

## **Ann Street School and the Newark Art Start Project Granny Bombers & Tiny Taggers**

Mrs. Marilyn Richardson, Art teacher at Ann Street School, partnered with Angela Kariotis and Lillian Ribeiro, recipients of a grant via the Newark Art Start, to implement the Granny Bombers & Tiny Taggers which is an intergenerational art and oral history project. Senior citizens from Newark's Ironbound Senior Center along with students from Mrs. Teresa Barroqueiro's fifth grade class created "blossoms" during instructional "knit-ins" and shared personal testimonies through theater-making techniques. Teaching artists, Lillian Ribeiro and Angela Kariotis, guided several sessions with questions that encouraged the students and the elders to have conversations about their experiences living in Newark. Angela led the group on how to create blossoms using tulle material, yarn, and thread. Lillian facilitated conversations between the students and seniors. Assignments were given to both the students and elders to bring in pictures and writing reflections to guide a theatrical script. Through this interaction, Angela created a script based on the conversations the students and elders had. The students and elders performed the script at the Living Incubator Performance Space located inside the Gateway Project Spaces at 2 Gateway Center in Newark. This was a great experience to all involved.

Link to Video: [Newark Granny Bombers & Tiny Taggers](#)

