



Corner Team, Inc. is organized around the longstanding and successful tradition of community sports programs that address holistic well being at the neighborhood level to shape Champions for Life! Engagement in any sports activity provides opportunities for social interaction and skill-building within diverse settings. Sports foster pride and increase self-esteem. Sports teach leadership and discipline, and support physical, mental, and social fitness. Through boxing, Corner Team, Inc. connects our Champions with local resources, mentors, academic tutoring, economic opportunities, and strategies for healthy living, nurturing tomorrow's leaders and driving positive change across our Baltimore City communities.

Opened in 2019 by Sara Artes and professional boxer, and former Ghanaian, National Champion Michael Gbenga, Corner Team, Inc. uses Olympic-style boxing to strengthen core competencies that support academic success, inspire healthy and active lifestyles, and build strong communities of engaged citizens. www.cornerteam.org



Sara Artes, a Baltimore native and graduate of the Baltimore School for the Arts, pursued her college and graduate school education outside the city before returning in 2012 for work and to contribute to her hometown. As an advocate for youth leadership development, education, and community growth, Sara co-founded Corner Team, Inc. in 2017 alongside her husband, Michael Gbenga, a former Ghana National Boxing Champion. Their shared passions for boxing and

community service drove them to establish a platform dedicated to nurturing both athletic and personal growth among Baltimore's youth. Sara serves as the Executive Director of Corner Team, Inc., overseeing its operations and programs. In addition, Sara works full-time curating exhibitions at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. She remains actively involved in various community history and cultural preservation initiatives in Baltimore. Her dedication reflects her deep commitment to safeguarding the city's rich heritage for generations to come.

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