



Statement of Purpose

The Charm Bracelet Project is a network of cultural, educational, and recreational organizations transforming traditional understandings of how institutions make community impact. We work collectively to foster a vibrant, attractive and accessible Northside that is unified by visible, lasting connections between organizations and amenities.

For more information, please visit www.pittsburghkids.org/charmbracelet

Charm Bracelet Project Partners



Featured Events and Programs

[Kayak Lake Elizabeth](#)

Daily kayak rentals will be available on Lake Elizabeth in Allegheny Commons beginning May 23 and continuing through Labor Day 2009. A project of Venture Outdoors with Allegheny Commons Initiative



Kayakers on Lake Elizabeth

[Peace Garden](#)

Art installations for a garden/park space in Perry Hilltop neighborhood designed to promote peace, non-violence and community dialogue. A project of Pittsburgh Project with Perry Hilltop Citizens Council, Charles Street Neighborhood Council, and Pashek Associates

OPENING EVENT: Friday, May 29, 6:30pm - 2801 North Charles Street, Pittsburgh, 15214

[Paths to the Park Performance](#)

Three-part residency with performance artist Julia Mandle developing path-making system with local youth. A project of New Hazlett Theater with Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Allegheny Commons Initiative

UPCOMING EVENT: Friday, May 29, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00 pm: A capstone performance and celebratory picnic in Allegheny Commons presented by Manchester Craftsman's Guild.

[East Ohio Street – Sky Art Project](#)

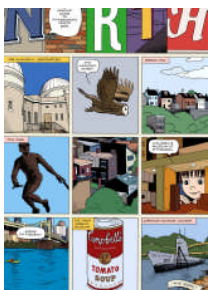
Art banners created by local artists and installed on light poles along East Ohio Street, May 2009. A project of Artists Image Resource and Northside Leadership Council



Sky Art along East Ohio Street

[NORTH: A Graphic Guide](#)

NORTH is a free graphic guide to the Northside which was created by an array of Pittsburgh artists and published by ToonSuem, released in April 2009. A project of Toonseum, Wayno, and Mark Zingarelli



Cover of NORTH Graphic Guide



"Chalk Shoes" by Julia Mandle

Charm Bracelet Project Current Activities

[Dancing in the Park](#)

Free weekly dance lessons with professional instructors in Allegheny Commons Park during the summer of 2009. A project of Allegheny Commons Initiative with Absolute Ballroom Dance Center, City of Pittsburgh, and Allegheny General Hospital

[Charms School Initiative – May 2009 Dinner](#)

An annual meeting of teachers, administrators and Charm Bracelet organizations designed to further relationships and collaborative opportunities.

[Charm Bracelet Project Softball League](#)

Teams from eight Northside institutions meet at McCabe field in North Commons Park to play softball every Monday night throughout the summer of 2009.



Artist's rendering for Federal St. Underpass

[Federal Street Underpass](#)

The Federal Street underpass will function as a gallery of rotating installations curated by various Charm Bracelet Project stakeholders. The proposal was recently discussed with the Northside Leadership Conference board and will soon be presented to the city's Art Commission for city approval. The project documents will be ready for contracts and installations later in the summer 2009.

The Federal Street underpass project is supported by a grant from the Heinz Endowments.

Northside Microgrant Program

The Northside Microgrant Program was established in 2007 to support creative, imaginative and collaborative projects that positively impact the Northside and advance the goals of the Charm Bracelet Project. To date, over \$140,000 has been awarded for more than a dozen programs across the Northside. A third round of Microgrants was awarded in March 2009.

Northside Microgrant Program Round 3 Grantees

Awarded March 2009

- **[Allegheny Commons Children's Sampler Packages](#)**

Package of activities for children and families that marries outdoor activities with the nearby cultural institutions

- **[The Charms of Photography](#)**

Children and families learn about the history and science of photography through educational workshops, with final artwork displayed at Northside businesses

- **[Dancing in the Park](#)**

Free weekly dance lessons with professional instructors in Allegheny Commons park over summer 2009

- **[Girls Empowering Girls Year 2](#)**

Mentoring program for young women at Perry Traditional Academy designed to teach life skills and bolster self esteem

- **[Mobile Imaging Projects](#)**

Mobile art units brought to various Northside public spaces to expand and enhance ongoing events and programs

- **[RUST \(Radical Underground Silkscreening Team\)](#)**

Youth-run printmaking shop documenting Pittsburgh's activist past and present while empowering youth with artistic and entrepreneurial skills

- **[Serve and Project](#)**

Three-day workshop for students and senior citizens documenting production and consumption of food with resulting information organized into recipe book, web blog and exhibition at Children's Museum

- **[Youth Gallery](#)**

Showcase of youth artwork in a gallery that is free and accessible to the public in the Children's Museum's Theater



Participants of Girls Empowering Girls, Year One
Photo by Renee Rosensteel

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