

FC Creates: Creative Community Development Newsletter

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Mask up, step up! Heroes' creativity reaching to infinity

She leaned against the wall, one weary moment taken for herself before plunging once more into the fray. The world of frantic action, too few supplies, little to no protection, too many sick and dying.
Mortality in numbers only on the News, but the faces! Oh! The faces! A haunting dream for tired overwhelmed ghosts of their former selves.
A colleague summons her (reflection gone) with the desperate desire to help and somehow heal.

Design by Jesse McCrum, Gabriel Reeborg, & Cynthia Pecore



ARTS & CULTURE

ARTISTS vs. COVID-19

We called, and they answered! Three of our residents stepped up and used their creative skills to help keep our communities safe. **Cynthia Pecore** (poetry—Bluebonnet Studios), **Gabriel Reeborg** (hand-drawn illustration—Garden Terrace) and **Jesse McCrum** (digital art—Spring Terrace) collaborated with our team (**Olivia Jimenez, Paula Suchland, Paige Milson, Tiffany Nicely-Williams, Alicia Buchanan, Julie Candoli, & Aaron DeLaO**) to design three fabulous PSA posters.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us make this project happen, especially Supportive Services for working onsite with the artists, District Managers for helping us plan, and the ELT for supporting this project! Shouts out to **Sarah Middaugh! Tonia Doering! Alyssa Rennel! Ben Murguia! Stephanie Bernal! Zeynep Kleinman! Abe Moskowitz! Kenya Lewis! Olivia Lopez! Lila Wilds! Mandy Lewis! Charissa Sellers! Julian Huerta! Vicki McDonald!** And an extra special thanks to **Tony Beckwith** of the

*The world is an especially strange and dangerous these days. **Joy and celebration are vital, now more than ever.** These are the things delighting us right now!*

AATIA, who donated his time and expertise to translate Cynthia's poetry into Spanish!

These posters will be showing up in our communities soon. In the meantime, if you want to know more about the artists or the project, you can [read more here](#).

Pen Pal Project

We're partnering with **Austin Bat Cave** and **Letterpress Play** to pair Austin-area youth aged 10-16 with elders in our community for an intergenerational pen pal program.

These young people are into it! Some of our SRO residents will be getting letters in a few days. To meet this enthusiasm, **we're looking for 15 people aged 55+ who would be excited for this project.**

What to expect:

- We'll match you with a pen pal based on your answers to a [brief survey](#).

- You commit to sending two responses to your pen pal (they will write the first letter to you). If you and your pen pal really click and want to keep writing letters, you're welcome to do so. If not, no worries.
- We'll provide letter-writing kits (featuring Letterpress Play's signature [paper toy templates](#)). Afterward, Letterpress Play plans to print a chapbook featuring some of the letters written throughout the project for participants to keep as a memento.

For everyone's safety:

- If you prefer not to receive/send physical mail, there is an option to participate via email.
- To keep an eye out for red flags, all letters will be read by a member of our team before being delivered.

If you or someone in your life - a client, a resident, a family member - would enjoy this, please [fill out this survey](#).

If you have any questions, contact Olivia at fccreates@foundcom.org or 512-610-4014.

Staff Picks

- [Big Medium call for artists](#)
- [Writing the Future: Basquiat and the Hip Hop Generation](#)
- [Listen to Nina from Radiolab](#)

FC creates... No matter what!

Some love for our community and the creative ways we've adapted to the times.

Free Minds Photo Project

Congratulations to all of FC's educators, students, and parents! Hats off to you for making it through this school year. We especially loved this self-portrait [photo project](#) from **Professor Janis Bergman-Carton's** Free Minds art history class.

Virtual SRO Showcase

Remember three lifetimes ago when we were planning to throw a party on March 25th? Us neither... [insert nostalgic sigh]... So we're going virtual! Keep your eyes peeled for updates.

Health Initiatives Zoomathon

Good exercise, good people and good fun, plus Go365 points; what's not to love! Thanks to **Bianca Enriquez** and the HI Team for organizing the [dance party on June 24th!](#)

CCD at the Jordan

In some ways it's harder to connect and in other ways it's easier than ever. We're piloting projects at FC's newest property to explore how we can connect with our neighbors from a distance. One is a community-sourced cookbook, so be on the lookout for our new favorite recipes!

Want to know more about something we're working on? Want to share creative projects from your community? [Join FC Creates on Microsoft Teams](#) or email Olivia at FCCreates@foundcom.org