

## \*\*\* CALLING ARTIST & AUTHORS\*\*\*

The Shades of Blue Project's Black Maternal Mental Health Week awareness campaign, scheduled for July 19-25, is focused on elevating the conversation around Black Maternal Mental Health and providing a platform for artists and Black book writers to share their interpretations and experiences of Motherhood. The "Art of Motherhood" showcase will happen during this year's INSPIRE Brunch, Angel Awards, as well as the Black Maternal Mental Health Summit and Art Showcase Happy Hour event. These are key components of our awareness campaign this year.

**Call to Action for Artists and Authors:** We are looking for talented artists and writers of color to join us in shedding light on the multifaceted experiences of Black motherhood. Whether your medium is painting, sculpture, literature, or any other form of artistic expression, we believe your work can inspire, educate, and evoke meaningful conversations around the themes of maternal mental health, resilience, and community support.

### Participation Details

**Who Can Participate:** We welcome submissions from artists and writers of all backgrounds who are passionate about the theme of Black maternal mental health. We are especially interested in featuring Black artists and authors to bring authenticity and depth to the conversation.

**Submission Guidelines:** Please submit high-resolution images of your artwork or abstracts of your literary works, along with a brief description of how your work relates to the themes of motherhood and mental health. Include your name, contact information, and a short bio.

**Deadline for Submissions:** All entries must be received by May 5, 2024 ensuring ample time before the events for selection and organization.

**How to Submit:** Submissions can be sent to [info@shadesofblueproject.org](mailto:info@shadesofblueproject.org)

**Please label your email subject as "Art of Motherhood Showcase Submission".**

Let's come together to make the Black Maternal Mental Health Week a powerful and inspiring event. Your voice and your art can make a difference in the lives of many.