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2022



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ABOUT US: Youth Ambassadors, Inc. is a strength-based youth educational employment organization. Our vision is to help youth reach their fullest potential through creative and innovative programming.

MISSION: Our mission is to empower underserved teenage youth with important life skills, soft job skills, creative expression, and adult mentors, helping them become future community leaders willing and able to work for positive change.

WHAT WE DO: We train Greater Kansas City teens ages 14-18 to be leaders in the community. Training courses included Health & Wellness, Youth Entrepreneurship, Life & Job Skills, Creative Expression and Community Development.

From the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The power, potential, and strength of our youth shined brightly in 2022! Youth Ambassadors evolved to new levels of impact in the community with our youth leading the way. In my second year of service as Executive Director, my passion for serving and supporting youth in our community is bolstered by their collective hope, resilience, and determination.

The evolution of our organization in 2022 has paved the way for major changes in 2023. Our team is working tirelessly to elevate and influence youth throughout Greater Kansas City. With life skills & job skills training, community development efforts, mental health initiatives, and violence prevention programs, we are providing a record number of resources to support and uplift our city's youth.

It is truly a privilege to work for the sake of young people who hold such incredible promise and potential! We could not succeed at this work without valuable community partners like you. On behalf of our Ambassadors, our Board of Directors, and our dedicated staff - thank you for your continued support of our mission to empower youth to become future community leaders, willing and able to work for positive change.



Dr. Monique Johnston

Executive Director
Youth Ambassadors, Inc.

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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PH.D., PRESIDENT**
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Founder



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PH.D.**
Youth Ambassadors,
Executive Director



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Principal



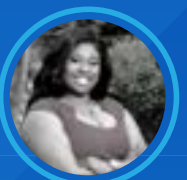
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Executive Director

