

**we've been a home
away from home
for thousands of
young people
for over two decades**

Campaign for Destiny



Two decades. More than 13,000 kids. Four different homes.

21 years ago, Destiny Arts Center's founders had a dream: to create a place where young people could learn to prevent violence in their lives. And to end the isolation and prejudice that so often leads to that violence.

Over the past two decades, Destiny has grown from a conversation between its three founders into a thriving, growing program that serves more than 1,000 youth annually, ages 3–18. In a world where escalating violence among young people is a growing problem, Destiny offers a unique solution that makes a real impact.

Now we need your help to raise





Our powerful program merges arts education with violence prevention in an incredibly effective way.



Our kids learn to resolve conflict without resorting to violence—and up to 90% of them use those skills in their daily lives.



Yet we could do so much more if Destiny Arts Center had a place to call home.

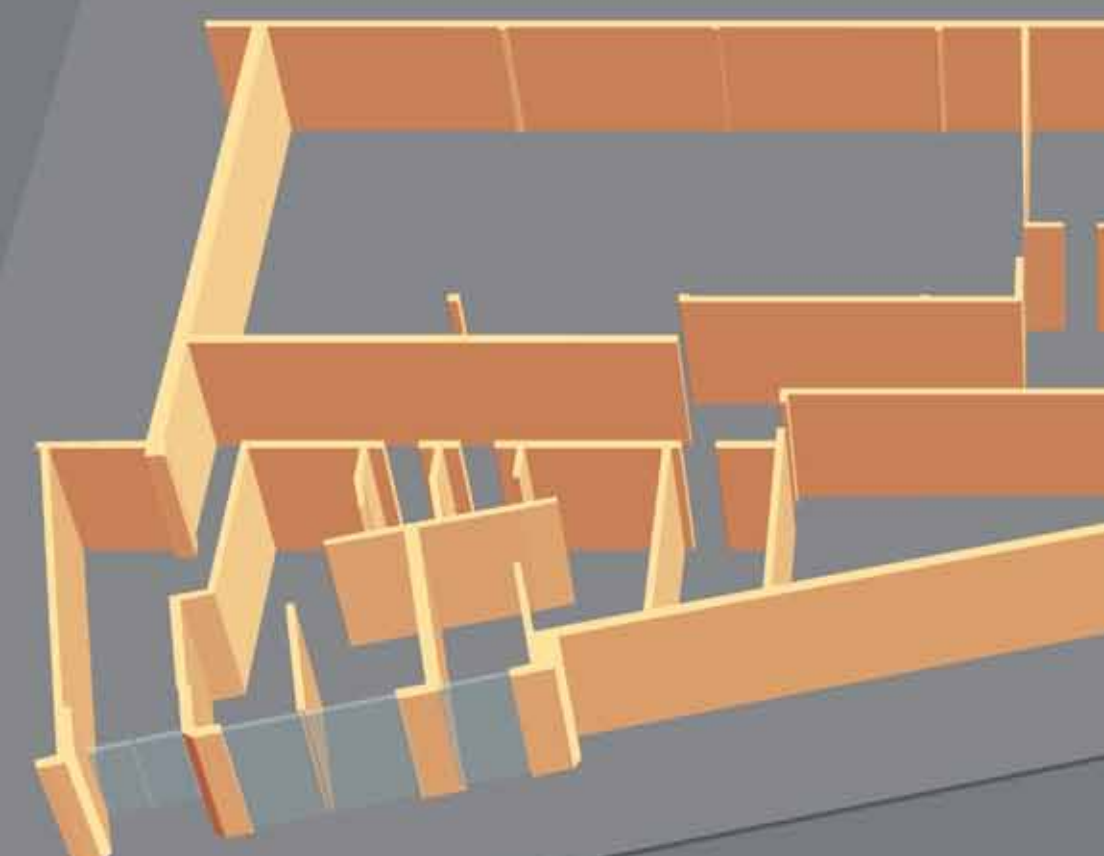


And we need your help to get us there.



the roof on a home of our own.



