

SUMMER 2022

COMING BACK TOGETHER

SUMMER OF HEALING,
LOVE AND CELEBRATION



25,974

**YOUTH
EMPOWERED**

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST THANKS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AGENCIES, EMPLOYERS, AND PARTNERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ONE SUMMER CHICAGO AND DFSS'S SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS.

This year, Chicago celebrated a summer of joy. Your engagement in our city's communal, economic, and civic spaces has been integral to building that joy. Through this work, you have strengthened the social fabric that make our city so great.

This year marked the 12th summer of One Summer Chicago and the third year of the Chicago Youth Service Corps. Over 20,000 young Chicagoans worked at local businesses, city agencies, and community-based organizations. And for the first time ever, young people were earning at least \$15 an hour.

Most importantly, these youth explored the world of work, learned valuable skills, and established positive relationships with peers and adults. Together, they organized healing circles for their communities, taught their peers financial management skills, developed products with cutting edge technology like augmented reality, and researched tangible solutions to problems that impact their communities. These opportunities – and thousands more – are preparing OSC participants to become future leaders.

DFSS Enrichment programs have provided thousands of young people with meaningful and enriching programming so that young people feel safe and supported and can build social, emotional, and cognitive skills, develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and participate in exciting leadership opportunities. Through activities focused on sports, arts, science, and more, young people have opportunities to engage in programs that support their healthy development and violence prevention.

I am so proud of the young Chicagoans who participated in these activities and am excited to see the next steps you take on your journeys to success.

Thank you all.

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR OF CHICAGO

ONE SUMMER CHICAGO

2022 YOUTH IMPACT REPORT



20,544
youth empowered

“When covid and all happened, I thought it was over for daily activities. It was a major struggle and depression hit me hard. However, thankfully when I came to this program my mind opened-up like never before. For the first time I found working at a job site exciting and I was full of energy to get the job done. It was a unique experience to explore my interests and feel welcome.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



PROJECT BASED LEARNING. CAREER DEVELOPMENT. LIFE SUCCESS.

One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer **employment** and **internship** opportunities to youth and young adults, ages 14 to 24.

OSC includes 3 different program models:



Chicagobility 3,725 youth engaged

A foundational program for youth, ages 14–15, that uses project-based learning to support career exploration, self-discovery, self-awareness, and skill development.



Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) 16,077 youth engaged

OSC's core summer jobs program. Youth, ages 16–24, participate in employment programs, internships and/or specialized training programs focused on career development and skills mastery in high demand job sectors and youth interest areas.



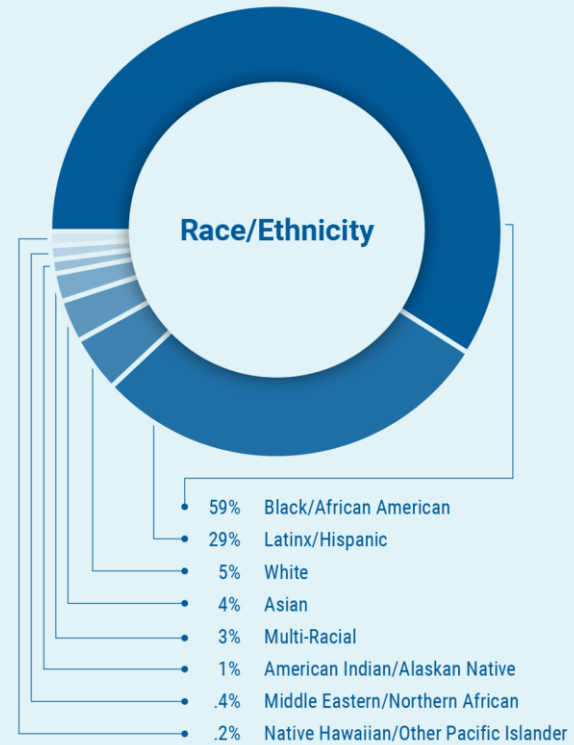
Chicago Youth Service Corps (CYSC) 742 youth engaged

CYSC focuses on leadership development through civic engagement and service-learning projects for youth, ages 16–24. The participants develop as local leaders through the creation of paid service-learning opportunities focused on civic engagement.