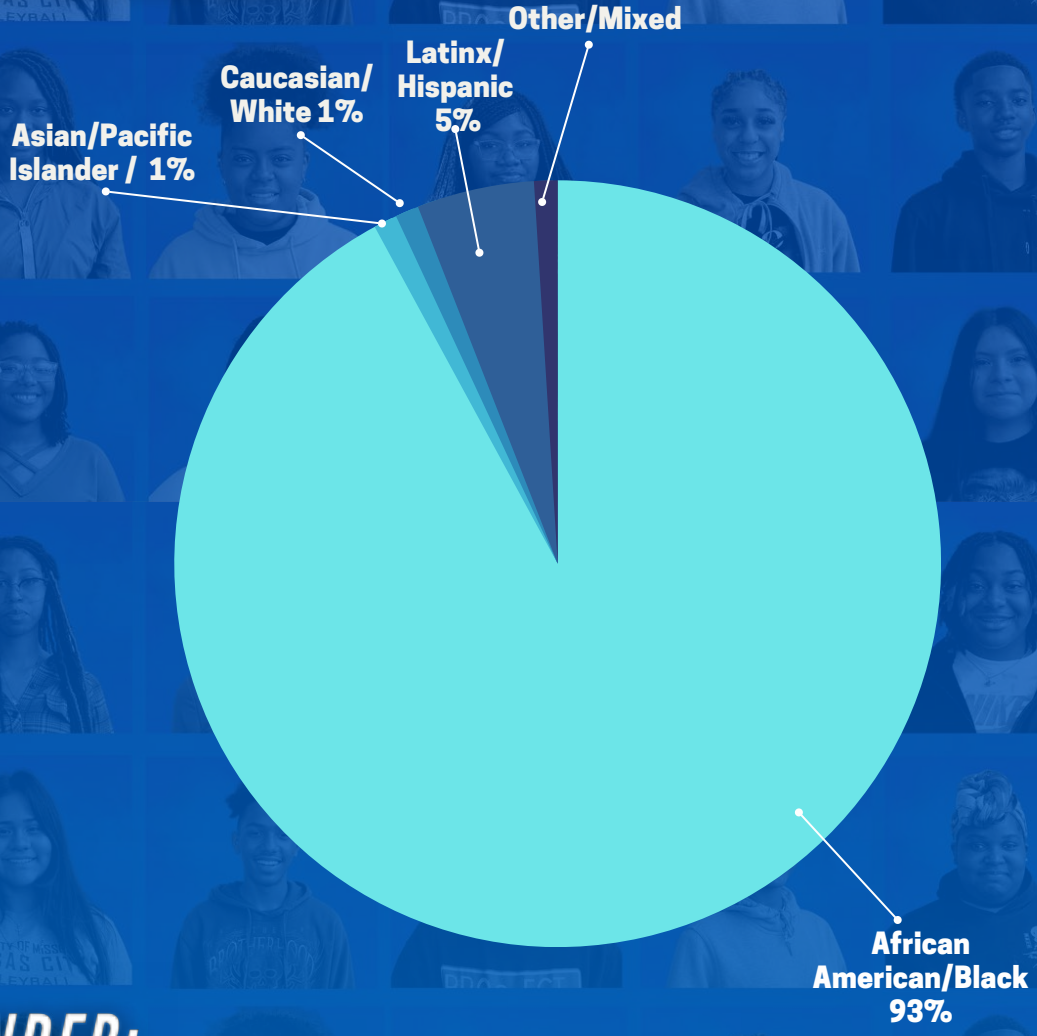
2022 YA TEAM

Monique Johnston, Ph.D. - Executive Director
Elizabeth Fernandez - Community Projects Manager
Isha Williams, B.S. - Marketing & Communications Manager
Joymarie Hembree, B.S.W. - Director of Development
Alexander Taylor, M.A. - Youth Program Director

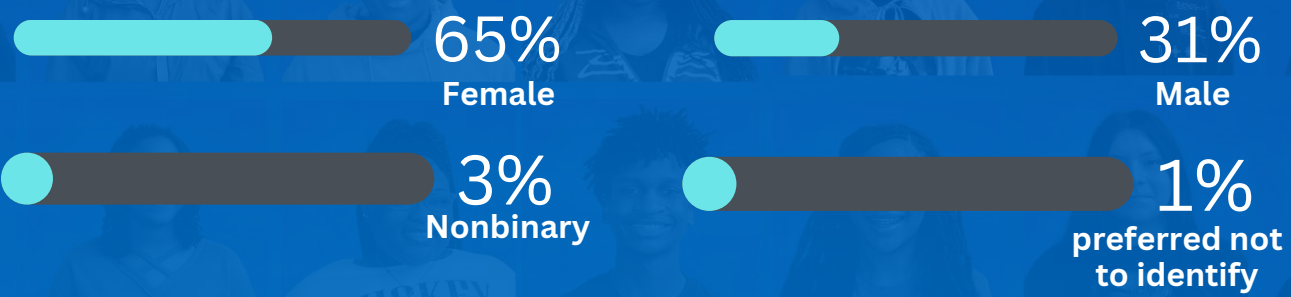
Our Youth DEMOGRAPHICS

RACE/ETHNICITY:

337 YOUTH SERVED



GENDER:





Our Youth IMPACT STORIES



Something I learned and enjoyed from Youth Ambassadors is how to do my taxes, how to take care of my mental health, how to write a check and our work in the community. I also enjoyed the creativity in the art program and the performances.

-TYLA FLOWERS



I really loved the amount of community projects we were able to do. I also loved the amount of conversations we had about life that really got me thinking about my future. Youth Ambassadors got me to be myself. I also loved the way the surveys were actually looked at and listened to.

-VALENCIA CHAPMAN



What I liked about the program is that most of the staff was hands on. Something I took away from this program was that I learned how to properly apply for jobs and look for them. I also learned different ways to effectively communicate without words.

-KIMON ROBINSON



I really liked how the staff was really nice and actually cared. They were very supportive, they gave guidance, and positive energy.

