OUR MISSION
AFH provides under-resourced teens the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in art and design.

“Another hidden gem in Boston.”
- Red Bull Employee after participating in an AFH Interactive
WHAT CAN WE CREATE FOR YOU?

Artists For Humanity inspires solutions – both big and small – to meet our clients’ needs. We offer a wide range of fine art and design services for hire across four creative studios: 3D Design, Painting, Digital Media (Graphic Design, Video & Motion, and Photography) and Screen Printing. Professional artist/designer mentors work collaboratively with teen artists and designers to create engaging, innovative products and experiences for business, civic, and individual clients.

As one of the largest employers of youth in the City of Boston, with 250+ under-resourced teens employed as artists and designers each year during critical out-of-school hours, we offer a unique opportunity for partnership. Each new project is highly valued as an opportunity to make great art and design while building long term relationships - it’s what makes an Artists For Humanity project both high impact and conversation worthy!

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To learn more about what we can do for you, while extending and adding value to your own brand’s story!

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AFH is host to one of the largest collections of youth-created fine art. Our collection is bold, exciting, and reflective of the new vision of a culturally diverse Boston and beyond. We create works for exhibition, commissioned paintings for public spaces and private collections, interactive painting experiences and murals. An AFH mural can transform nondescript walls into architectural masterpieces and infuse corporate and community identities with powerful imagery. From realistic urban scenes to colorful, fun abstractions, our teen artists, guided by professional artist mentors, are capable of creating a variety of powerful commissioned images.
TripAdvisor commissioned AFH’s Painting Studio to develop seven 4’x8’ canvases for their new multipurpose conference room. The seven larger-than-life paintings represent the seven continents and reflect the company’s brand of international travel.
AFH’s Painting Studio designed and executed a customized mural for Kensington Luxury Condo’s indoor dog relief area. The mural was designed to welcome dog owners into the space.
AFH designed and painted a large scale mural inspired by AFH alumni Winnie Mei’s “Alignment” and a signature painted scrim that speaks to the arts of Fenway in response to a call to brighten up the dreary Charles Gate Bridge underpass and its adjacent cement wall.
To celebrate the Paul Gauguin exhibit at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts, FleetBoston (now Bank of America) commissioned AFH to create a large-scale modern-day Boston based on his signature masterpiece, “D’où venonsnous? Que sommes-nous? Où allons-nous?” (Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?). The seven young artists were the “first” non-world renowned artists to be showcased at Boston’s MFA. The painting is on permanent display at Boston’s Logan Airport.
AFH was hired to develop a large-scale painting on a recycled scrim as part of a historical renovation to the “Ink Block” area. The piece was a homage to the building’s history - creating a bridge to the site’s new residential luxury apartments.
AFH was hired to create and install a large-scale, collaborative abstract painting together with Boston artists Lynette Shaw and Nate Swain. The painted scrim beautified the wall of MAX Ultimate Food’s Roxbury facility.
AFH’s Painting Studio was commissioned by Converse to collaboratively transform two blank canvases that would become colorful and inspired one-off chuck taylor sneakers. The sneakers, and their extended co-branded story, were offered by Converse as gifts to colleagues from their parent company, Nike.
AFH’s Painting Studio was hired by Red Bull to engage their staff in an interactive street art session at our EpiCenter. Under the guidance of professional, artistic mentors and teen artists, Red Bull’s staff produced their own masterpieces using spray paint. Each staff member left with their own momento.
AFH was hired to develop an interactive experience for Mass General Hospital staff that would capture their collective thinking on the future of health care. Responses were written and collaged into a 3’x4’ AFH commissioned, interactive painting of the Boston skyline.
AFH has an extensive collection of art that it draws from to curate customized exhibitions. We work closely with businesses to assess their artwork needs in relation to their vision and physical space. All artwork is produced by teen artists who, through their paid employment at AFH, gain guided exposure to real world clients. AFH’s EpiCenter is host to one of the largest collection of youth-created works in the country, and we organize 50-75 public exhibitions annually at public and corporate sites.
As shown, Teknion, a high-end office furniture company, leased a series of AFH teen paintings for their newly renovated showroom in the Fort Point Channel. AFH offers a variety of art types, services and leasing/purchasing options.
As shown, Slalom, a business and technology consulting firm, leased a series of AFH teen paintings for their Boston office. The pieces were curated to reflect Slalom’s guiding core values. All artworks were labeled with the artist name, title and corresponding core value.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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AFH’s Photography team created kaleidoscopic prints based on digital images of landmark sites in Greater Boston, including the Canton Viaduct. Creating kaleidoscopes requires youth to crop an original digital image with Photoshop and then manipulate the image with reflective and rotational symmetries.
The 3D Design studio explores three-dimensional construction arts. Concepts are taken from sketch, to drawing, to model, to full execution. Team members use computer-aided drafting programs and conduct trials with materials to understand their properties and applicability to the project. Through demonstrations, innovation and experimentation, the team works with a variety of fine art and industrial tools and materials, with special focus on reclaimed materials. AFH’s 3D Design studio has gained national attention for fabricating unique bike-racks, large-scale sculptures, architectural details, monument signage, eco-friendly furniture and more – infusing the zest and unpredictability inherent in young people “making things.”
AFH designed and constructed “reBloom,” a 13’ sculpture that features a vase constructed of recycled aluminum cans holding a bouquet of flowers made from recycled paper, cardboard and food containers.
Designed for the lobby of the State Street building in Boston’s Innovation District, this botanically-inspired array of 47 hand-sprayed metal panels mimics nature’s movement and color and brings echoes of the adjacent park to the corporate indoors.
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PUBLIC ART
#TS0173d

