

PROGRA REPORT 21-22

2021



The last few years have been a challenge for everyone on the planet, including for us here at YouthServe. Despite the incredible disruptions, from school closures and widely varied schedules, to quickly pivoting between in-person and virtual programming when threats were elevated, YouthServe remained committed to providing the highest quality programming to youth, giving them the tools and guidance they needed to feel a little more empowered to make a difference in an often chaotic world.

We are so grateful to every youth, to every parent, every community partner, and those who fund this important work for the overwhelming support you have given us.



Sincerely,

**⊻**xecutive Director

#### VISION

Our vision is to create a strong community of informed citizens who know the value of diversity in innovation and who can effectively work together to create positive impact.

### **MISSION**

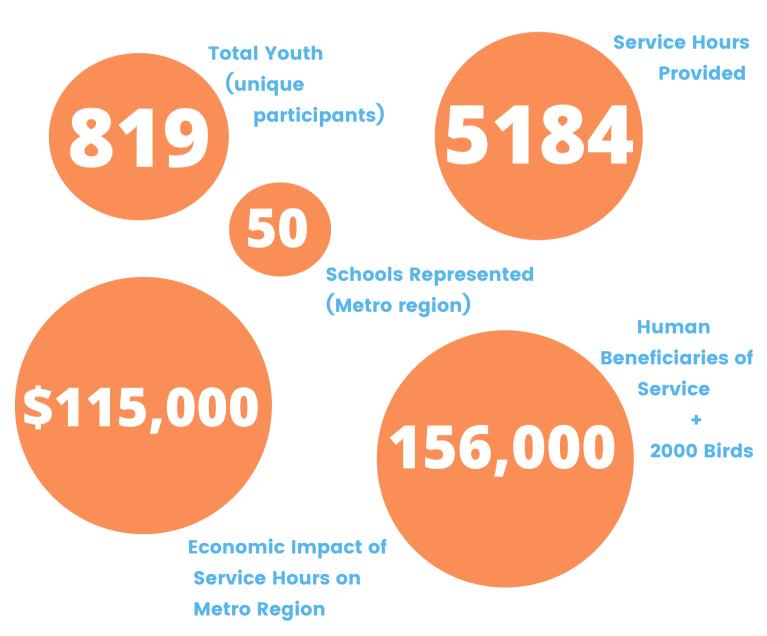
YouthServe empowers diverse youth leadership through civic engagement, service and philanthropy.

### GOAL/ METHOD

YouthServe's goal is to, through unique programming and activites, create the space and opportunity for as many diverse youth as possible to **build** essential civic skills, **connect** with community, their peers, and caring adults who provide tools and guidance to empower them to **lead** positive change.

## **2021-22 IMPACT**

Demand for leadership programming more than doubled in the 2021-22 school year, with more youth than ever taking advantage of in-depth community opportunities for service projects (Youth Action Council) and philanthropy (Youth Philanthropy Council). In addition, Twenty-seven different service events and opportunities provided for hundreds of youth outside of core leadership programs to connect with community. Many volunteered for more than four such events.



## **DRIVES IMPACT**

COVID made in-person community service difficult in the last several years, but YouthServe youth rose to the occasion to support organizations around the city with contactless donor drives. These drives were so successful and so impactful,

they continued even as in-person service returned.

Soctober Drive	Peanut Butter Drive	Veterans Support
3800 socks collected for city programs serving unhoused	Over 400 pounds of peanut butter collected for Community Food Bank.	150 letters and care packages for local veterans.
Books 2 Prisons Book Drive	Support for Working mothers	Support for teachers
Over 100 books collected to disperse to incarcerated indivudals	Over 500 professional clothing items and	Hundreds of school supplies collected from teachers' wish



clothing items and baby care collected for Morgan's Closet

lists for Teacher **Appreciation Week** 

# CALLED TO LEAD: YOUTH ACTION

At the beginning of each program year, the Youth Action Council splits into small groups based on issues they care about in their community. They spend a great deal of time learning about those issues, and from their learning, create and implement the projects.



