

About the Forever Connected Artisans Ghana Trip

The Forever Connected Artisans Ghana Trip is a two-week educational and cultural experience designed to help youth:

- Explore the history of the African diaspora
- Learn directly from Ghanaian artisans and community members
- Build leadership, confidence, and cultural awareness
- Strengthen relationships and identity

Participants will:

- Visit Cape Coast Castle
- Learn from artisans such as waist bead makers, brass workers, wood carvers, and other craftspeople
- Live together in a supervised team house setting
- Participate in leadership circles, reflection, and group discussions
- Travel with dedicated adult chaperones, Ghanaian guides, and drivers

Why Ghana?

Ghana is uniquely suited for this experience because it is:

- One of the safest and most stable countries in West Africa
- English-speaking
- Rich in Black history, artisan traditions, and cultural heritage
- Home to important sites connected to the transatlantic slave trade
- A place where young people can see Black excellence, leadership, and entrepreneurship in everyday life

For many youth, the trip becomes more than travel. It becomes a way of understanding who they are and where they come from.

Why Support This Program?

Your support helps:

- Expose young people to history, culture, and leadership
- Build pride, confidence, and identity
- Create a meaningful educational experience beyond the classroom
- Strengthen connections between youth and the broader community

You are not simply helping send a young person on a trip.

You are helping create an experience that may shape how they see themselves and their future for the rest of their lives.

Current Funding Structure

Current confirmed support:

- Department of Parks and Recreation grant: \$10,000
- Student fundraising requirement: \$1,500 per student

The grant is sufficient to support approximately five youth participants.

We hope to expand the trip from 5 youth to 10 youth if additional sponsorship is secured.