CATEGORY
Public art: Sculptural Mural

CLIENT
Boston Properties

DIMENSIONS
12.5’ x 16’ each

MATERIALS
Aluminum
Stainless steel

LOCATION
100 Federal Street
Boston, MA

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“192 STORIES” REVISION COLLAGE

This 6’x8’ work of art consists of 192 individual collages, each six by six inches and mounted edge to edge in a grid. The collages are created using reclaimed magazines and are coated in a glossy, ecofriendly resin.
AFH was hired to design and fabricate an exterior, sculptural monument sign as a prominent feature to the entrance of Zinc Luxury Apartments.
AFH was hired to build a 12’ aluminum sculpture for the elevated outdoor terrace of Zinc Luxury Apartments. The element Zinc and the periodic table of elements inspired the bright & colorful sculptural piece, eventually to be seen by passengers on the Green Line extension.
This sculptural mural at Frieda Garcia Park is composed of over 100 metal “blooms.” It spans a 120’ wall, visible from the Mass Pike, and turns what was once a gray cinderblock wall into a welcoming cultural resource.
AFH’s “Freshwater” installation at Liberty Mutual’s St James Garden consisted of 70 giant lotus flowers mounted to trees and eight oversized koi fish strung amongst them. AFH 3D Design studio designed, hand-cut, dyed, and assembled every piece of this temporary, public art exhibit.
Vertex Pharmaceuticals commissioned AFH to custom-design and build 18 tables incorporating the company’s print collateral and inspired by our ReVision line of furniture. This line features surfaces constructed from recycled materials set in an eco-friendly resin.
For those who seek handcrafted, modern design, space-efficiency, and local connection, our photo inspired ReVision pieces are flexible and multi-purpose, both as furniture and as art. It’s furniture with a story – continuously inviting you to share, enjoy and inspire!
INSPIRED TABLETOPS

AFH was commissioned to design, fabricate and install three mixed-media tabletops on antique metal table legs. Inspired by European travel and encapsulated in a low VOC epoxy resin, the designs were a collaborative effort by AFH’s Graphic Design and 3D Design Studios.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CATEGORIE
Interior Décor: furniture

CLIENT
John Cannistraro

MATERIALS
Steel
Eco-friendly resin
Epson matte paper
Reclaimed shopping bags

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AFH was commissioned to create a large-scale conference table for the City of Boston’s Mayor’s office. The tabletop design was inspired by the shapes of Boston neighborhoods, collaged with old maps of Boston.
TETRAPOD™ ACCENT FURNITURE

