

ANNUAL REPORT

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YouthServe: At the center of Growing Importance of Civic Health



According to the National Conference on Citizenship, civic health is measured by the way citizens interact with each other, their communities, and in political life. Some of these measures include voting in local elections, volunteering, contacting public officials, group membership or participation, and donating to charitable or religious organizations.

This matters, because research has linked civic health to economic resilience; workforce development; child development, adolescent well-being, mental health, and other public health outcomes; access to opportunity; community vitality; lower violent crime rates and youth delinquency; and reduced mortality.

The last available data for Alabama shows a strong social connectedness with family and friends.

However, this does not translate into high levels of public work. In fact, the David C. Matthews Center for Civic Life discovered Alabama ranks at or near the bottom in rates of attending public meetings and working with neighbors to fix or improve something in the community.

From the classroom to community service sites, YouthServe brings the opportunity to engage with community to youth where they are. Significant findings show our programs work (see page 4) and plans are in the works with partners at the University of Alabama at Birmingham to scale and expand this opportunity. Together, with our partners, youth and community, YouthServe is laying a foundation for a more civically healthy future for Alabama.

2019 YOUTHSERVE STAFF



From left, Jennifer Hatchett, Executive Director, Meesha Emmett, Director of Donor Relations and Communications, and Daniel Ross, Program Director, Not pictured: Emily Curran, Bookkeeper.

2019 YEAR AT A GLANCE

YouthServe in the Community



1907 Youth, All Programs
519 Unique Volunteers at Service Events



6447 Service Hours



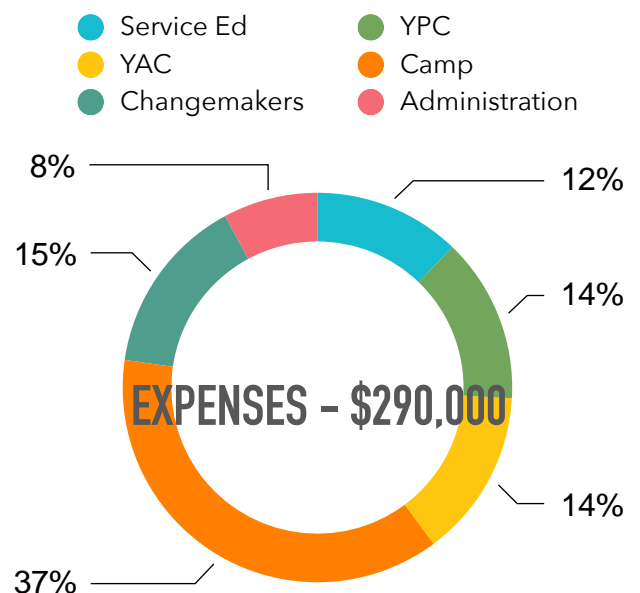
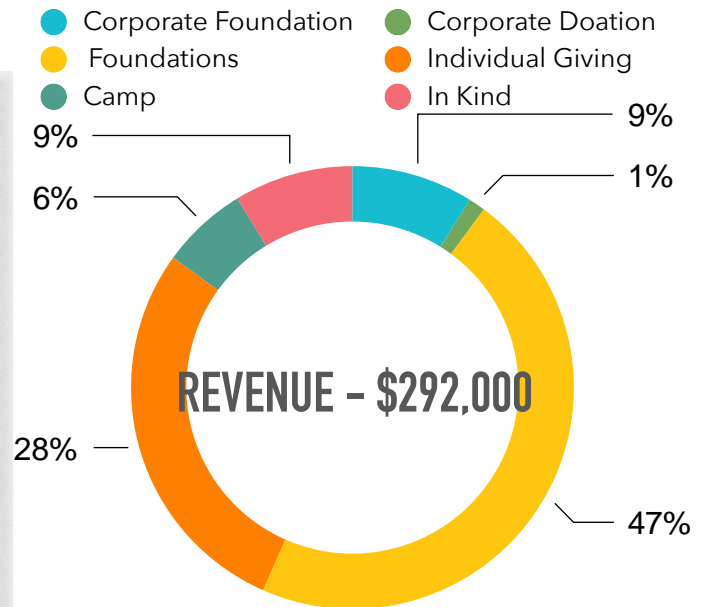
23 Local Organizations Served