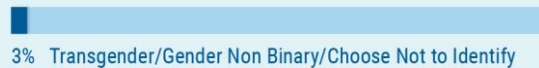
★★ OSC PARTICIPANTS ★★

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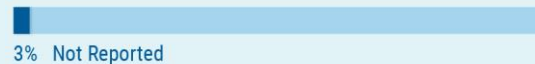
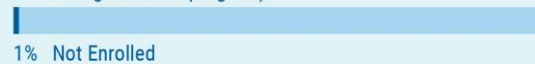
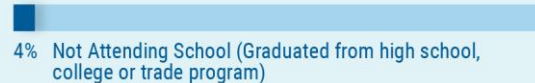
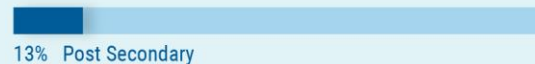


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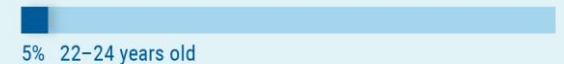
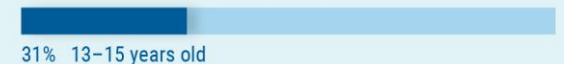


N = 20,544

Education Status



Age Group

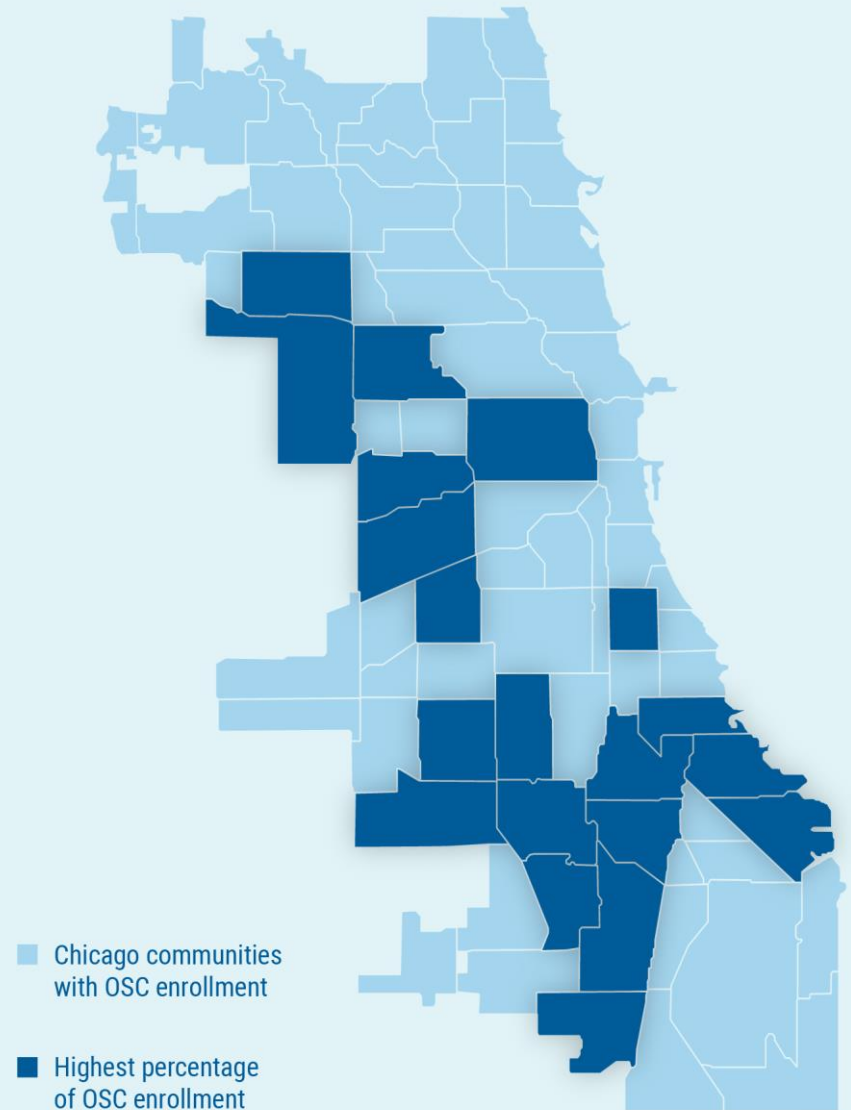


ONE SUMMER CHICAGO REPRESENTS THE UNIQUE DIVERSITY OF ALL 77 CHICAGO COMMUNITIES AND 50 ALDERMANIC WARDS

This summer, youth representing all Chicago communities participated in a mix of employment programs, internships and project-based learning experiences.

These twenty communities had the highest percentage of youth in One Summer Chicago:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ashburn | Near West Side |
| Auburn Gresham | North Lawndale |
| Austin | Roseland |
| Belmont Cragin | South Chicago |
| Brighton Park | South Lawndale |
| Chatham | South Shore |
| Chicago Lawn | Washington Heights |
| Grand Boulevard | West Englewood |
| Greater Grand Crossing | West Pullman |
| Humboldt Park | Woodlawn |



ACROSS THE CITY, PROGRAMS PRIORITIZED BELONGING & CONNECTEDNESS, CHALLENGING YOUTH PARTICIPANTS TO EXPAND EXISTING SKILLS, DEVELOP NEW ONES, AND GAIN CONFIDENCE ALONG THE WAY.

Providing youth with the skills and competencies to thrive is a foundational component of all OSC programs. Positive developmental relationships are key to young people's success and adult instructors showed up in a big way, consistently bringing passion, commitment and care to the work.

N = 8,565 (For all items except for 'I feel more hopeful')

N = 3,953 (I feel more hopeful about my future)



I learned something interesting or useful



