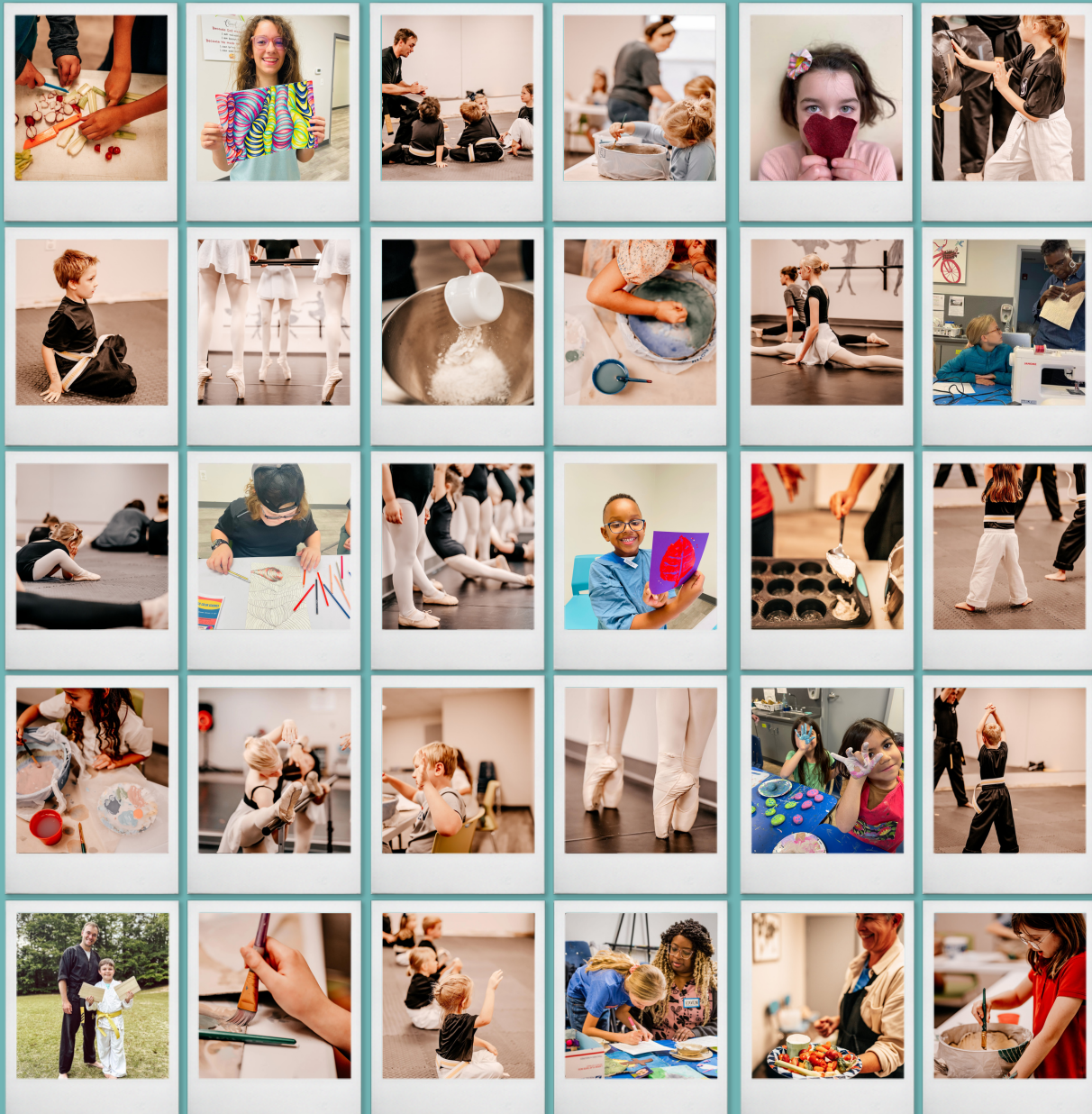
We provide quality arts instruction for children in a fun and uplifting environment with instructors who love kids as much as their craft.

For the Community

Classes are open to the public. Kids currently in foster care attend tuition-free. Proceeds from classes support vulnerable families in our area.

For the the Year

Classes are offered in both the Spring and Fall semesters, ranging from six weeks to four months. We also offer week-long summer camp classes.



A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a black short-sleeved leotard, white tights, and pink ballet slippers, is captured in a joyful dance pose. She is smiling broadly, with her arms extended and one leg lifted. The background shows a dance studio with a wooden floor, a ballet barre, and large windows with bright light coming through.

31

Fine Arts classes were provided

390+

Students attended and recited our creed in every class:

Because God made me...
I am valuable
I am beautiful
Because He made me a maker...
I can bring value
I can add beauty



FAMILY ADVOCACY MINISTRIES

YOU ARE REPRESENTING 34 AREA CHURCHES AND SERVING IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND REUNIFICATION

01. Prevention

36 children and their birth families benefitted from a Primary Care Community each month. You provided consistent care that included mentorship, meals, and support to prevent children from entering foster care.

02. Intervention

65 children a month received support from your church care community, helping their foster families to foster longer and stronger.

03. Connection

\$4,000 was given by Clement Arts to support a local adoption this year, thanks to your generous donations.



CLEMENT CARE NETWORK IMPACT

At the end of 2023 Clement Care had a total of 34 churches and over 150 volunteers all working to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. We are so thankful for your dedication as churches, advocates, and volunteers.



