

BIG ARTS OFFERS YOUTH ART OPPORTUNITIES

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BIG ARTS, located on Sanibel Island, is “on the road” to serve Lee County youth with professionally led art classes intended to reach and support those underserved neighborhoods and populations for whom the arts and the creative experience is often not available.

One such private program took place at the Pace Center for Girls in Fort Myers. Pace provides a safe and supportive environment for girls to build healthy relationships, plan for their future and overcome histories of trauma. All girls, regardless of their background, deserve an opportunity to become strong, compassionate, and successful women, and BIG ARTS is contributing to that important mission.

The Pace partnership is one of two BIG ARTS programs this summer for youth. BIG ARTS welcomed dozens of boys and girls from the Heights Center Summer Camp. The Heights Foundation works to building strong, self-sufficient families in the impoverished Harlem Heights neighborhood. Camp provides enrichment activities and ongoing academic support to more than 120 kids during the 8-week summer vacation. Kids are safe and parents can work. Scores of joyful children were thrilled to visit BIG ARTS and create wonderful make-and-take art pieces to be proud of. The group also visited the main BIG ARTS Dunham Family Gallery to see the Florida SouthWestern College students photograph exhibit.

BIG ARTS also has a rich array of public adult workshops on Sanibel beginning in October 2023. Watch for the schedule to be posted at www.bigarts.org in August. Early registration is recommended.

For information on BIG ARTS and the workshop programs, call 239-395-0900 between 9:00 am. and 3:00 p.m.