



# Artists For Humanity

Contemporary Architecture

100 W 2nd St, Boston MA

**Arrowstreet**

Glass/ Concrete/  
Aluminum

57,000 sq.ft.

2004  
Expansion 2015-16

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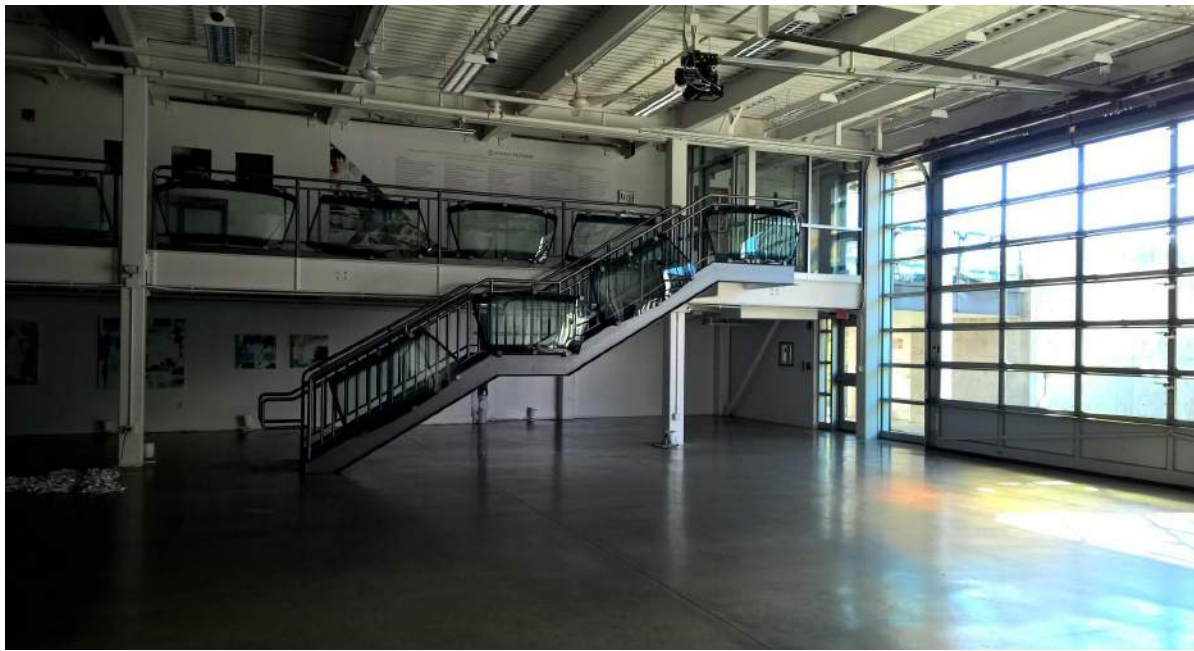
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Artists For Humanity's (AFH) mission is to bridge economic, racial, and social divisions by providing under-resourced urban youth with the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in art and design. Its mission is built on twin philosophies: Engagement in the creative process is a powerful force for social change, and creative entrepreneurship is a productive and life-changing opportunity for young people and their communities.





**The Organization** - There are currently 150 students enrolled at Artists for Humanity in an internship position. 83% of their youth employees are from low and very-low income diverse families. Moreover, 54% live in the Boston neighborhoods most beset with violence and 44% live in single-parent households. These children are at a higher risk for failing or dropping out of school. They are offered paid positions to create fine art that is then sold to help fund the program.



**The EpiCenter** - The EpiCenter building for Artists for Humanity was completed in 2004 by the architecture firm Arrowstreet. This building was the first in Boston to achieve LEED Platinum certification. This is the highest possible certification for energy sustainable buildings. The structure is comprised of 3 floors, which hold multiple studio spaces and a large event space on the ground floor. The studios include facilities for painting, 3D design, woodworking, graphic design, screen printing, and photography. The EpiCenter is to be doubled in size during 2015/16 expansion that is made possible by the gift of a land grant from Gillette.