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FLUX Art Space in collaboration with The Children's Aid Society

present

Myself in the Community

Interdisciplinary art project
at

The Children's Aid Society's East Harlem Center
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From **February 4, 2003 until April 4, 2003**, **FLUX Art Space** in collaboration with **The Children's Aid Society**, will produce ***Myself in the Community***, an interdisciplinary art project which will expand for eight weeks and will take place at The Children's Aid Society's East Harlem Center, East Harlem, New York City. Lynne Marie, a New York City based artist, will be working with groups averaging thirty youths towards the creation of a community quilt composed by digital images representing each participant's unique portrait of himself/herself and the community. Participants will also design and implement a digital version of the quilt featured on the FLUX Art Space web site (www.fluxartspace.org) where pop-up windows will provide context for the images chosen for the quilt by each individual participant. The pop-up windows will in addition provide links to other web sites thereby retaining the quilts' ultimate use –that of codifying socially engaged information for the use of others. The youth participating in ***Myself in the Community*** will be male and female adolescents between the ages of 12-17 from East and Central Harlem.

Myself in the Community will provide a disenfranchised community of youth with the opportunity to experience contemporary art and practice in an interdisciplinary project facilitated by community based artist. By empowering artistic expression in the youth, the issue of raising public awareness to the inherent visions of young people who have little or no vehicle for their social and personal dreams and objectives to be voiced is addressed. The process of art-making enables a medium for expressing private and public concerns in a way that empowers the youth to look with 'new set of eyes' and act with purpose to create what they see, actually making visible ideas they may not have been able to express even to themselves before this experience. ***Myself in the Community*** project advocates self-expression, creativity, personal growth and self-realization and initiates sustained interest in the arts and culture today.

About FLUX Art Space

FLUX Art Space presents and exhibits digital art works and interdisciplinary projects by both established and emerging artists, providing an artistic forum for underprivileged and underexposed sections of multicultural communities in NYC.

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FLUX Art Space goals and objectives are to provide a multicultural, multimedia platform upon which artists can present their works to a wide range of communities in NYC; to enable the underprivileged and underexposed communities of NYC to experience the processes of art through digital art, whilst supporting the communities and advocating their need for access to technology; to stimulate economic growth in underprivileged urban sectors by raising the cultural profile of those sectors, thereby attracting businesses and contributing to the creation of new jobs.

About The Children's Aid Society

For nearly 150 years, The Children's Aid Society has had a single mission: to do whatever New York City's neediest children need. Our goal is to ensure the physical and emotional well-being of children and families, and to provide every child with the support and opportunities needed to become a happy, healthy and successful adult. Our services address every aspect of a child's life, from infancy through adolescence, and include education, health, counseling, adoption and foster care, career readiness, arts and recreation, and emergency assistance.

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Visitor Information

The Children's Aid Society's East Harlem Center is located at 130 East 101 Street, New York, NY 10029. Visit by appointment: contact Natalia Mount at FLUX Art Space (646) 321-6829.

To learn more about *Myself in the Community* visit <http://www.fluxartspace.org>