

What we do

Each year, After School Matters offers more than 18,000 Chicago teens opportunities to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond through our life-changing after-school and summer programs. No other organization offers these benefits to underresourced teens at such scale.

Advocate

for teens and youth development

Build

opportunities for teens through partnerships



Commissions and Consignments deliver these four components of the After School Matters Model.



Showcase

teen accomplishments

Engage

teens in skills development for work and higher education

Last year, After School Matters offered

500+

arts programs
to foster the talents of
Chicago's teens.

Commissions

Commissioned works are truly unique pieces, customized to client specifications and intended for permanent display. They make stunning additions to home, office, and public settings. Commissions are a valuable experience for the client and our teens.

Why commission our teens?

Our teens' work brings true artistry, creativity, and a one-of-a-kind experience to every project — whether the piece is for your home or corporate office, or for a public setting like O'Hare International Airport or Millennium Park.



An individual client commissioned our teens to create a piece to commemorate her honeymoon destination, Tuscany, as a wedding anniversary present.

Creative Process

Your commission will provide teens with the experience of approaching a project as a real-world professional – from drafting a plan that meets a client's needs, to proudly representing their finished work.

Our Strategy

- 1. Meet the Client
- 2. Solidify the Client's Goals
- 3. Identify the Program/Artist(s)
- 4. Develop the Concept
- 5. Create and Install the Work



"I really enjoyed 'The Horses of Honor' project. Working in a group taught me flexibility, idea-sharing, color and style matching, and time management. This commission also helped me to create connections to help my career as an artist. The project was one of my biggest ones yet, and in a way it was an honor."

After School Matters teen, Alessandra, working on the "Horses of Honor" project for The Wrigley Building in Chicago.



Our teens' work represents our city.



Commissioned murals located at Chicago Fire Station 98



Commissioned piece for the City of Chicago



Commissioned mosaic located at the Maggie Daley Park Field House in Millennium Park





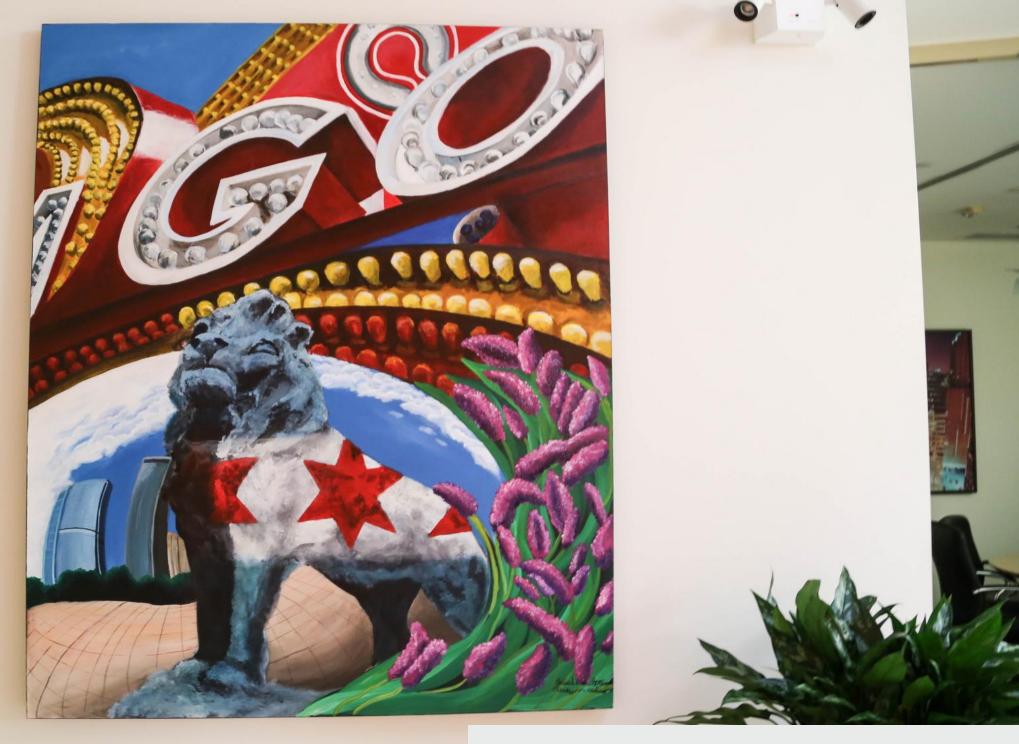








Commissioned murals located at the Metra station in McCormick Place



Commissioned painting located at Harlem Irving Companies in Norridge, a suburb of Chicago