32,000 Direct Service Beneficiaries



\$161,834 investment back to community through service/philanthropy



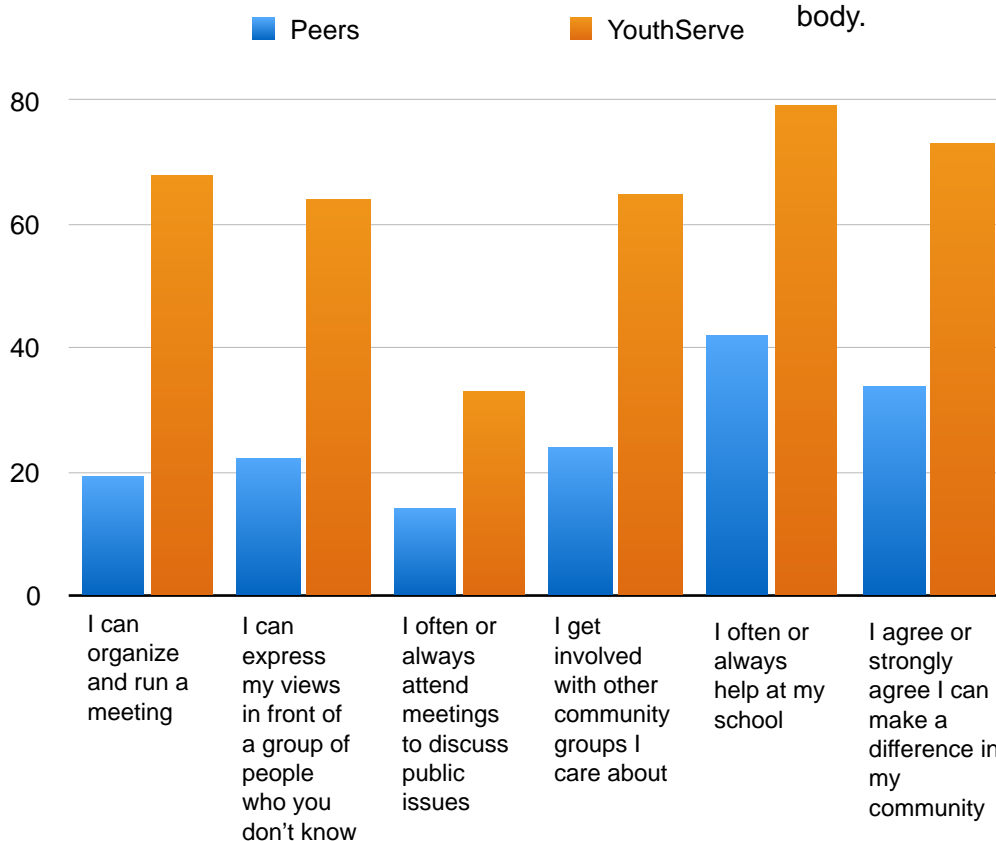
IN-SCHOOL MILESTONES



In 2019, Carver High School announced a full elective course for the Changemaker program, thanks to the incredible support of their teacher, Rebecca Blumenfeld, and the space and time to pursue their projects, the Carver Changemakers were able to win a \$10,000 grant from Altec to implement an incredible project to install water-

chillers with water bottle fill-ups to help alleviate plastic waste from their school. The project was incredibly well-researched and well-presented in the competition. The group was so successful, they entered another grant competition, which they also won, to purchase reusable water bottles for the entire students body.

“Over time, this class has taught me to advocate for myself and my community...It’s also helped me to Branch out. Lately, I’ve become more comfortable with public speaking and making sure my message gets across to the audience effectively.”
-Jacob Hill, Carver HS



Through a partnership with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, YouthServe began testing the civic knowledge of the most involved Of our in-school programming, The Changemakers. The Results speak for themselves. More testing and evaluation will Continue in 2020 and new Curriculum will be unveiled for The 2020-2021 school year.

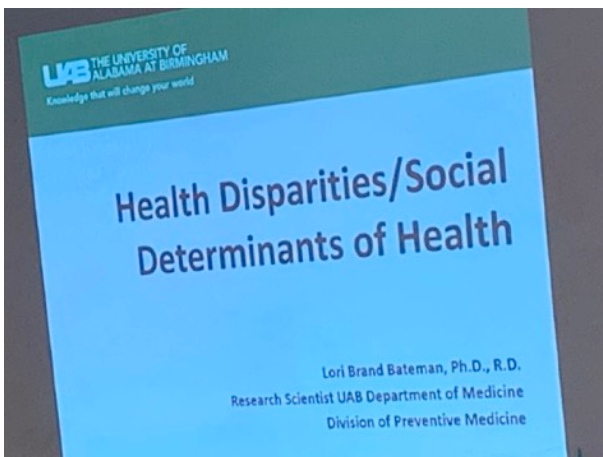
YOUTH LEADERSHIP

All Youth Leadership Initiatives through YouthServe feature monthly meetings in which youth attend to their business and are assisted via caring adults and experts, but are entirely youth-led.



2019 Youth Philanthropy Council

Each year, the Youth Philanthropy Council via the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation becomes a grant-making body to invest in initiatives important to them. In 2019 their focus included access to mental health for youth, relief for food deserts/healthy lifestyles and access to quality education.



2018-19 Youth Philanthropy Council

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2019 Youth Philanthropy Council Awards

\$5000 - AlaQuest Collaborative Education - supporting Culture Coaches program for social emotional learning in schools.

\$5000 - Grace House Ministries - in support of transitional services and on-campus schools for girls in foster care.

\$4000 - HICA - supporting college readiness programs for Latinx youth

\$4000 - STAIR Birmingham - in support of operations for 2nd grade reading tutor program.