My instructor treated me with respect



I feel more hopeful about my future because of my participation in this program



My program challenged me to try new things



My program provided opportunities to interact with people I probably would not have met otherwise



At my program I feel like I matter

★ ★ INFINITE POSSIBILITIES: ★ ★ YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS

“I WANT US TO DREAM A LITTLE BIGGER. IMAGINE A WHOLE GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEING BORN IN THIS MOMENT WHO ARE GOING TO GROW UP UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD DOESN’T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.”

— Kaba, 2020

OSC programs are playing a crucial role in creating active change makers across Chicago. This year we asked youth to self-reflect on their likelihood of engaging in specific civic actions before and after participation in OSC programs.

N = 6,927

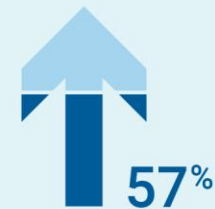
After participation in One Summer Chicago Programs there was an increase of:



63% of youth who are more likely to take action to solve issues in their community



58% of youth who are more likely to take a leadership role in a group working to solve issues in their community



57% of youth who are more likely to organize their peers around social issues they care about

*** HIGHLIGHT ***

EMPLOY YOUTH. INSPIRE EXCELLENCE.

Urban Alliance connects high school students to equitable, inclusive careers through paid work experiences, mentorship, and professional development. They work with schools and employers to address systemic barriers to economic mobility for young adults of color and to bridge the gaps between education and workforce development for all young people.

“One of the most important things that I learned is how to use different types of technology in my research.”

