

# EVOLVE CREATIVE ALLIANCE

*Dignified Generations Exploring  
Global Oneness*

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**2016 has been a huge year for Evolve Creative Alliance, our first official year of incorporation! Celebrate with us as we recap our milestones over the last year!**

***As of this past September, Evolve Creative Alliance is officially a federally tax-exempt 501 c3 public charity! Tell your family, friends, and coworkers- a donation to ECA can be accounted for the next time they file their taxes!***

## Fundraising Mixer

In April, ECA held its first fundraiser at Café Metro in Teaneck, NJ. Networking, local vendors, a tuition raffle, information session, international food and refreshments, and a magical live performance by Camille Safiya helped set the scene for a wonderful night. ECA was able to reach half of its goal through monetary donations and the rest through in-kind donations. The ECA team would like to extend its gratitude to all those who helped make the night a success and especially to the gracious owners at Café Metro.



## Feel Good Workshop

ECA's first adult workshop was held at the end of July at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Teaneck, NJ. Their "Feel Good" Workshop consisted of yoga, meditation, qi-gong, a lesson on creating morning, afternoon, and nighttime herbal infusions, the opportunity to try out a crystal mat, and a lesson on creating a homemade, chemical free lip balm.

Guests left feeling relaxed, rejuvenated, refreshed, and stocked up on their lip balm for the summer!



## Summer Costume Party

A Summer Costume Party?! What a brilliant idea! Character discovery and theatrical improv using each of the 5 senses brought ECA's summer costume party to life at the beginning of August this past year.



this past December. Tailored for students grades K-4, ECA staff took the students on a quest of creativity, self-expression, and positive communication through the exploration of nature, other cultures, new ideas, and movement.

Students engaged in obstacle courses, upcycling, drum circles, yoga, improv, color theory, and more! The pilot program was a delight for all involved and we look forward to continuing our partnership with NECCS in the upcoming year!



## ECAventures



In lieu of their annual summer camp, ECA held a free, donation-based week of adventures at St. Mark's Episcopal Church titled,

ECAventures. Each day consisted of a different theme from melody makers to building a clubhouse, becoming a green thumb, cooking up a meal, and creating their own sports! Attendees from ages 2-12 equally enjoyed the fun-packed week making new friends and getting their skills up!

## Newark Educators' Community Charter School

The Newark Educators' Community Charter School in the heart of Newark, right across the street from City Hall, was the first school to host ECA's Explore Express after school program

### **ECA is looking for interns and volunteers in the following departments:**

- Social Media
- Administrative Support
- Marketing
- Grant Research and Writing
- Web Master
- Fundraising



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Podcasts ECA has been featured on this year:



<http://andthenyougraduate.com/evolve-creative-academy-starting-a-non-profit-ep-8/>



<http://aheadofthespread.com/podcast/special-edition-eca-interview/>

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STARTING THEIR TERM WITH THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF 2017!

### NAJI BARNES MCFARLANE



Originally from Teaneck, NJ, Naji has spent the last 9 years in Houston, Texas and traveling abroad. After obtaining his Bachelor of Science in Electrical

Engineering from Rice University, he worked as a Patent Agent and Researcher before serving as a Project Manager at the largest nonprofit in Texas.

He recently returned to the U.S. after taking some time off to live in Panama, become a citizen and reconnect with family. As a citizen of the world he's a firm believer in the power of

people and holistic solutions to solving the world's most complex issues

### KASEY GRABE



Kasey is an associate for Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors' growth equity activities where he identifies, analyzes, and executes investment opportunities in the software sector. Kasey earned a B.S. in management (concentration in finance)

and a minor in philosophy from Boston College's Carroll School of Management.

### VICTORIA CUMBERBATCH



Victoria Cumberbatch holds a BA in International Development from the U of Maryland. You can find her most often on the road, tasting new cultures, testing local naturopathic remedies, and most importantly,

learning. She has traveled to over 50 countries thus far! She hopes the children of tomorrow find comfort in following the atypical path of genuine self-confidence in themselves and their abilities; her belief is that ECA will be a positive catalyst.

## CHRISTINE CHARLES



A dental hygienist who has been actively involved in oral health care research for over 40 years, Christine served as Director, Clinical Research, Johnson & Johnson Consumer

Companies, Inc. She was awarded the Oral Health Research Award by the Oral Health Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research. She has coauthored more than 35 clinical research abstracts and 40 research articles, and has presented numerous research and continuing education programs.

*Love and Gratitude to all our donors this past year!*

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*& anyone we may have not listed!*

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PROGRAMS IN 2017!**

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