

ART WITH A HEART



Randi Alper Pupkin, Founder/ Executive Director of Art with a Heart, Inc.

In March 2000, after practicing law for 14 years, Randi Pupkin founded Art with a Heart. Art with a Heart is a non-profit organization that provides 14,500 interactive visual art classes annually to children, youth and adults in Baltimore's most compromised communities. In addition to its core classes, Art with a Heart's efforts include a workforce development program, a leadership program, community service initiatives, large-scale public art projects and a retail/social enterprise store called, HeARTwares located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Randi is a 2009 graduate of the Weinberg Fellows program and a 2008 graduate of GBC Leadership. In May 2016, Randi was honored as one of Baltimore City's Inspiring Voices by Community Law In Action (CLIA) and in May 2011, the YWCA honored Randi at its annual Leader Lunch. Randi was also honored by the Daily Record as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women in 2005, 2008 and in May 2011, was inducted into the Circle of Excellence as a third time honoree. In 2007, Randi received the Distinguished Alumni Award by Lynchburg College and in 2009, she was selected to give the commencement address to its graduates. In October 2018, Randi was one of 10 Homecoming Heroes recognized during the inaugural Baltimore Homecoming and January 2019, she received a Champion of Courage award from WBFF-TV and M&T Bank for her passionate commitment to youth and to the Baltimore community.

Randi serves on the Board of the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel, the Board of Shalom Tikvah, The Rose Street Community Center Board, the Family Studies Human Services Advisory Board of Towson University's Department of Family Studies, and the Baltimore Library Project Advisory Board.

Randi is married to Dr. Andrew Pupkin and they have three children, Jessica 25 and Ethan 23 and Isiah 33, who Randi met in a group home when he was 13 years of age and who joined their family when he was 17.