What youth participants had to say

- **97%** reported learning something interesting or useful
- **95%** reported gaining new skills or improving existing skills
- **94%** reported increased opportunities to interact with people they would not have met otherwise

(N = 31)



★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

KEEP LOVING EACH OTHER

K.L.E.O. is dedicated to strengthening families and providing a safe haven, through education, public safety, health and human services and economic development.

“I was out of the house doing something productive. This program made me feel important and like I belonged to something bigger than myself.”

What youth participants had to say

- **94%** reported that the program encouraged them to feel good about themselves
- **92%** reported the program provided opportunities to discuss real-world issues
- **91%** reported gaining new skills or improving existing skills

(N = 111)



1.9MIL HOURS

Of project-based learning and work experiences completed by Chicago youth. During tough economic times, 20,544 young people earned over \$25 million in wages this summer.



“I had multiple instructors and each one was amazing in their own way. They challenged me out of my comfort zone to become the best person possible. They treated me with respect like an adult. Everyday going to work made me feel happy because I knew I had such incredible support and staff by my side.”

— YOUTH PARTICIPANT



“I haven’t seen a studio space like this since pre-COVID and it’s been an emotional and transformational adventure each day. The relationships and friendships I’ve valued being able to express myself and being vulnerable without being judged and I hate being vulnerable in front of people so this was a big accomplishment and a proud moment for me.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



“I really loved interacting and learning from the other people in my program. I feel so grateful and happy that I got to connect with them and formed strong relationships with people who are as passionate as I am about the same things.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT





Today at Apple Michigan Avenue

One Summer Chicago Everyone Can Code & Create Showcase

Today we celebrate select student projects in coding, augmented reality, video, and Swift game design.

DFSS SUMMER ENRICHMENT

2022 YOUTH IMPACT REPORT



5,430
youth empowered

“My program gave me amazing friends and great instructors. I had the chance to make new friends and they’re like my best friends. The program was fun, even when there are busy days because there’s always something to laugh at. Everyone got to be themselves and we were all appreciated and respected.”

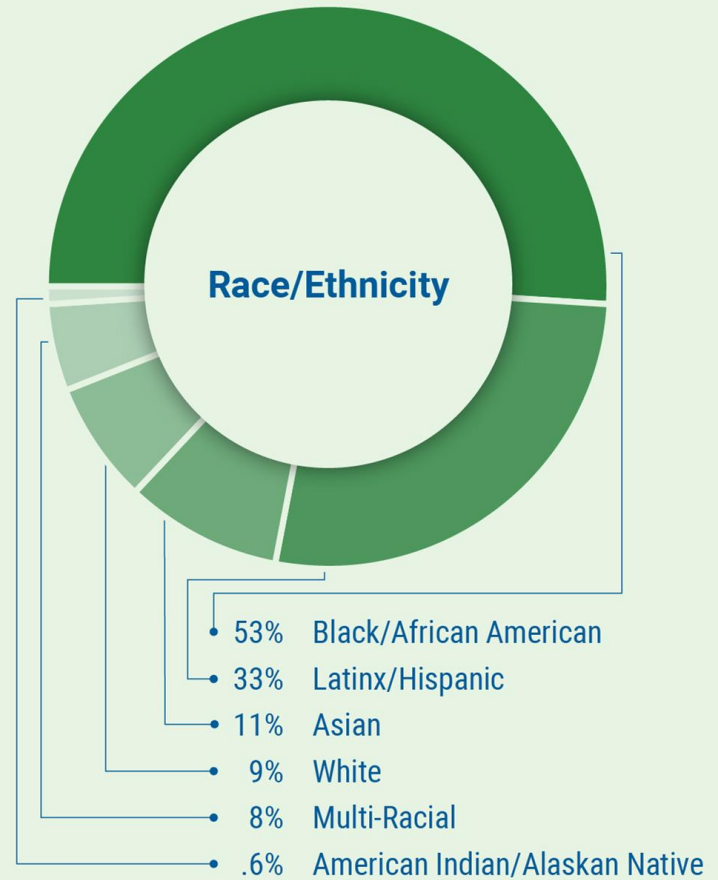
—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