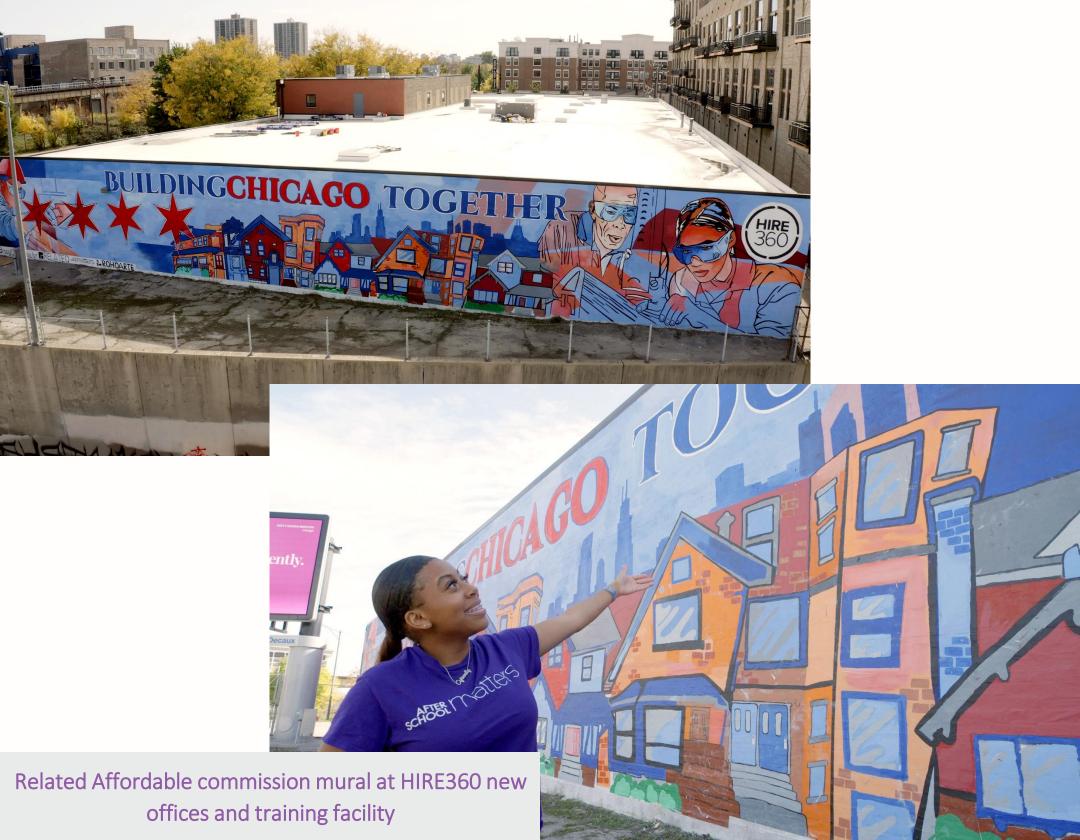
Our teens' work represents our corporate partnerships.

