

**We Live Here:** Pittsburgh's Homeless Youth Create and Perform Art at 21st Street Coffee & Tea



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**ART, POETRY AND ORIGINAL MUSIC BY PITTSBURGH'S HOMELESS YOUTH**  
**Opening reception October 2 at 21st Street Coffee & Tea**

**This October** a partnership of local nonprofit organizations is teaming up to present **artwork and performances by area homeless youth**, turning a needed spotlight on the plight of young people who are currently experiencing a housing crisis, are in danger of becoming homeless, or are living on their own without the supervision of a parent or guardian. All work will be for sale and the proceeds will benefit area homeless youth. Exhibit organizers include the [Homeless Children's Education Fund \(HCEF\)](#), [Art Expression Inc.](#), [The GLCC of Pittsburgh](#), and CMU's [Hear Me Project](#).

The idea for the exhibit originated at the GLCC this summer among young participants in the

[Service Access for Youth \(SAY\)](#) program. When asked about a potential project, the assembled youth were enthusiastic about the idea of a public exhibition of their artwork because it would be an opportunity to express themselves creatively, increase public awareness of youth homelessness and raise funds by having the artwork available for sale. The artwork to be exhibited would be work that the youth created during workshops conducted over the spring and summer by Art Expression as part of SAY. The project's parent organization, the HCEF, partnered with The GLCC of Pittsburgh and Art Expression Inc. to bring the exhibit to life. CMU's Hear Me Project, in which students contribute their voices to meaningful conversations through media-making projects, also joined the partnership.

The exhibit's title is simple and powerful: [We Live Here](#). The youth artists will be self-curating the show, with 60 pieces to be displayed, and the artists will be learning about framing and hanging a professional exhibit in the process.

**On October 2, an opening reception will take place at [21st Street Coffee & Tea](#) in the Strip District (2200 Smallman Street) from 6 to 8 pm** and will include a silent auction as well as performances of original music and poetry readings by the participants. The reception is **free and open to the public** and refreshments will be served. **The work will be exhibited at 21st Street Coffee & Tea through October 31.**

Art Expression is so glad to be involved in this important exhibit and grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness of homelessness among the youth population in the Pittsburgh area. We are dedicated to supporting the region's unaccompanied youth through artistic expression.

We hope you'll be able to attend the opening reception or stop by the exhibit sometime during October. Thank you.



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OCTOBER 2, 2015  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

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21ST STREET COFFEE AND TEA  
2002 SMALLMAN ST.  
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