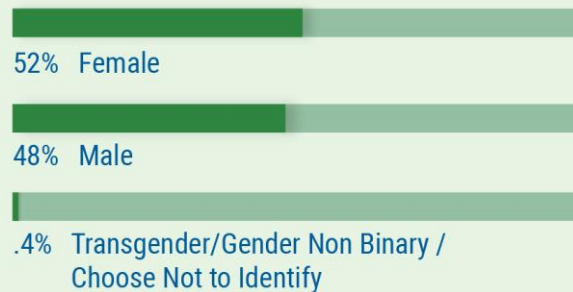
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Gender



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Age Group



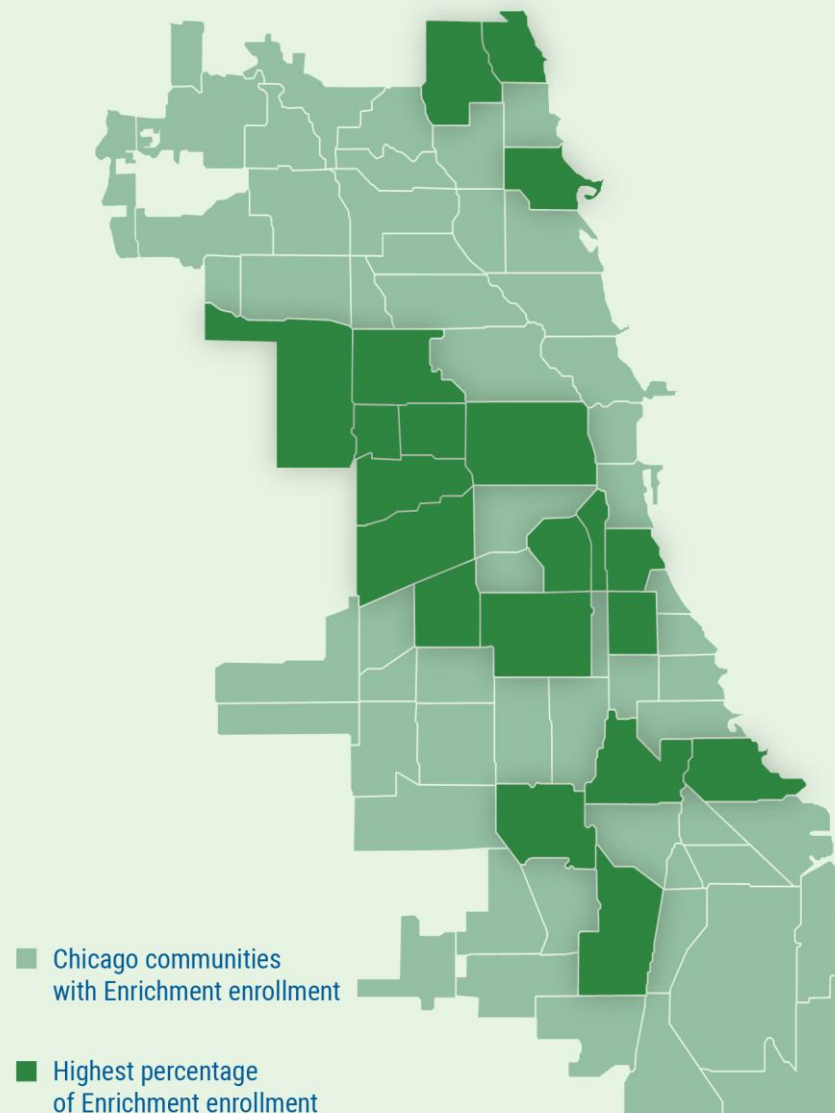
★ ★ ENRICHMENT COVERAGE ★ ★

DFSS ENRICHMENT REPRESENTS THE UNIQUE DIVERSITY OF ALL 77 CHICAGO COMMUNITIES AND 50 ALDERMANIC WARDS

This summer, youth representing nearly all Chicago communities, participated in meaningful and enriching programming and exciting leadership opportunities.