**DETAILS**

**CATEGORY**
Interior Décor: furniture

**DIMENSIONS**
- Lower stool: (A,B) 12”x12”x18”
- Barstool (C): 28”x12”x12”
- Soothing stool (D): 12”x12”x18”
- Bench (E): 5’x18”x15”
- Bench (F): 6’x18”x15”

**MATERIALS**
- Birch plywood
- Paint

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Our new Tetrapod™ accent furniture collection is created by layering left over birch plywood waste into a series of small furniture pieces. This collection adds a bright, clean pop of color to any space. The nine-color selection includes Anthracite, Nightshade, Berry, Bittersweet, Lagoon, Tangerine, Papaya, Electric, and Glacier.
AFH’s sculptural bike racks not only provide bike parking, but also enliven the streetscape and become memorable landmarks that support and encourage bicycle use. Clients can choose from our existing design collection or request a custom design.
AFH designs and fabricates customized, mixed-media recognition awards for both small and large businesses. From wall plaques, desk top awards to sculptural floor recognitions, AFH creatively integrates clients’ content and material needs into high quality, celebratory awards.
The Graphic Design Studio offers a full range of services with a special emphasis on providing creative, effective, and relevant solutions. Our products are developed by listening to our clients - understanding their vision and generating vibrant ideas to integrate into the design process. From branding/identity systems to large-scale interior wall graphics, the Graphic Design Studio provides high quality services while using design as a tool to empower our youth.
Converse + AFH embarked on a partnership that celebrates creative expression, the individual, young people and the shared values of our organizations’ brands. The end result was a series of custom sneakers and t-shirts designed by AFH’s Graphic Design team. The shoe designs, reflecting the physical and metaphorical journey that links Converse and AFH, were printed using Converse’s “Blank Canvas” technology.
AFH was hired to design two car wraps that activate NRG eVgo’s brand and promote their cause marketing initiative (sustainability, health & community). The wrapped Nissan Leaf & VW Golf Electric were donated to area health clinics, providing needed transport for their constituents.
SBK Design + Build is a bespoke construction company specializing in renovating historical homes. They hired AFH to redesign their visual identity system to reflect the multifaceted nature of their company. This included a graphic wrap for their trailer.
Boston Properties commissioned the AFH Graphic Design Studio to provide a wayfinding system for one of their underground parking garages. A custom signage system was designed to aid users in finding where to park. A large graphic mural was also designed to welcome users into the garage.
Boston Medical Center hired AFH to design an identity for their R.E.S.P.E.C.T Project initiative for treatment of addiction in pregnancy. The visual identity package included a logo, color palette, typography choice, and stationery.
The AFH Graphic Design Studio worked with the architectural firm Utile on part of their office space development at 25 Thomson Place in Boston. Our design challenge was to create a graphic mural that “brought the outside in” and welcomed visitors as they entered the building from the parking lot.
AFH designed the wall space for the office of Bowdoin Group based on their core values of excellence, integrity, curiosity, teamwork and ‘doing the right thing.’ Our design communicated their brand through typography and illustration. The outcome speaks to the dynamic workspace of their new home in Waltham, MA.
Mintz Levin hired AFH to design and illustrate an installation for a wall in their renovated Staff Lounge. The design was inspired by a Rauschenberg painting found in their private collection. The final installation comprised a series of panels that portrayed photos of Boston and the law firm’s history.
INTERIOR BRANDING

