



# A YEAR WITH DEEP CENTER

In 2023, Deep celebrated 15 years of creative writing, cultural production, and art. Deep continues to empower Savannah's young people to thrive as learners, community leaders, and agents of change.



## We Are a Voice for Georgia's Children

We are proud to be one of only four honorees for the 2023 Big Voice for Children Award.

This award from **Voices for Georgia's Children** honors child advocates who put Georgia's children first and make huge contributions toward helping our children thrive. We are proud to be recognized for our work.



## Teaching Artists

Deep engaged artists, writers, and creators in the Savannah community to introduce youth to a variety of mediums.

Block by Block partnered with DOC Savannah to write, film, and produce "Who is Savannah", a documentary short inspired by interviews and footage taken in Forsyth Park.



## Youth Leadership

Deep youth are viewed as experts and often sit at decision making tables. Action Research Team members gave testimony on education issues at the state capitol and youth from the Work Readiness and Enrichment Program were interviewed for a video series on juvenile justice reform efforts in Georgia.

## Celebrating Deep

Through performances like Deep's Summer Showcase, youth were able to perform original work as well as share writing with their community through 9 published books.



## Power of My Voice

*My voice is a sound  
My voice is a drum  
My voice is a weapon  
My voice is a gun  
My voice is a tool  
My voice is a match  
My voice is something you  
will never catch*  
- Najoia Thompson,  
Young Author Project Writer



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## THROUGH THE NUMBERS

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### 512 Youth Served

Weekly programs including Young Author Project, Block by Block, the Slam and Action Research Teams, Work Readiness Enrichment Program, and Drop-In engaged young people from around Chatham County.

#### 9 Books Published

Youth saw their original work bound and published into unique anthologies, then shared across Savannah communities through schools, libraries, and sold in bookstores.

#### 647 Hours of Arts Education

Engaging 69 local artists, Deep youth engaged in critical learning to leverage their creativity and expand their minds to what is possible through artistic expression.



### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### 2,000+ Adults Engaged

Through educator and teaching artist professional development, as well as advocacy training, Deep partnered with adults across our community to make Savannah a better place for all young people & their families.

#### 400 Hours of Teacher Support

Deep supported educators through teacher and school staff trainings, professional development events, and individual coaching across the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System.

*"Deep Writing Project was one of the more fulfilling, educational, and eye-opening classes I've ever been a part of...[it] made me not only rethink my approach to teaching, but also made me rethink my approach to life."*

*- Teacher, Deep Writing Project Participant.*

### RESTORING COMMUNITIES

#### 14 Community Clinics

Deep's community organizing team co-hosted 6 expungement clinics, 4 voter registration workshops, and 4 government ID clinics, providing opportunities for justice-impacted individuals to participate fully in democracy.

#### 150+ Policy Brief Recipients

Community and legislative leaders reviewed Deep's "We Are Called to Be Brave" policy recommendations, which seek to make Georgia a more equitable place.

## Support Deep Now!



Commit to being a part of our village and a partner in our vision. Scan here to support Deep programs.