#### **Environment Group – Clean Up Your A.C.T**:

The Clean Up Your A.C.T. group connected with Cahaba River Society and Birmingham City Council President Pro Tempore Crystal Smitherman to provide two service day opportunities this spring. The Cahaba River Society partnership resulted in Canoe River Clean Up of a local waterway.

#### **Career Support Group**

Students planned, promoted and carried out their "Attire to Inspire" clothing drive benefiting Morgan's Closet and Bundles of Hope! The students collected over 500, 543 to be exact, items of Women's interview clothing, Diapers/Pull-ups, Baby Wipes, and period products.



#### Access to Sex Education Group:

Students hosted a community conversation on Sunday, April 10th. The conversation was facilitated by national moderating organization, Braver Angels, and students left the conversation with a cohesive list of their values, concerns, and solutions. Parents, and community members came, observed, and participated in the conversation, presenting different perspectives, and listening as the students articulated what is they would like to see concerning Sex Education in schools.



# YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL '21-'22

Tanner Battle, Mountain Brook Junior High School Demarcus Beasley, Clay-Chalkville High School George Benson, The Altamont School Adele Benson, The Altamont School Taryn Billups, JCIB William Bittner, Alabama School of Fine Arts Sydney Black, Shades Valley High School Martell Blevins, Minor Middle School Bickley Bowron, Mountain Brook High School Sarah Brandy, JCIB Henry Brooks, Vestavia Hills High School Christion Clark, Jackson-Olin High School Jameson Coleman, Bumpus Middle School Arianna Colin, Ramsay IB High School Kendall Crabtree, Mountain Brook High School Tyra Davis, Ramsay High School Rama Diallo, Homewood High School Madeline Dickey, Briarwood Christian School Julia Downs, Alabama School of Fine Arts Maia Eason, Bumpus Middle School **Phoebe Evans, Indian Springs School** Lucy Evans, Mountain Brook High School Caroline Fowlkes, John Carroll Catholic High School Olivia Gilbert, Montevallo High School Kylah Gooden, Ramsay High School Andrew Groce, Spain Park High School Brayden Harris, Hoover High School Nicole Hatton, Mountain Brook High School

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Olivia Williams, Spain Park High School

## **YOUTH PHILANTHROPY**

YPC acknowledges our communities, especially youth, are struggling due to lasting effects and disruptions of the global pandemic. In 2022, the focused support for organizations either serving childen/youth or using youth volunteers, making impact around the challenges they agreed are at the forefront of their generation.

### **Education**

- College Choice Foundation Operational funding to support low-income scholars in Birmingham City and Homewood Schools to prepare and succeed in not only getting into college, but completing their education once there.
- Legacy Prep Academy Supporting social emotional learning initiatives at Birmingham Charter School.
- STAIR Birmingham Operations funding to support 1st & 2nd grade reading intervention at 11 Birmingham City Schools.

### **Inclusive Spaces**

 Magic City Acceptance Center -Operational funding to support safe, inclusive spaces for youth in the Birmingham LGBTQ+ community.Bullet points here

#### Health

• Community Care Development Network -Operational support for the many-pronged approach to health and mental health of youth and families, from alternative education and mentoring opportunities for formerly incarcerated youth, to basic needs like food and clothing, et

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## Community Revitalization

• S.W.E.E.T. Alabama – Support for the H.E.R. initiative, targeting thirty-five homes in the Woodlawn and North Birmingham communities (mostly single mothers) to repair and retrofit homes for efficient water and power use, saving energy and relieving families of large water and power bills.

The Youth Philanthropy Council graciously thanks the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation for supporting and sustaining this unique program since 1998.



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# YOUTH IN SERVICE AWARDS

# A game-changer and new program for YouthServe

Let Youth Service Shine!

YouthServe Introduced Birmingham's only awards event exclusively recognizing the contributions of youth demonstrating the ability to BUILD community, CONNECT together and LEAD positive change.

