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OUR MISSION

Paint Love brings extraordinary arts programming to youth facing poverty and trauma.

OUR VISION

We envision a world where all young people have access to creative experiences that empower them to develop inner strength and imagine a future not limited by adversity.

HOW WE DO IT

We partner with Title 1 schools and nonprofit organizations to engage youth through projects that are artist-led and specially formulated by trauma-informed standards.

WHO WE SERVE

We serve teen girls who have been removed from sex trafficking, children fleeing domestic violence, counseling and advocacy centers for children facing abuse or grief, homeless youth, new immigrants and refugees, and more.

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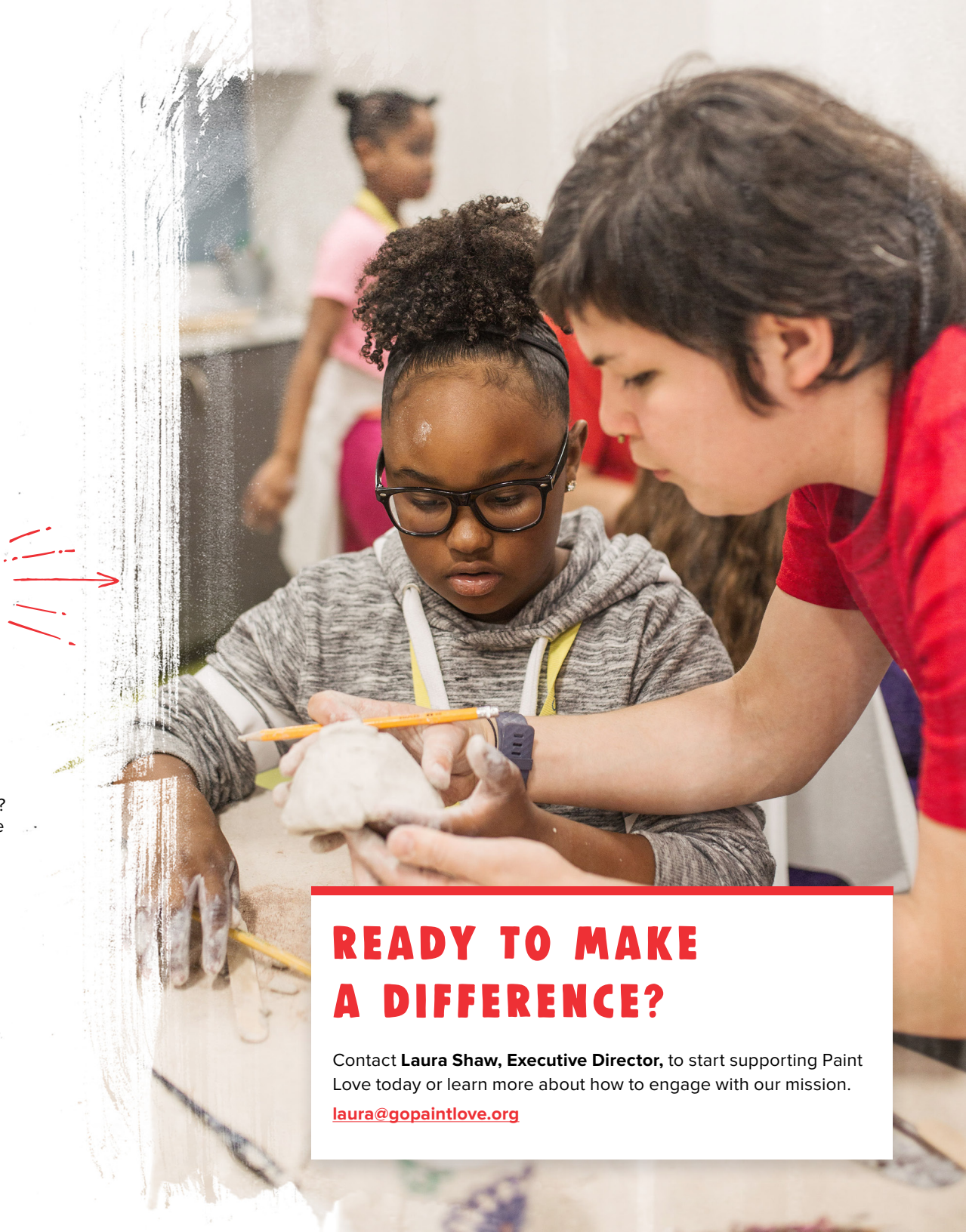
IT'S NOT "JUST ART." Art is critically important and wonderful all on its own, but Paint Love is not an afterschool art program. Paint Love is comprised of top-tier artists, makers, and creators; community advocates; and trauma professionals; who expertly craft an intentional art project specific to the unique needs of each of our community partners.

One of our partner nonprofits, Kate's Club, serves kids who are coping with the death of a parent or sibling. They do not charge families and provide a safe place to express and manage grief. To go along with the recent theme "If my tears could talk," Paint Love volunteer artist, professional sculpture and master's in social work candidate, Nikita Raper, collaborated with Laura Shaw, Paint Love's executive director and Lane Pease, Kate's Club director of programming to construct a project helping kids identify their emotions and think about how their grief expresses itself: is it small and quiet like a mouse? Does it roar like a lion, get angry like a rhinoceros, or snap like a crocodile? Is it ever-present like a loyal dog? Kids punched, shaped, scored and slipped using air-dry clay to create elaborate animal "maws" or mask-like mouthpieces, mounted on a dowell, to give their grief a voice.

This is just one example of how we are investing in the creative and mental health of the children we serve.

Over the last four years, we have brought this truly extraordinary programming to under-resourced schools and youth-serving nonprofits and become one of the most highly-sought after art and trauma programs in Atlanta and beyond.

Our model is really working and is scale-able. If we have the resources to scale, we could bring this high caliber of trauma-informed, intentional, creative impact to so many more youth facing poverty and trauma in our community.



**READY TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE?**

Contact **Laura Shaw, Executive Director**, to start supporting Paint Love today or learn more about how to engage with our mission.

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