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# 2024 IMPACT REPORT

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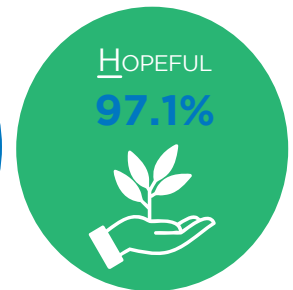
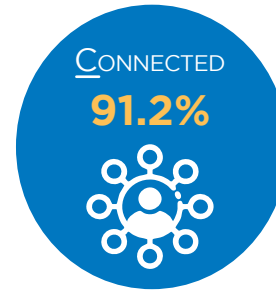
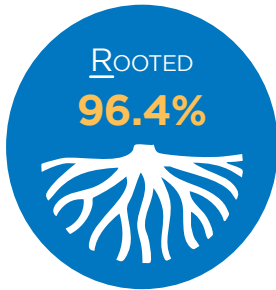
I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible community that supports Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC). Together, we empower young people to overcome barriers and excel in education, career and life. This mission has driven us to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and strengthen our partnerships with schools, businesses, and volunteers.

### THIS PAST YEAR WE:

- Served over 5,000 students through mentoring, work readiness, college access and resource coordination
- Launched our new R.E.A.C.H. outcomes model and found that over 97% of our students have more hope for their future because of CYC
- Celebrated a 94% graduation rate (more than 10% higher than regional average)
- Honored two decades of Cheerful Givers, Hard Workers, Overcomers and Good Stewards with Saturday Hoops' 20th Anniversary celebration

None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for believing in the potential of every student and standing alongside us in this important work. As we look to the future, I am filled with hope. Thank you for being an essential part of the CYC family and for joining us in transforming lives, one student at a time.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS TOLD US THIS YEAR: BECAUSE OF CYC I AM MORE



### DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF OUR R.E.A.C.H. WORK



### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Your support fuels what we do at CYC, empowering students to break through barriers, pursue their dreams, and build brighter futures for themselves. CYC's over 1200 volunteers have helped create opportunities for students to explore their potential, gain confidence, and chart paths toward a future they may have once thought unattainable.

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

#### TOTAL REVENUE

- Special Event Revenue**  
\$383,458 (8.8%)
- United Way**  
\$100,000 (2.3%)
- Total Contributions**  
\$1,193,434 (27.4%)
- In Kind Revenue**  
\$77,500 (1.8%)
- Investment & Misc.**  
\$320,623 (7.4%)
- Grants**  
\$2,287,190 (52.4%)

*For full listing of donors, please visit [cycyouth.org](http://cycyouth.org)*

#### TOTAL EXPENSE


- Programs**  
\$3,026,650 (73.3%)
- Fundraising**  
\$485,265 (11.8%)
- Mgmt & General**  
\$617,495 (15.0%)



# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



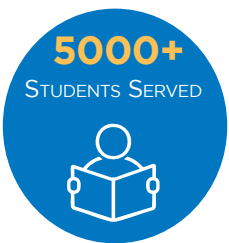



## ENROLLED

Lamyia, a first-generation student from a single-parent household with three siblings, takes on financial responsibilities to support her family and provide her younger siblings with opportunities she lacked growing up. As a senior at Mt. Healthy High School, she embraced every opportunity through CYC's GEAR UP program, including college field trips, a future fair, and alumni panels to learn about transitioning to college.

Her GEAR UP advisor, Miguel, guided her through applying to Cincinnati State, completing the FAFSA with her mother, and securing external scholarships. With their support and her dedication, Lamyia is now in her first semester at Cincinnati State's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, with full financial aid covering tuition. Congratulations, Lamyia! 




Lamyia and her mentor, Miguel

					
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## EMPLOYED



Ka'lun joined CYC's Good Jobs Challenge bootcamp at 20, seeking his first job. Initially unsure of what to expect, he quickly found his stride. A math whiz, Ka'lun excelled at tasks involving numbers, actively contributed to class, and formed friendships—his unique qualities stood out.

During career discussions, Ka'lun shared that as the oldest of several siblings raised by their grandmother, he had been a care provider from a young age. With his mentor Neil, he crafted a resume highlighting transferable skills like attention to detail, planning, and time management. Armed with his new resume and bootcamp knowledge, Ka'lun secured a manufacturing position.

Now thriving in his role, he earns a good wage with full benefits and works a shift that allows him to support his family. Congratulations, Ka'lun! 



Ka'lun and his mentor, Neil

 CYC is like a mentor and a family to me, they are providing **eye opening experiences** to help me beat the odds.”   
~2023-2024 CYC Student

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Carrie Caldwell retired from Northwest Schools in 2005 but soon returned to her passion for serving youth when recruited by Brenda Berry and Miriam West to lead CYC's new Girls Club. Starting at South Avondale Elementary, she has led the program at JP Parker Elementary for over a decade, building a team of dedicated mentors, including retired educators and police officers, many serving for over 10 years. Remarkably, two original Girls Club members, Ms. Jan Shavers Calloway and Mrs. Bertha Showes, still mentor alongside her today. With a smile in her voice, Mrs. Carrie passionately shares the impact the Girls Club has on its members. Her compassion and tireless dedication have touched countless lives. CYC is deeply grateful for her service and the legacy she continues to build. Thank you, Mrs. Carrie!



Mrs. Carrie with Girls Club PM Victoria Savage

Your support is the catalyst that turns challenges into triumphs and dreams into reality for the young people we serve. Together, we're removing barriers and creating a future where every student reaches their full potential. Make your impact now at [CYCyouth.org/donate](https://cycyouth.org/donate) or by scanning the qr code to the right.

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