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# ABOUT BUILDING CARING FAMILIES

Our mission is to help students become leaders in talking with their peers and community about the importance of mental and behavioral health.

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# MY PURPOSE IS TO SHOW HOW GOD IS LOVE.

The fruits of the spirit are the key to successful leadership. Art works with communities to help students become leaders by discovering the power of using the fruits of the spirit to share God's love.

He is a University of Indianapolis graduate student completing a doctorate in the health sciences focused on mental health. He is a 2021 Hamilton Award Winner for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Behavioral Health and Service to those with Disabilities. He was also selected as the keynote speaker for the 2023 Hamilton Awards recognizing behavioral health leaders throughout Central and West Indiana. Art has held various leadership roles in entrepreneurship, music, education, and behavioral health spanning 25 years.

### **Art Fuller**

Graduate Student Doctor of Health Sciences / Master of Public Health

More about Art

Art's approach uses the Bible as a foundation for activating the fruits of the spirit to influence positive change within all types of communities (love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, forgiveness, kindness, goodness, self-control). He also shares scientific research on how non-pharmaceutical-based interventions focused on daily diet, having a safe space to talk with friends, exercise, engaging with the outdoors, and active living have exceptionally positive mental and behavioral health benefits.

Art comes from a family committed to service and has traced his family's lineage back to the 1820s. His family includes multiple Christian pastors, educators, athletic coaches, school principals, and military veterans residing in Montgomery and Haynville, Alabama. He is still connected to the family church his family helped sustain, originally founded in 1819. Both of his parents are alumni of Alabama A & M University majoring in Chemistry and Mathematics.

Art has 25 years of experience in education serving culturally diverse students, students with disabilities, and families who are English language learners. He spent 7 years as a legislative liaison in support of pre-K through higher education and has 10 years of experience as a non-profit executive and school leader. Art earned a BA in Neuroscience and Behavior from Wesleyan University (CT) and a Masters of Education in Middle School Mathematics from Lesley University (MA). He is completing a dual degree Master of Public Health / Doctor of Health Sciences at the University of Indianapolis (IN) focused on health equity

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## How does this work?



We'll create a customized plan based on the unique needs of your community. We are flexible.

Let's have an introductory zoom

Think about additional questions and opportunities

We welcome the opportunity to meet vour leadership team

## How does this work?



We work with students to develop an innovative outreach that reaches and resonates with their peers.

**Identify Potential Student Leaders** 

See if they are interested

Select an event already established at your organization

## IDENTIFY AN ESTABLISHED EVENT

We collaborate with your leadership team to identify 1 or 2 established events that already take place in your community.

Once student leaders are identified, we collaborate with this group for 4 to 8 weeks prior to the event.

During this time we develop leadership skills focused on making stronger connections using the fruits of the spirit.

All participants improve their critical thinking, communication, and leadership planning skills.





Student leaders implement a special community outreach that raises awareness about mental health and invites peers to learn more about how they can make a difference talking to others about the importance of mental health.



**Mini Student Led Project** 



Lift Up Christ Like Prinicples



**Mobilize Friends** 



**Share Lessons Learned and Repeat Again** 

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