

Redbud Writing Project

Write your story. Change your life.

WHO WE ARE

The Redbud Writing Project is the Research Triangle's only creative writing center, serving Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and beyond. Founded by two North Carolina State University MFA graduates, the Redbud Writing Project offers courses online and at bookstores and community spaces around the Triangle Region. Through six week long classes, **Redbud teaches fiction, memoir, poetry, and more.**

WHO WE SERVE

Redbud brings the life-changing power of creative writing to everyone. Redbud prides itself on classes that are engaging and rigorous. In our courses, students learn, make friends, and grow in ways they never imagined. Through Redbud's scholarship program and free community classes, the organization shares stories from voices that often go overlooked, giving space to everyone from BIPOC writers to low-income seniors, from survivors of domestic violence to those telling their stories of reproductive rights. **Redbud empowers and heals.**

WHO WE PARTNER WITH

The Redbud Writing Project works with not-for-profit agencies, including those that serve survivors of domestic violence, Planned Parenthood, and local senior centers to reach a diverse audience.

1,625 *students in less than five years of operation*

WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

We live in a time when we rarely get to slow down and to focus deeply on any single thing. At Redbud, we give students the time, space, and support to read, write, and express their creativity with sustained, thoughtful attention. Through our talented local instructors; small, intimate class sizes; and our years of experience, we help students to finally put pen to paper and to learn the skills they need to tell their story. Students get an opportunity to join the robust literary community that we help to foster and to push themselves to produce work they never thought they were capable of; sometimes expressing truths for the first time. Redbud doesn't just offer classes, we teach students to think more creatively, expansively, and with more empathy than ever before; in essence, we help create a more informed and involved citizenry. Our creative writing classes also help

buttress mental health through relieving stress and exploring trauma; hone communication and problem-solving skills; and allowing students to get to know themselves in new and powerful ways.



Arshia Simkin (left) and Emily Cataneo, Founders, Redbud Writing Project

“THEY ARE ONTO SOMETHING REALLY RARE AND WONDERFUL.”

- Jennifer, Workshop Participant

**WHAT WILL
WE DO WITH
MORE FUNDS?**

We will provide a living wage and stability to our instructors; create more class curricula; have more people with limited means access our workshops; and, of course, conduct more classes throughout the Triangle Region! We track our success in terms of numbers of students, numbers of classes, and post-class evaluations to make sure we are using every dollar to help our communities achieve success and satisfaction with fun and creative writing instruction.



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