We Aim To Cultivate A Relationship Between Milwaukee Public Theatre, Marquette University’s College Of Nursing And Center For Peacemaking, And Young People From Milwaukee To Promote Youth Development And Interpersonal Peace By Engaging In Arts-based, Community-based Participatory Action Research Projects.

Our first CBPR project, Afro-Latino Youth Performance Collaboration, is an Afro-Latino percussion-based performing arts troupe involving students from Bruce Guadalupe Community School and Milwaukee High School of the Arts. This project teaches applied ethnomusicology techniques and peace skills to build youth leadership, assertive communication and collaboration skills, self-respect and cultural identity exploration through Afro-Latino musical culture.

MILESTONES

FALL 2015 Publish results of first study and complete community survey and civic map of Near West Side (NWS)

SPRING 2016 Begin planning study for youth engagement in Harambee/Riverwest and design civic interventions for NWS

SUMMER/FALL 2016 Evaluate civic interventions in Harambee/Riverwest and Near West Side

BEYOND BOUNDARIES
Social Responsibility and Community Engagement

This proposal fits two themes of the strategic plan namely research in action and social responsibility and community engagement. Our innovative community academic partnership provides a meaningful and mutually beneficial way for community partners including professionals and youth and their families and MU students and faculty to get to know each other and to work on projects that enhance the community. In our partnership, young people will be key players in identifying and prioritizing strengths and struggles. They will have active roles in development of CBPR projects that generate community leadership, afford direct benefits to the participants, address pressing issues, and promote solidarity with young people and communities in Milwaukee.