

May 4, 2023

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support on behalf for Music Theory Studios.

Since July 2022, Next Step To Success (NSTS) has partnered with Music Theory Studios, bringing youth participants from our program to their studios. There, Norfolk students (from various middle and high schools) enjoyed lessons in podcast production, beat making, DJ classes, and fashion design.

This Fall, NSTS and MTS collaborated on a special project entitled "Project Kuponya." With funding from the Norfolk Police Foundation, both entities worked together and produced a mini documentary and podcast series in which Norfolk/NSTS youth discussed the impact that violence has had on their lives and how they have healed from experiencing violence, including gun violence in their communities. We are premiering this documentary to the public on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are extremely fond of the partnership that we have cultivated with Music Theory Studios (MST). They are truly dedicated to their craft and to providing the highest quality of arts-education to children and youth throughout the Hampton Roads area. Through the unique classes that they often, local youth learn a range of unique and new skills pertaining to the music and fashion business. Every time we take youth to their studios, they are excited to learn more, hone their skills and turn their hobbies into possible future careers.

In closing, we are honored to work with Music Theory Studios and plan to partner together on future projects which elevate arts-based positive youth development. I sincerely recommend Music Theory Studios for any project and for future financial support that they might receive.

Sincerely,

Monique Turner (May 3, 2023 20:19 EDT)

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