

## ***Mr. Ronald E. Cochran***

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### ***Current objective: Position as Artist or Art Instructor.***

Using a variety of my life experiences as community artist and Businessman.

### ***Highlights of Qualifications***

- Designed and built my own studio loft, 59x21 feet 16 feet tall, hollow shell, constructed into a tri level art studio and living space. Inside Detroit's famous Eastern Market Rocky Lofts from 1990 – 1995. (Have photos)
- Produced Technical Illustrations and blue prints for Ford Motor Company 8 years (only African American company contract illustrational vendor in the state of Michigan) from 1992 – 2000.
- Sub contract artist for City of Detroit (Eastern Market Project) 1998 – present.  
Contract art work for many projects with the city of Detroit Recreation Department.
- I have a strong desire to inspire youth to be creative and reach their maximum potential in life through means of art education and critical thinking.
- Former Colligate Basketball player who uplifts and respects the concept of teamwork.
- Thirty + years +Volunteering, Art Projects and Basketball Coach mentor.
- Founder and coach of Ron's Graphics Dream Team from 2002- 2007, 8-under champions other championship and runner-ups. (Produced art with player & teams also)
- 2005 Honorary member: **THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST.**

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

3/2012-present, **Youth Dimensions, Inc.** Direct Care Counselor, working with troubled youth in residential setting, ages 11-18.

1/2012-present, **Benjamin L. Hooks Job Corp.** Academic Instructor, ages 18-25 years GED prep.

10/2011-present, **Memphis Academy of Health & Science / City University Schools,** Substitute Teacher 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

8/1987-present **Ron's Graphics** Ronald Cochran, Owner, and founder of this part-time seasonal company has been nothing short of a JOURNEY within its self. Doing Signs, Banners, vehicle graphics, computer graphics, T shirts, wall murals, large billboards advertising, city contracts, lighted signs, technical illustrations, blue prints, portraits, wood works, sculpture, 3-d art, stage drops, graffiti, house painting, room design house plans, teaching art classes, news paper cartons, news paper adds, flyers, bus cards, carpentry skills, business forms, side walk art, face painting, parade float building etc. Running the total operation of Ron's Graphics paper work, contract, taxes, delivery, installation, maintainance, repair, sales marketing etc., with part time help.

8/2002 – 6/2008 **Substitute Teachers Unlimited** Warren, Michigan

- Substitute Teacher grades K-12 all subjects. Trying to inspire young adults to be stronger learners and more productive in the classroom, duties ranging from singing songs to Kindergartners, to braking up gang fights in the heart of Detroit's underserved area schools. Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties.

9/1985 –present **Alkebu-lan Village** (Contractual) Detroit, Michigan

Many signs and banners over the years, many volunteer projects etc.

Commercial Art Instructor 12 weeks of class instruction in sign making, ages 7-18.

Supervisor over summer youth camp ages 6-12, supervised 10 teenagers handling 100 youth.

6/2001 – 6/2002 – **Detroit Park & Recreation Department** Detroit, Michigan

- Mentor, counselor of youth ages 6 to 21 years old. Taught arts and crafts class ages 6 to 15 years. Painted life size mural of the late great Joe Louis (The Brown Bomber) fixed up boxing area and fix the original boxing ring he trained and fought in.

1/2007-present Contract artist **City of Detroit & Detroit Park & Recreation**

Many art projects and produced banners the **Detroit Public Library**

Designed produced and supervised summer youth workers in building a parade float for the **Detroit Tigers & Park & Rec.**

9/2000-present, **America's Thanks Giving Parade** (The Parade Company, Contractual)

- Sculpture Artist making figure of animals, floats and other artistic objects specializing at the parade company in: sculpture, lettering and carpentry, worked in 2000-01 and 2009.

### **EDUCATION**

9/2000 – 2010 **Wayne State University** Detroit, Michigan

BA Degree, Interdisciplinary Studies

with overall GPA 3.15, Honor Student, WSU Deans List, National Deans List

Also worked on various research projects at WSU.

9/82 – 5/84 **Coahoma College** Clarksdale, Mississippi

Art Major, Captain of Basketball Team and First in Art class

9/80 – 5/82 **Highland Park Community College** Highland Park, Michigan

Lettered in Basketball and Cross Country, Majored in Psychology

9/76 – 6/79 **Kettering Senior High School** Detroit, Michigan

Lettered in Basketball and Cross Country made ALL CITY basketball in one Year. At that time the Detroit Public Schools basketball was a national power House.