\$2000 - Community Care Development Network -



2019 Youth Action Council

Comprised of 27 youth from 14 metro-area schools, the Youth Action Council led 9 community-wide service days hosting over 450 volunteers throughout the year. This council, like Youth Philanthropy Council, begins the year assessing their community, considering challenges and looking into how they can recruit their peers to help.

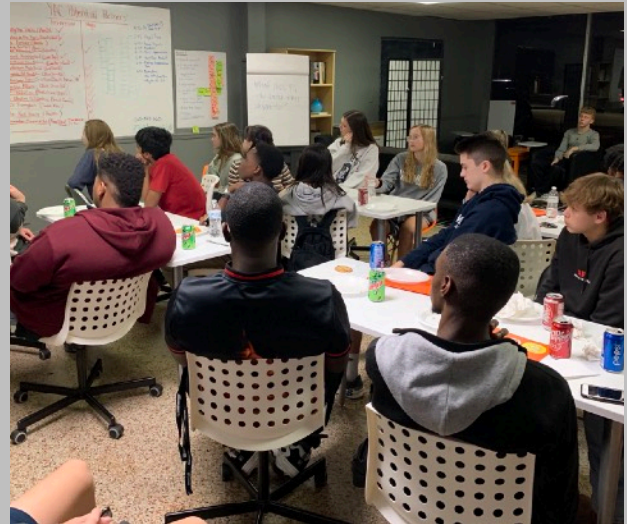
2019 Service Events

Turkey Creek Nature Preserve
Alabama Wildlife Center
Cardboard Connect with One Roof
East Lake Farmers Market
First Light Shelter for Women and Children
Collat Jewish Family Services
Boo at the Zoo
Salvation Army Angel Tree Donation Center
YWCA Santa's Workshop
Zoolight Safari

2018-19 Youth Action Council Members

Gabrielle Blue
Lizzie Cooper
Mandy Davis
Maggie Doyle
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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

AH Parker High School
Advent Episcopal School
Alabama School of Fine Arts
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Berry Middle School
Booker T. Washington K-8
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Jackson-Olin High School
JCIB High School
JCIB Middle School
John Carroll Catholic High School
Moody High School
Mountain Brook Jr. High School

Oak Mountain High School
Oak Mountain Middle School
Our Lady of Sorrows School
Phillips Academy
Pinson Valley High School
Pleasant Grove High School
Ramsay High School
Shades Valley High School
Spain Park High School
Success Unlimited
The Altamont School
Trace Crossings School
Vestavia Hills High School
Woodlawn High School
Wylam K-8

Service Ed Schools

Advent Episcopal School
Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Green Acres Middle School
Hueytown Middle School
McAdory Middle School
Rutledge Middle School
Washington K-8
Wylam K-8
Youth Leadership Forum

Changemaker Schools

GW Carver High School*
Phillips Academy
Ramsay High School
Trace Crossings

*Elective course

2019 CAMP



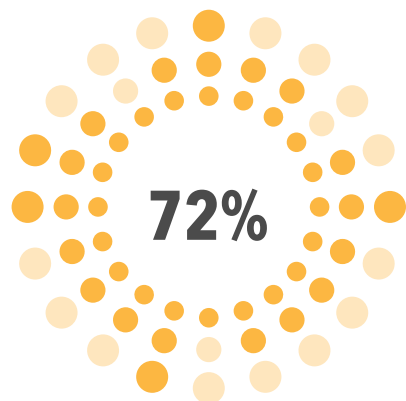
“Urban Service Camp was a game-changer for me.”

A Unique Experience of Civic Engagement, Leadership and Diversity

YouthServe’s Urban Service Camp follows the values and mission of YouthServe to develop youth leadership through community service. Most activities and workshops are youth-led, with caring adults and experts as guides leading them through complex issues such as poverty and privilege, and how to properly enter diverse communities for service.

The Summer of 2019 marked twenty-one years of Urban Service Camp with YouthServe. That’s over **1800 campers** and more than **27,000 service hours** invested in communities across the metro region.

Social competencies



Of campers gained specific sets of positive skills necessary to get along with others and function in diverse groups.



YouthServe Urban Service Camp



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Andrew Colson



Andrew Colson is a former YouthServe volunteer and Urban Service Camp counselor. A Birmingham native, Andrew has been actively involved with YouthServe for the past eight years - most recently, facilitating YouthServe's partnership with the UAB to redesign its foundational Service Education curriculum.

Andrew is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he received his BA in International Studies and his MA in Public Administration. He currently works as an Admissions Counselor in the UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions. His involvement with YouthServe greatly influenced his career pursuits. "I give YouthServe credit for convincing me to pursue a career in providing educational access and opportunities to youth of all different backgrounds," said Colson. "It was through this program that I met some amazing youth who have donated their talents, time, and boundless energy toward serving our community in a variety of ways."

Andrew is also a founding member of the YouthServe Young Professionals Board, through which he hopes to be a positive influence for the future generations of youth leaders.

Thank you for your support.

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