These twenty communities had the highest percentage of youth in Enrichment programs:

Armour Square	Near West Side
Auburn Gresham	New City
Austin	North Lawndale
Bridgeport	Rogers Park
Brighton Park	Roseland
Douglas	South Lawndale
East Garfield Park	South Shore
Grand Boulevard	Uptown
Greater Grand Crossing	West Garfield Park
Humboldt Park	West Ridge



★ ★ CULTIVATING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS ★ ★

MEETING THE DEMAND FOR SAFE, NURTURING, FUN, AND QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

Enrichment programs delivered services with a primary focus on youth participants' social emotional needs and overall well-being. The instructors and staff went above and beyond to develop supportive relationships with youth participants ages 6 to 21. Youth who feel connected at school and home are less likely to experience negative health outcomes related to substance abuse, violence and mental health. Overall, youth participants reported overwhelmingly positive connections and experiences.

N= 1,541



I feel a strong connection with my program instructor



I feel a strong connection with the peers in my program



I feel more hopeful about the future after participation in the program



I feel my program is a comfortable place to hang out



My instructors treat me with respect



I feel like I belong in my program

★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC EDUCATION

Chicago West Community Music Center provides high quality music instruction and community performances. This summer, CWCMC worked with Chicago youth by engaging them in music education, performances, and enrichment opportunities.

“CWCMC gave me the opportunity to learn more about music and the industry, and express and hone my skills.”

What youth participants had to say

- **97%** of youth reported being challenged to try new things
- **97%** of youth reported gaining new skills or improving existing skills
- **96%** of youth reported feeling a strong connection with their instructor

(N = 75)



★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORTS AND PLAY

Beyond the Ball leverages the power of sport and play to reclaim space, unite the community, and develop a culture of opportunity through which they cultivate hope and change lives.

“The program impacted my life by helping me feel good about my body and gain more confidence. I learned that you have to keep trying. It’s ok to make mistakes, but you can’t give up.”

What youth participants had to say

- **97%** reported the program gave them something fun to do
- **93%** reported the program provided them an opportunity to explore their interests
- **93%** reported the program provided a safe space for them to be their true self

(N = 90)





“My program gave me a sense of sisterhood. It showed me how people that are different from you or of a different age group can still come together to do big things and have fun.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



“We had to make a song one day. I’m a singer, but I didn’t have the courage to get into the studio. They (instructors) asked me to hop on a song with them. Not only did the song teach me a lot but it made me realize how much power and gratitude my voice holds.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



CHICAGO YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

2022 YOUTH IMPACT REPORT



742
youth empowered

"This program made me think about my community and the world we live in. It made me more aware of the challenges faced by my community and empowered me to speak up. I learned that being kind and giving back helps the world little by little because the world is in need of love and care."

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



★★ CHICAGO YOUTH SERVICE CORPS: ★★ CYSC PROJECTS ARE ROOTED IN 6 GUIDING PRINCIPLES



SHAPE CHICAGO

Strengthen our neighborhoods, communities, and our City through **civic leadership**



LEARN TO LEAD

Learning and reflecting on what **good leadership looks like**



ELEVATE YOUR VOICE

Explore **identities, passions, and goals** by providing tools for a successful future



LEAD TO LEARN

Improve our programming through **continuous feedback and leadership**



BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY & CITY

Collaborate to accomplish **goals** and broaden each others' **impact**



CELEBRATE YOURSELF & OTHERS

Celebrate the **diverse** backgrounds, experiences, and traditions of every young person

★★ HIGHLIGHT ★★

CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF COMMUNITY

Central State SER, provided opportunities for youth to learn advanced photography skills, Adobe Photoshop fluency, and studio light proficiency,. Youth documented and showcased critical cultural elements within their community of Little Village.