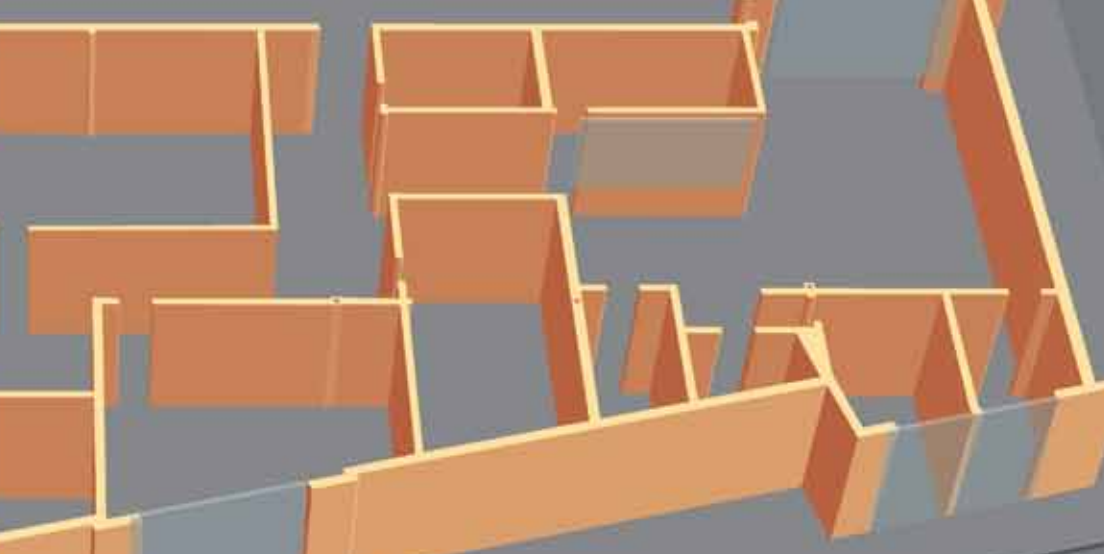


Over the past 21 years, we've moved three times as we outgrew spaces or leases ended. Each time we move we waste valuable resources that could go towards our young people. And each time we move we lose touch with kids we know really count on us.

That's why Destiny Arts Center needs a long-term place to call home. And why your generous contribution matters so much to us, to the youth of Destiny, and to the community we serve.

Destiny's ideal home will strengthen our connections with and commitment to our East Bay Community. It will be a refuge where young people are encouraged and fostered as they learn to navigate conflict without resorting to violence.

We will do so much more in a stable location that's built with our programs in mind where our young people know they can always find us.



You can help us make a long-term home of our own into a reality.

And we will do so much more of our most important work: teaching youth how to prevent violence and resolve conflict peacefully.

We're currently in negotiation for a long-term lease – and even better, an option to buy -- nearly 10,000 square feet in a beautiful warehouse space in North Oakland.

This gorgeous space includes room for:

- Three studios (including one large enough to accommodate small on-site performances)
- Changing area
- Expanded offices for our growing staff
- A homework area
- Meeting space
- High ceilings, skylights, and a welcome desk

It will make a beautiful home for Destiny and all the young people we support as they find positive pathways through life challenges of all kinds.

Home is where our hope is.

Our campaign goal is to raise \$800,000 to help us make our new home all it can be for the youth we serve.

We've already achieved success in securing commitments towards our goal:

- Bank of America has awarded Destiny a \$200,000 grant
- Our board of directors has pledged more than \$160,000 as a lead gift
- Individuals have already pledged more than \$60,000, prior to our campaign's public launch

So we're more than halfway to our goal – that's the kind of commitment and passion Destiny inspires in our supporters. We're on our way to making the hope of a long-term home for Destiny come true.

While we've come a long way, your generous gift is essential to securing and stabilizing the treasure that is Destiny Arts Center in a long-term home of its own.

Your gift will go towards:

- Building out our space to accommodate Destiny's needs
- Increased operating costs for a larger space, and the improved and expanded services we'll be able to offer
- Greater reserves to provide even more financial sustainability for our growing operations

Of course, while we are most grateful for—and in need of—financial donations, every kind of support is deeply appreciated: In-kind donations of services, building supplies and equipment, and time volunteered helping Destiny.

“Destiny Arts Center is an unparalleled asset to our community.”

—Board President Erica Webber

“Bank of America is proud to recognize Destiny Arts with the prestigious Neighborhood Excellence Initiative 'Builder Award.' Destiny Arts truly transforms the lives of young people not only through dance theater and martial arts, but through the leadership training that students receive through the dedicated teaching of these activities. To see the lives of young people change as they experience the programs in Destiny Arts is an amazing transformation and one that Bank of America supports through this flagship program.”

—Emily Shanks, Bank of America East Bay President

Our students tell us that Destiny makes a difference in their lives:

- 75% participate more positively in their academic lives and extracurricular activities.
- 60% of Project DESTINY students and 90% of on-site students use the tools we teach them to resolve conflict without resorting to violence.

We believe these young people create a ripple effect in their schools, homes, and community, spreading the love, respect, care, responsibility, honor, and peace of the Destiny Warrior's Code as they move through their lives.

Your contribution towards making a long-term home for Destiny Arts Center can make a huge impact on our East Bay community.

Let's make our next move together.

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