YOU PREPPED OVER 150
FREEZER MEALS TO
DISTRIBUTE TO AREA
FOSTER FAMILIES

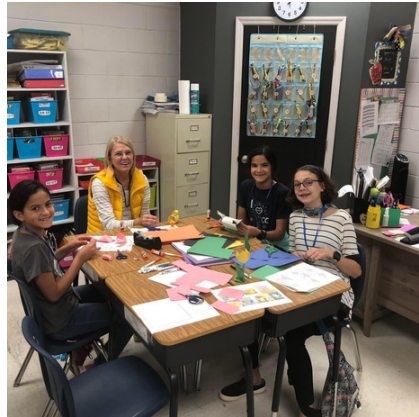
YOU PROVIDED POPSICLES
AND FELLOWSHIP TO
CHILDREN & CAREGIVERS
OVER THE SUMMER.



YOU CAME TOGETHER
THIS YEAR TO BLESS
OVER 150 SOCIAL
SERVICES STAFF WITH
HOT MEALS, NOTES OF
ENCOURAGEMENT AND
TREATS!



YOU PROVIDED A FUN,
SAFE, AND ENGAGING
DAY FOR 74 CHILDREN,
ALLOWING AREA
FOSTER PARENTS A
DAY OUT!



YOU RECEIVED TRAUMA
INFORMED TRAINING SO
YOU COULD BEST HELP
THOSE YOU'RE SERVING

YOU PROVIDED 110 TEENS
IN CARE WITH LIFE SKILLS,
MENTORSHIP, AND
PRESENTED THE GOSPEL.



119 CHILDREN
RECEIVED
OPPORTUNITIES TO
CONNECT
AND BUILD TRUST
WHEN YOU PROVIDED
FOSTER FAMILIES AN
ANNUAL PASS TO
CALLAWAY GARDEN
FOR CHRISTMAS!



You are meeting the tangible needs of children and families in crisis. **CarePortal** is a care-share app that allows you, the church, to meet vetted needs submitted by the Family of Department and Children's Services. In doing so, you are keeping families together, assisting existing foster families, and reunifying children with their parents.



CarePortal
Muscogee Co.

78.57% requests met

\$26,205 Economic Impact

Aug. 2023 - Dec. 2023

40 Children Served

The infographic features a central image of a young girl with her arms raised in joy, surrounded by colorful confetti. The background is a vibrant yellow. Text is overlaid on the image in white and teal colors.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

You were trained this year to provide a biblically based parenting course to families in crisis, using **Families Count**. There has been a 100% completion rate of the course, and 13 caregivers learned to provide a more stable home environment for their children. **Columbus is first in the nation, having the most trained churches (9 total), in one city, ready to host Families Count!**



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

We create opportunities for you to financially support primary, foster, and adoptive families through ticketed artistic events such as concerts, photo days, ballet performances, and art shows.



**CHEF KIBBY
&
A RECIPE FOR
CONNECTION**



**BALLET
MAGNIFICAT!**





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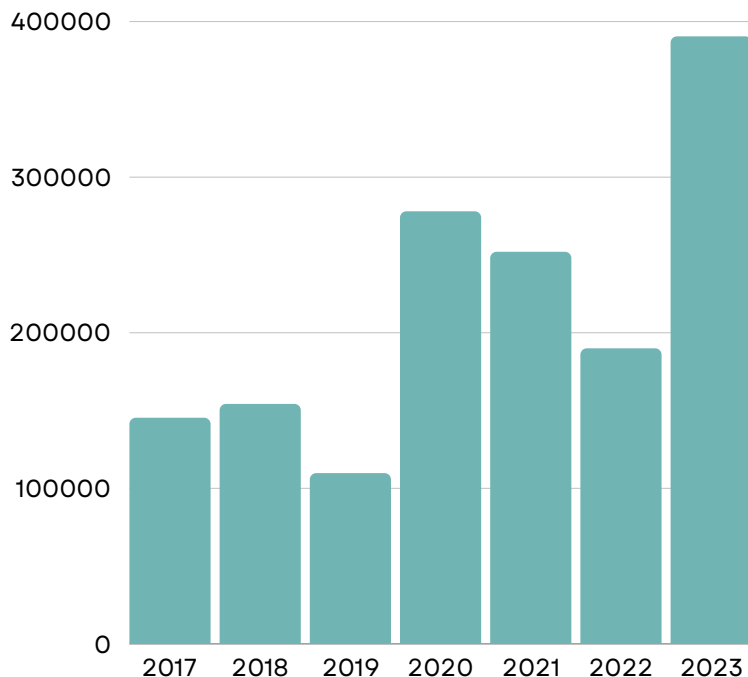


SPRING
&
WINTER
ART SHOWS



REVENUE GROWTH

We praise God for the growth we've had this year! Thanks to your generosity nearly 200 donors contributed over \$390,400. to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children!





STAFF

Our fourth quarter brought lots of changes to our staff. Amelia transitioned to a part time position outside of Clement Arts, allowing her to spend more time with her young children. Carmen Overton was chosen to assume the role of Director of Marketing for Promise 686, the national implementing organization of the Family Advocacy Ministry model of which Clement Arts is an affiliate. Lindsey Aldridge joined the team as the new Director of Operations, and Christal Gavin assumed the role of Executive Director.

HOW TO HELP

Clement Arts exists due to the many individuals and churches who give of their time, talents, and resources to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. Here are three ways you can help:

- Pray - Every month we pray over a topic related to child wellbeing. You can find our prayer prompts on social media, in our newsletter, or in our printed prayer guide (reach out and we will gladly send you a copy).
- Advocate - Join or start a Family Advocacy Ministry at your church to support adoptive and foster families or birth families in crisis. Email Christal@clement-arts.org to get started.
- Give - Become a monthly donor or donate online at clement-arts.org or by mail to Clement Arts | P.O. Box 1142 | Fortson, GA 31808