“This summer, I learned how art within the community can bring us together.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action.

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **157%** increase in youth feeling more comfortable expressing their views about issues they care about.
- **112%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take a leadership role in their community.
- **100%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take action to solve issues they care about.

(N = 90)

Percentages based on retrospective items where youth reported how they felt before entering the OSC program and after participation. For example, if at the start of the program, 5/20 youth say they are likely to vote, and at the end of the program, 10/20 say they would be likely to vote, it would be a 100% increase in youth who are likely to vote.



★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

WELCOME TO THE LYNX

Kuumba Lynx is committed using urban art and performance to cultivate strong communities built on a foundation of love. This summer, youth participated in workshops, sports, performances, and community building activities as part of The Lynx.

“The program impacted my life by giving me a space to get back to my creativity. I loved being able to collaborate with other POC artists, share ideas and build friendships.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action.

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **126%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take a leadership role in their community.
- **107%** increase in youth feeling more likely to organize their peers for social change.
- **88%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take action to solve issues in their community.

(N = 41)

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★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

INFORMATION & SKILLS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS

This summer, the Asian Human Service youth focused on sex education, creating an online curriculum and 'safe sex kits' for Peterson Park community members. In the Fall, youth aim to pitch their sex education curriculum to CPS.

“After spending time in this program, I see that there are a lot of other teens and young adults like me who would like to make a change in their community.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action.

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **124%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take action to solve issues and problems in their community.
- **94%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take a leadership role in their community.
- **90%** increase in youth feeling more aware of issues that impact their community.
(N = 71)

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★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

CONFRONTING SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION

The youth at the Boys and Girls Club have created a social media campaign and podcast series to highlight topics such as building peaceful communities, eliminating sexual violence, and dismantling systemic racism.

“The program impacted my life because I learned more about podcasting and I got to experience more and do more hands on activities.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **88%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take a leadership role in their community.
- **86%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take action to solve issues and problems in their community.
- **75%** increase in youth feeling more likely to organize their peers for social change.

(N = 106)

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★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Youth at St. Agatha focused on individuals facing food insecurity due to lack of access to healthy and essential food resources. Youth created a community garden to beautify their community and provide healthy food options to community members.

“The program impacted my life as I was able to gain a greater understanding of what it means to take on responsibilities in my community.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action.

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **150%** increase in youth feeling more likely to organize their peers for social change.
- **114%** increase in youth feeling more likely to express their views about issues they care about .
- **88%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take action to solve issues and problems in their community.

(N = 31)

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★ ★ HIGHLIGHT ★ ★

SCIENTIFIC MINDS AND INVESTED CITIZENS

MAPSCorps trains youth to produce high quality data about community assets that everyone can use to improve the human condition.

“It helped me be more outspoken, outgoing, and step outside my comfort zone.”

Personal Transformation. Collective Action.

After participation in CYSC, youth reported growth in civic attitudes and behaviors, including:

- **72%** increase in youth feeling more likely to take a leadership role in their community.
- **67%** increase in youth feeling more likely to organize their peers for social change.
- **63%** increase in youth feeling more likely to find new ways to use their skills and strengths to make a positive impact in their communities.

(N = 168)

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“The program helped me see that I’m worthy and to stop being so hard on myself, love myself more, and share this feeling with others.”

—YOUTH PARTICIPANT



“Although the project is hard and takes a lot of work, thinking of how many people we will be able to reach with our project and impact motivates me to keep going. I believe this project is something I will be proud of for years to come.”

±YOUTH PARTICIPANT



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Judah International Outreach Ministries
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Kuumba Lynx
Little Black Pearl Workshop
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Association
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MAPSCorps
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Midwest Asian Health Association
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National Museum of Mexican Art
New Eclipse Community Alliance
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Association
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