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## **Art & Community Development in Albuquerque's International District**

The Stories of Route 66: The International District project includes a range of programs involving collaboration with the International District community of Albuquerque:

1. Arts engagement with over 130 community members (ages 5-75, from 7 countries speaking 8 languages) who co-envisioned and co-created works of art, film, and performance that premiered in July of 2014.
2. Global 505, a coalition of organizations serving Albuquerque's immigrant and refugee communities
3. The Refugee Mentoring Project--pairing experienced refugees with newly-arriving individuals and families from central Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan.
4. The Migration Experience Film/Discussion Series in October, 2015
5. The International District Health Fair, annually in April
6. "Avenue ID," a banner art program along Central Ave (Route 66), between Wyoming and San Mateo Blvds in the heart of the district

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### **Details**

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### **Services**

Arts & Culture

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### **Locations**

#### **International District**

*80 Louisiana SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108*

**Phone:** 505-603-0866

**Services Limited By Geography:** 1

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### **Parent Organization**

**Artful Life LLC**

Artful Life projects are designed to transform communities through the beauty and power of collaborative art. Together, artists, cultural workers and communities co-create significant works of art. In doing so, they get to know each other in new ways, discover the power of working in teams, and create artwork that expresses who they are, where they live, and what they dream. Arts engagement leads to a range of subsequent community-led development initiatives via capacity-building and leadership development. Founded in 2015 by Valerie Martinez (formerly with Littlelobe) Artful Life is dedicated to the Tewa belief that revitalization is an individual and collective process fueled by creative inspiration, labor, and a thoughtful approach.

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