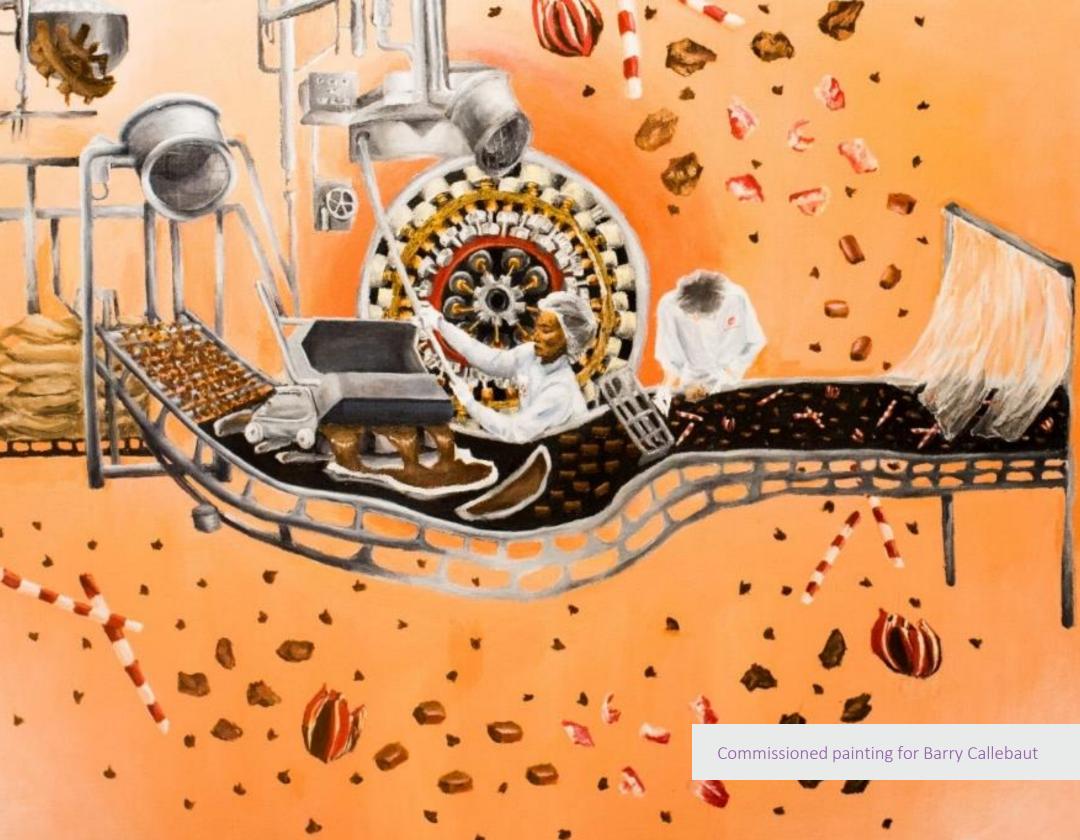


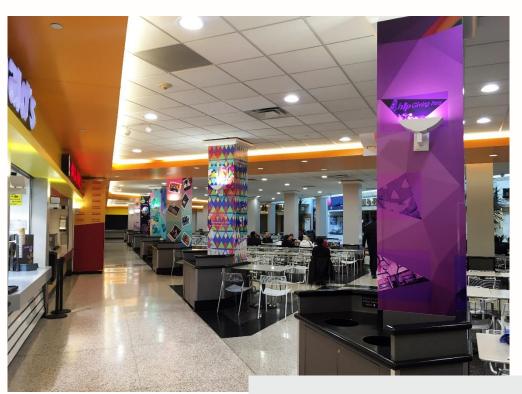


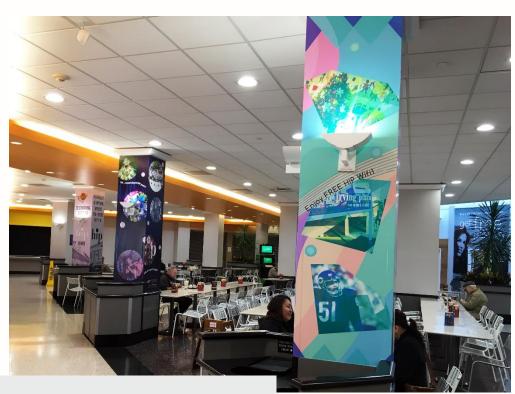


Commissioned mosaic commemorating Boeing's 100th anniversary

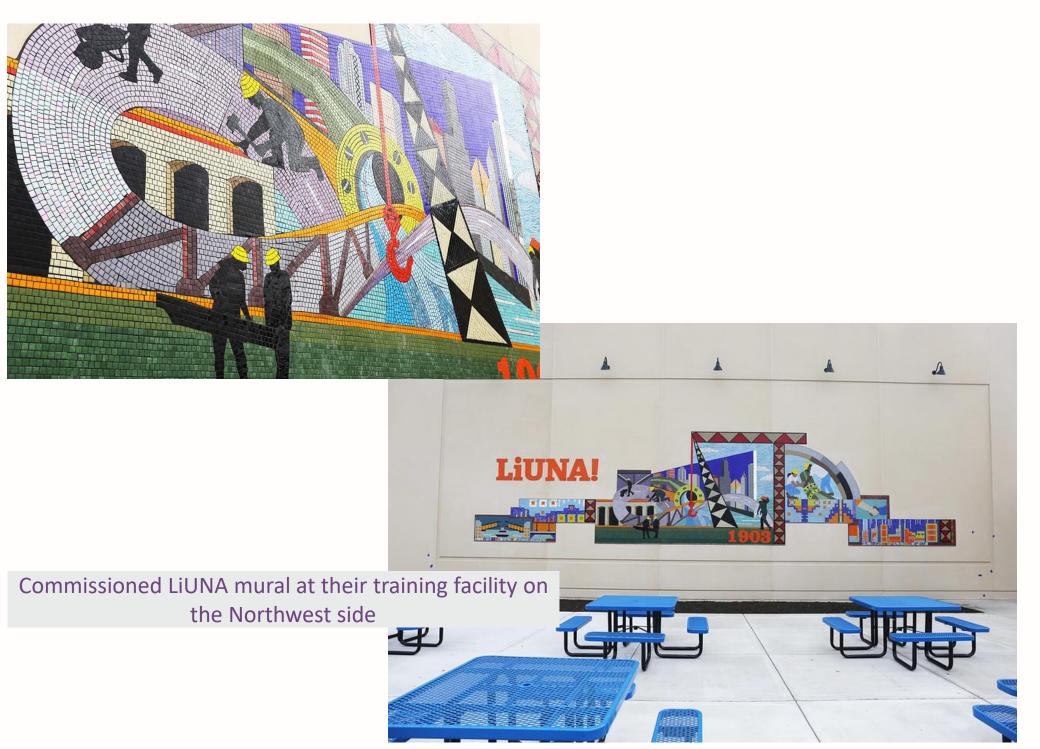


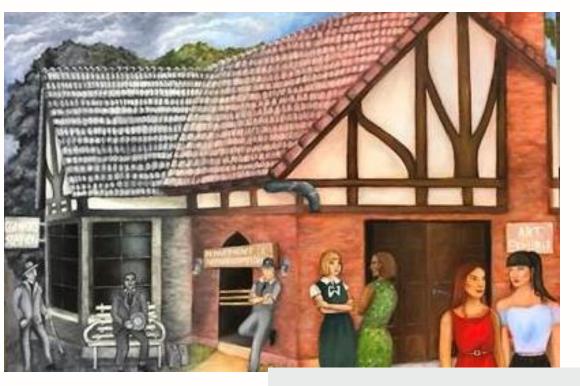










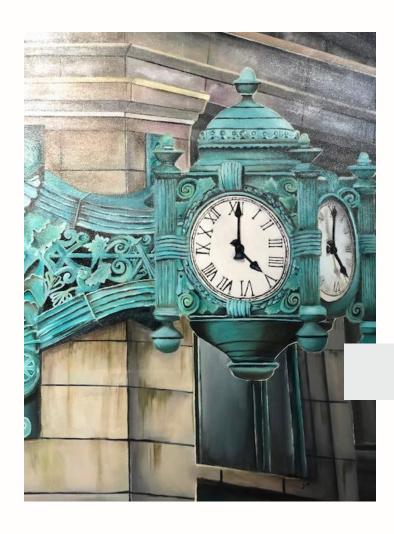




Commissioned Logan Square Neighborhood Paintings

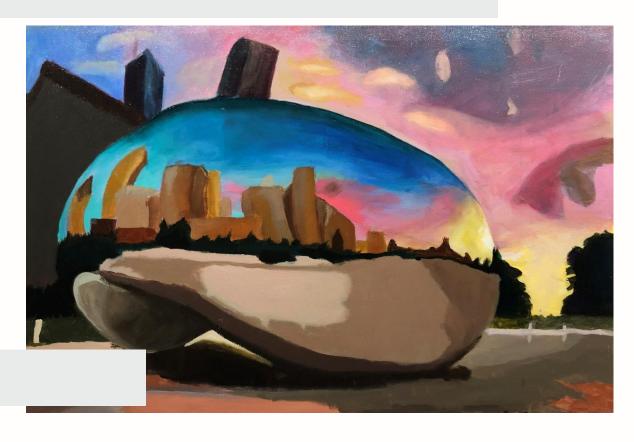






Chicago Theme: Gift Shop Commissions

Marshall Fields Clock



Millennium Park Bean





Consignments

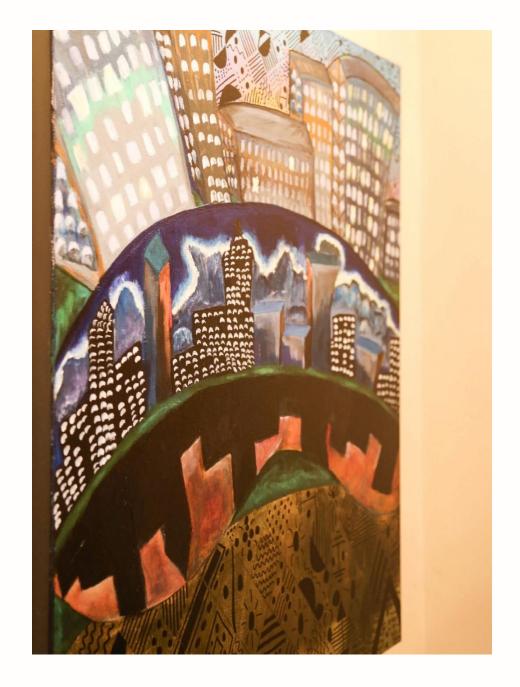
Consignments give supporters of After School Matters the opportunity to showcase our teens' art for a period of time in office spaces or for special events.

Creative Process

