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Arts United and the [Narrows Center for the Arts](#) sponsored a free concert at the Gates of the City on July 17th, 2009 to launch Fall River's Y.E.A.H.! Youth Experiencing Artistic Hope. The event included the X-Static Dancers, DJ-TAZZ, Lorelee's Dance Studio, Live Painting Street Crew, and free YEAH! wristlets. [C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band](#) provided the music for the 6:00 p.m. event. The Mission-Vision Committee of the [B.O.L.D.](#) (Building Our Lives Drug-free) Coalition has been meeting over the past year to establish an arts program for youth 14-25 as an alternative to drug involvement. The group envisions the establishment of one or more locations in Fall River where youth can listen to new bands rehearse, use networked computers, try out new painting styles, learn new hip hop dance moves or just drop in to see what's up. The group is currently working to form a formal board and by-laws and is seeking resources in the way of useable space and potential sources of funding. [Click here](#) to read the Herald News article. [Click here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) for photos of planning sessions. [Click here](#) for a **You Tube** video about a similar effort in New Bedford. For further information, contact BOLD staff member contact [Susan Wolfson](#) at [Stanley Street Treatment & Resources](#), 508-235-7032.



(Top row, left) BOLD staff member Susan Wolfson signs in Amanda Donovan and Nancy DeMello at the start of the Launch Party. (Top row, center) [Painter-photographer and Arts United president Jeff Carpenter](#) announces the opening of the Launch Party on the [Narrows Center for the Arts](#) stage at the Gates park. (Top row, right) Matt Nhem gets his photo taken while waiting for the music to begin. (Middle row, left) Marc DeRego and Kristen Rogers of [Smoke & Pickles](#) prepare the food for the evening. (Middle row, center and right) Three young artists try their hand at painting inspired by the dancing. (Bottom row, left) [C.J. Chenier of the Red Hot Louisiana Band](#)

plays while Ronnie Chhot and Carl Burnett do some of their break dancing routines.

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