WE ARE ARTISTS, WE ARE NEIGHBORS

WELCOME TO PROJECT ROW HOUSES

Project Row Houses is a community platform that enriches lives through art with an emphasis on cultural identity and its impact on the urban landscape.

We engage neighbors, artists, and enterprises in collective creative action to help materialize sustainable opportunities in marginalized communities.

Project Row Houses occupies a significant footprint in Houston's Historic Third Ward, one of the city's oldest African-American neighborhoods.

The site encompasses five city blocks and houses 39 structures that serve as home base to a variety of community enriching initiatives, art programs, and neighborhood development activities.

PRH programs touch the lives of under resourced neighbors, young single mothers with the ambition of a better life for themselves and their children, small enterprises with the drive to take their businesses to the next level, and artists interested in using their talents to understand and enrich the lives of others. Although PRH's African-American roots are planted deeply in Third Ward, the work of PRH extends far beyond its borders. The Project Row Houses model for art and social engagement applies not only to Houston, but also to diverse communities around the world.

ABOUT PROJECT ROW HOUSES

Project Row Houses' work with the Third Ward community began in 1993 when seven visionary African-American artists—James Bettison (1958-1997), Bert Long, Jr. (1940-2013), Jesse Lott, Rick Lowe, Floyd Newsum, Bert Samples and George Smith—recognized the real potential in a block and a half of derelict shotgun houses at the corner of Holman and Live Oak. Where others saw poverty, these artists saw a future site for positive, creative, and transformative experiences in the Third Ward. So, together they began to explore how art might be an engine for social transformation.

This is how the PRH story began.

As the founders engaged with a community of creative thinkers and the neighbors around them, Project Row Houses quickly began to shift the understanding of art from traditional studio practice to a more conceptual base of transforming the social environment.

While they were artists, they were also advocates. Over the next twenty-five years the organization brought together groups and pooled resources to materialize sustainable opportunities for artists, young mothers, small businesses, and Third Ward Residents helping to cultivate independent change agents by supporting people and their ideas so that they have tools and capacity to do the same for others. PRH is and has always been a unique opportunity to activate the intersections between art, enrichment, history, preservation, and community development.

OUR HISTORY OF COLLECTIVE CREATIVITY

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WE EMPOWER PEOPLE AND ENRICH COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENGAGEMENT, ART, AND DIRECT ACTION.

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Friday 9AM–6PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Wednesday–Sunday
12PM–5PM

ENRICHING COMMUNITIES THROUGH COLLECTIVE CREATIVITY
01 PRH Administrative Offices & Community Gallery
02 Education House
03 Art Houses Utilized for Summer Studios Residency & Artist Rounds (2505–2517 Holman)
04 Activation Space renovated by Rice Building Workshop in 2007
All Read Radio 2503 Holman St.
05 Ujima House: Incubation Space
Sankofa Research Institute 2501 Holman St.
06 Young Mothers Residential Houses (Note: Please respect our residences' privacy.)
2411-2419 Holman St.
07 Doshi House Coffee Shop & Vegetarian Restaurant (nice stop for lunch)
3419 Emancipation Ave.
08 PRH Pavillion
Third Ward Tours (Let's Do This Houston) 2412 Division St.
09 Delia's Lounge:
Mixed-use functional space
Crumville, TX Bakery 3409 Emancipation Ave.
10 Lightnin' Hopkins
Historic Marker
11 SEARCH’s House of Tiny Treasures 2323 Francis St.
12 Freedman's Town Houses 1890's Shotgun Houses moved from Fourth Ward Studio - Anthony Suber 3305 Bastrop St.
13 Zin Memorial Sculpture by Catherine Martinez
Kindred Stories 2304 Stuart St.
Gulf Coast Cosmos Comic Book Shop 2306 Stuart St.
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