DETAILS

CATEGORY
Interiors

CLIENT
Third Sector New England

MATERIALS
Sintra
Phototex
Windeco

LOCATION
Boston, MA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Third Sector New England provides capacity building programs for non-profits. Our design challenge was to demonstrate their services and impact to their visitors and clients. We designed site-specific graphics that told their story using both images and text.
AFH’s Graphic Design studio designs custom award recognitions that speak specifically to the client’s brand and needs. We aim to create unique and memorable designs that stand out from the non-descript awards commonly found in the market, thereby creating a more impactful memory for the recipients.
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Barnes & Noble hired AFH’s Graphics Studio to design a product line that spoke specifically to Lesley University’s students, constituents, and the public in general. The final outcome was a bright and youthful line of t-shirts, tote bags, and other accessories inspired by the school’s founder Edith Lesley Wolfard, the unique architecture on their campus and their values.
Barnes & Noble hired AFH’s Graphic Design studio to design a product line that spoke specifically to Boston University’s students, constituents, and the public in general. The final outcome was a bright and youthful line of t-shirts, tote bags, and other accessories, inspired by their mascot and built environment.
Barnes & Noble hired AFH’s Graphic Design studio to design a product line that spoke specifically to Harvard University’s students, constituents, and the public in general. The final outcome was a line of t-shirts, tote bags, and other accessories inspired by the location of the college, Harvard Square.
Artists For Humanity’s screenprinted designs provide a fresh perspective to meet the needs of today’s clients. AFH specializes in customized designs, developed in collaboration with our teen graphic designers, for both corporate and small businesses. The AFH screen printers are best known for imprinting T-shirts and sweatshirts for corporate events and community organizations, meeting production deadlines and providing quality products at a competitive price.
Artists For Humanity has been screen printing commercially for 15+ years to area businesses, college student groups, high schools & local non-profits. We specialize in affordable high quality merchandise to help you look your best while representing your business, your special event or product launch. Our knowledgeable staff can help answer your questions, get you in the best product, and make you look good, always on-time. Clients can provide us with finished artwork, or work together with our Graphic Design Studio team to create a responsive and unique design. Some of our work can be seen by visiting our Faneuil Hall Store, or several local college bookstores.
The Photography Studio creates fine art, documentary, and commercial photography in both traditional and digital platforms. The studio markets their own commercial services through portraiture, product photography, fine art documentation, reproduction prints, event photography, and more. Our teen photographers practice various types of photography through on-the-job training and commission work for clients. They utilize the skills learned in studio to execute lighting techniques, photo editing/retouching, analog photography, darkroom techniques, and to create final products on several print, web, and digital mediums.
The AFH photography team provides quality headshots and portraits for both professional and personal use. Whether you are looking for traditional studio portraits or offsite/outdoor settings, our team can provide portraits and retouching for individuals, businesses, pets, and families.
LOCATION/ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

DETAILS

CATEGORY
Location
Architectural

CLIENTS
Barken Properties
Grand Circle Travel
Jumbo Capital Management
Kensington Properties

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

From landmarks, scenic photography, to architectural photography, our Photography Studio can capture your desired locations in their best light.
EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Artists For Humanity’s Photography Studio documents corporate, private, life events, and more. From birthday parties to business conferences, we provide image coverage so you can relive the important events in your life.
For clients looking to capture a fresh perspective, the AFH Video & Motion studio is the perfect choice. Our Video & Motion studio has worked with a number of clients on productions large and small. From development to post-production, our team works in all aspects of filmmaking and animation. AFH professional videographers/mentors work side by side with our teen videographers to produce a diverse portfolio of video productions to meet today’s growing need.

To view portfolio, visit AFHBoston.org or YouTube.com/AFHvideo.
Motion Graphics are a great way to add visual impact to your story or message. From animated logos to narrative animations, our Video & Motion Studio will create a concept and look to fit your brand and unique assets to suit your promotional needs.
If “a picture is worth a thousand words,” then a video is worth a million. Video is a great way to get your message across social media and engage prospective clients. More and more, video is becoming an important part of a brand’s social media strategy. Let the AFH Video & Motion Studio create unique content or reformat existing videos for your next social media campaign. We can even add social media specific content creation to your next AFH produced video project.
Good storytelling connects customers to brands on a personal level. The AFH Video & Motion Studio works with clients to create custom narratives with emotional impact. Whether it’s a program, a product or a service, our videography team will add a much needed human touch to your promotional video.
HOW-TO/DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS

CLIENT
Boston Building Resources

CREW MEMBERS
Director
Director of photography
Camera operator
Lighting tech
Audio tech
Motion graphic artist
Title editor/animator
Editor

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
How-to videos are a great way to build your social media subscription base and expand your brand recognition. AFH has the know-how to bring your services to the masses.
AFH teen videographers are in touch with the latest trends in filming and editing. From concept to completion, let AFH create your next music video.