Awards were announced at a breakfast event at Haven in Birmingham's Southside on April 22, 2022.









Over 200 attendees enjoyed a welcome by the Mayor of Birmingham, Randall Woodfin, and the celebration of youth finalsits from across the metro region. Winners included (clockwise from top) Carrington Hodge, Advocacy and Awareness Award, Terri Coleman, Education Parter of the Year, Homewood HS Clearn Air Collaborative, Creative Service Awards, and GW. Carver High School R4 Recycling Club, Overall Impact Award. For more information and videos from finalists and winners, please visit youthservebham.org.

# SCHOOLS REPRESENTED (ALL PROGRAMS)

Advent Episcopal Day School

Alabama School of Fine Arts

Bragg Middle School

Briarwood Christian High School

Bumpus Middle School

Clay-Chalkville High School

Cornerstone High School

Gardendale High School

Helena High School

Highlands School

Holy Family Christo Rey Catholic High School

Homewood Middle School

Homewood High School

Hoover High School

Huffman High School

Hueytown High School

Hueytown Middle School

Indian Springs School

Jackson-Olin High School

Jefferson County International Baccalaureate

John Carroll Catholic High School

McAdory High School

Minor Middle School

Minor High School

Moody High School

Montevallo High School

Mountain Brook High School

Mountain Brook Junior High School

Oak Mountain High School

Ossie Ware Mitchell Middle School

Pelham High School

Pinson Valley High School

Pizitz Middle School

Pleasant Grove High School

Prince of Peace Catholic School

Ramsay High School

Shades Valley High School

Spain Park High School

The Altamont School

Thompson High School

Trace Crossings Elementary School

Vestavia Hills High School

Wenonoah High School

Westminster School at Oak Mountain

W.J. Christian School

Woodlawn High School

Changemaker & Service Ed Schools

Holy Family Christo Rey Catholic High School

Pinson Valley High School

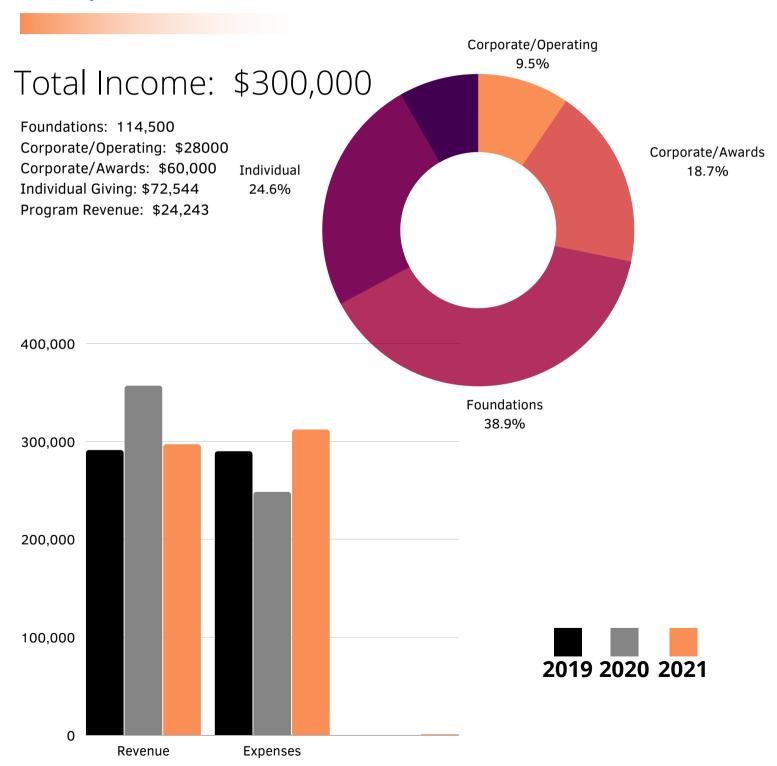
Ramsay High School

The Altamont School

Trace Crossings Elementary School

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# 2021Financial Snapshot



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