WHERE POTENTIAL MEETS OPPORTUNITY
INVEST WHERE THE FUTURE BEGINS

1 IN 4 CHILDREN IN DC LIVE IN POVERTY

CHALLENGES

The ACHIEVEMENT GAP begins well BEFORE children even begin KINDERGARTEN.

1 IN 5 CHILDREN spend time alone and UNSUPERVISED during the AFTER SCHOOL hours—a time when juvenile crime and HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS spike.

In the SUMMER months, the LACK OF AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE and the ACHIEVEMENT GAP COLLIDE for lower income families.

DC has had one of the HIGHEST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES in the nation—leading to a WORKFORCE DEFICIT as young people enter the labor force WITHOUT THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS needed for success.

SITAR SOLUTIONS

SCHOOL-READINESS
Early Childhood programs break the cycle with classes that build pre-literacy and school-readiness skills—improving educational outcomes that are long-lasting.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME HOURS
Afterschool programs provide a safe and nurturing community filled with positive mentors while bolstering skill development.

SUMMER LEARNING
Six weeks of full-day summer learning reaches families in the greatest need and combats the “summer slide”—positioning children and youth for success when the new school year begins.

WORKFORCE READINESS
Workforce Development programs propel both college and career readiness forward. Paid internships, mentoring, career panels and college field trips, resume writing, financial literacy workshops, and leadership training can change the trajectory of a young person’s life.
IMPACT
CRADLE TO CAREER

OUR MISSION is to offer possibilities that transform the lives of children and teens born into a world of unequal access to opportunity.

We engage children and teens in the highest quality visual, performing and digital arts. We teach the arts so that our students learn about themselves and gain critical life skills. We create community for students and their families. And we are an untiring voice on their behalf.

87% of afterschool participants demonstrated proficiency in 21st century skills.

93% of our Alumni are in a two or four year college or university.

over 400 teens have completed Sitar’s workforce development program.

80% of our students are from low income households.
DID YOU KNOW?

Seventy-two percent (72%) of business leaders say creativity is of high importance when hiring.

Students who do not read proficiently by third grade are 4x more likely to leave high school without a diploma.

Students with 4 years of arts or music in high school average 100 points better on their SAT scores than students with one-half year or less. Better scores are found in all 3 portions of the test: math, reading, and writing.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION
LOCAL TO NATIONAL

For its unique and valuable contributions, Sitar Arts Center has been recognized locally and nationally with numerous awards, including:

• The 2015 Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management

• The prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Programs Award from the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2009; and

• The 2017 Mayor’s Art Award for Excellence in Arts Education.

Sitar Arts Center is proud to be featured in the Catalogue for Philanthropy as one of the best charities in the Greater Washington region.
By investing in our children and youth, together we can build a stronger community, a stronger workforce and a stronger future for our youth.

For more information about how to invest in our youth, prepare your future workforce and increase your corporate citizen profile, please contact:

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