Our teens' consignments have been showcased in restaurants, offices, and stores throughout Chicago. By displaying and selling our teens' work, you are building more opportunities, while generating revenue for our programming.

Our Strategy

- 1. Meet with the Client
- 2. Selection of Artwork
- 3. Presentation
- 4. Installation



The benefits of selling teen artwork

Selling teen artwork gives teens a sense of purpose and the knowledge that their contribution to society is valuable. From the very outset, teens develop their products based upon their vision along with guidance from their Instructor. The end result is great pride for them and one-of-a-kind items such as artwork, jewelry, and furniture for the client.





"I like watching all of our ideas come together into a final piece."

Jasmine A.

After School Matters teen

"This was a top notch experience as working artists.

It was great to walk through the entire creative process and build the design from the ground up together. I left the decision making to them to ensure they got the most out of this experience.

They really took the assignment seriously and made this their own under my guidance."

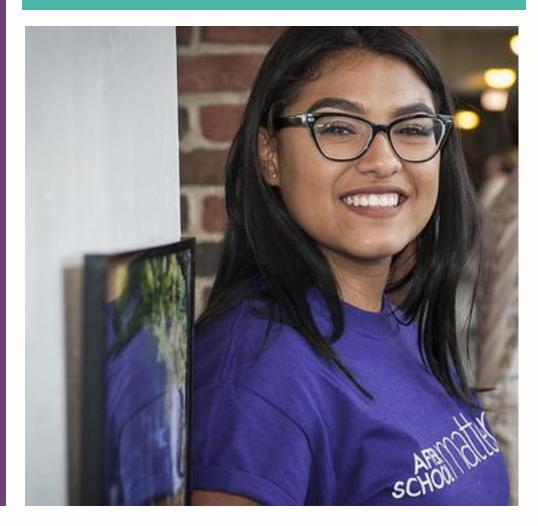
Kristin Smith

After School Matters Instructor

"I enjoyed working with new media and doing something I have never done before."

Kennedy C.

After School Matters teen







Interested in making an investment in Chicago's teens?

Let's get started! Contact us to develop a commission suited for your business or home; install a consignment at your place of business; or visit or host an event in the After School Matters Gift Shop. Your support will help us to create world class opportunities for teens that will change their lives forever.

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