



THE GAP COLLECTIVE

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Collective Shop

We have had the pleasure to initiate a new division in the Collective, a Collective Shop. We have had countless creatives come to us with discouraged hearts about how they are unsure how what they create will help people since a majority of what we have done is public events and projects.

Through this platform, we have created a way for all the members to sell their artwork, products, and innovations that could help transform and lead our communities in the love of God. At the same time, they are contracted through the Collective for their products, so they receive the revenue of their work, while the Collective retains a 20% minimum of those purchases for future community events.

A collective of creatives and leaders who partner together to lead our communities in the love of God.

Welcome to the very first newsletter from the Gap Collective! In these newsletters, you can stay up-to-date on all the happenings that are going on with the Collective. One of the beauties that I have come to appreciate is that not everyone gets to experience what I experience as the Executive Director. People only see what we market, push, and what you guys participate in. Through these newsletters on this blog page, you can hear and see some of the inner workings that we come to appreciate.

"A kingdom-minded ministry."

- Eddie O'Hara
Leader for The Porch

"People who don't make church just a place that we attend but, rather, making the church who we are."

- Andy Farias
Director for the Giving Project

Transfiguration Mural

For the past few weeks one of the members of the Collective, Jeremiah Navarro, has been working on a mural that is located in El Paso, TX, off the main highway that goes through our city. It is absolutely beautiful! For the first phase, we had a dozen volunteers prep the wall for phase two. Phase Two was a day where we hosted a painting event where people could watch and participate in the painting of the second phase of the mural. We also gave out free food and prayed for 5 people. We are currently in the third phase of the Transfiguration Mural. Each phase is meant to be an actual representation of transfiguration

Members & Partners

Although this is our first newsletter, we can say that in the month of August alone, we have added 4 members to the Collective. Again, membership is not about growing as a Collective, but uniting the body of Christ's leaders and creatives. We gladly welcome this new members and partners. As we continue to expand, our impact as individuals and the body of Christ is multiplied.



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Prayer Requests

As of mid-September, we will be initiating an online prayer request form. Through this form, individuals can submit requests which several members will receive in order to lift up these prayers. People can find this online through our community tab or by going to www.thegapcollective.com/prayer.

Tattoo Outreach

We are beginning to prepare for the tattoo outreach that we will be having in December 2017. One of the members, James Buster, has been doing this outreach for years. It's an amazing experience to witness hundreds of people come to get a free cross tattoo, receive prayer, and see their chains of bondage broken. Last year people gave \$381, we gave an estimated retail value of over \$4500 in tattoos alone, 72 people got tattooed, at least 7 documented miracles (One of them including a deaf ear being opened), one of the members alone personally prayed with 7 people to be born again, two news crews covered our story, Jesus was exalted to over 100 people one on one and countless thousands from the news coverage, and one of the

members personally prayed with over 20 people and they confirmed God's presence and touch.

Non-Profit Filing

It's official! *The Gap Collective* is officially a 501(c)-3 non-profit organization in the United States. The Collective was blessed to have only had to pay \$250 for the filing. Adrian Resendez, a lawyer from Austin, TX the head of his firm was kind enough to donate his services to us free of charge. This process was exciting and challenging. What I wanted to do instead of paying a huge chunk of change to get all of these filings done was to, as the founder, do as much as I could do with my fellow board members so that we wouldn't need to have someone else do it. With us doing the work ourselves, we were able to save around \$1500 for this process.

We definitely say a huge thank you to Adrian Resendez from Resendez Law Firm, and David Robertson and Jason Laffan from Casas Por Cristo for sharing their wisdom, expertise, and knowledge on developing bylaws.