-SARAH WILLIAMS

Youth Ambassadors IMPACT



Youth Ambassadors took part in many community projects, with more than 60 Ambassadors and 1550 hours served! They worked to serve others and make a difference in the community. Our Ambassadors connected with local community leaders and learned the importance of being involved in their communities. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our community partners for working with our youth.



**TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS
FROM COMMUNITY
IMPACT PROJECTS:**

**1550
hrs**



Since its founding in 2010, Youth Ambassadors has provided more than \$1,000,000 in direct support & pay to youth in the community.

S.A.V.E. PROGRAM



Youth Ambassadors S.A.V.E (Suicide Awareness Anti-Violence Education) Program focused on networking and building supportive communities, self-confidence & positive self-affirmation. Each S.A.V.E workshop focused on a different topic and brought teens together to advocate, raise awareness, and share information related to preventing and understanding various forms of violence. We look forward to continuing and growing our S.A.V.E program next year!

93% of assessed Ambassadors reported feeling better equipped to handle conflicts using nonviolent methods.

The S.A.V.E. Program impacted a total of

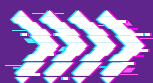
44,892

INDIVIDUALS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



ANNUAL TEEN PEACE SUMMIT

After many months of preparation, peer mentors in the S.A.V.E. Program hosted the 2nd Annual Teen Peace Summit on Saturday, July 30th. The event brought teens together to engage in dynamic speakers, diverse panel discussion, breakout sessions and a PEACE walk demonstration. Thank you Rockhurst University for supporting the event.



ANNUAL COLLEGE & CAREER DAY



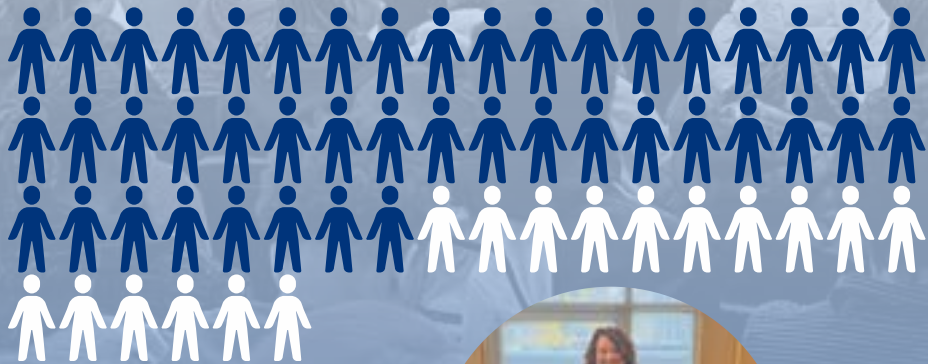
COLLEGE & CAREER DAY 2022

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Youth Ambassadors' annual College and Career day went great! Teens took part in our employer breakout session with Commerce Bank, and engaged with our college student panelists. We are glad our Ambassadors were able to connect with community leaders and have important discussions about their career paths. Thank you to all who participated in College and Career Day!

60

More than 60 Ambassadors participated



86%

of Ambassadors feel better prepared for future educational or employment opportunities.



POWER OF THE PROGRAM



MOCK INTERVIEW

Each year Ambassadors participate in Mock Interviews. To prepare for Mock Interview Day, teens create a resume, learn how to properly complete job applications, work on personal branding, write thank you letters and more. Youth Ambassadors' annual Mock Interviews were held Saturday, April 23rd and the place was buzzing with excited teens and supportive volunteers. Mock Interview Day gave youth an opportunity to practice learned skills and receive feedback on ways to further develop their professionalism.

We want to thank all the volunteers who came out and spent their Saturday interviewing teens. Volunteers from diverse careers and backgrounds, enact mock interviews that provide youth with a meaningful, real world experience. Our teens really shined in their interviews! We want to thank them for their hard work and commitment to representing their best selves.



Jade Morales
Youth Ambassador

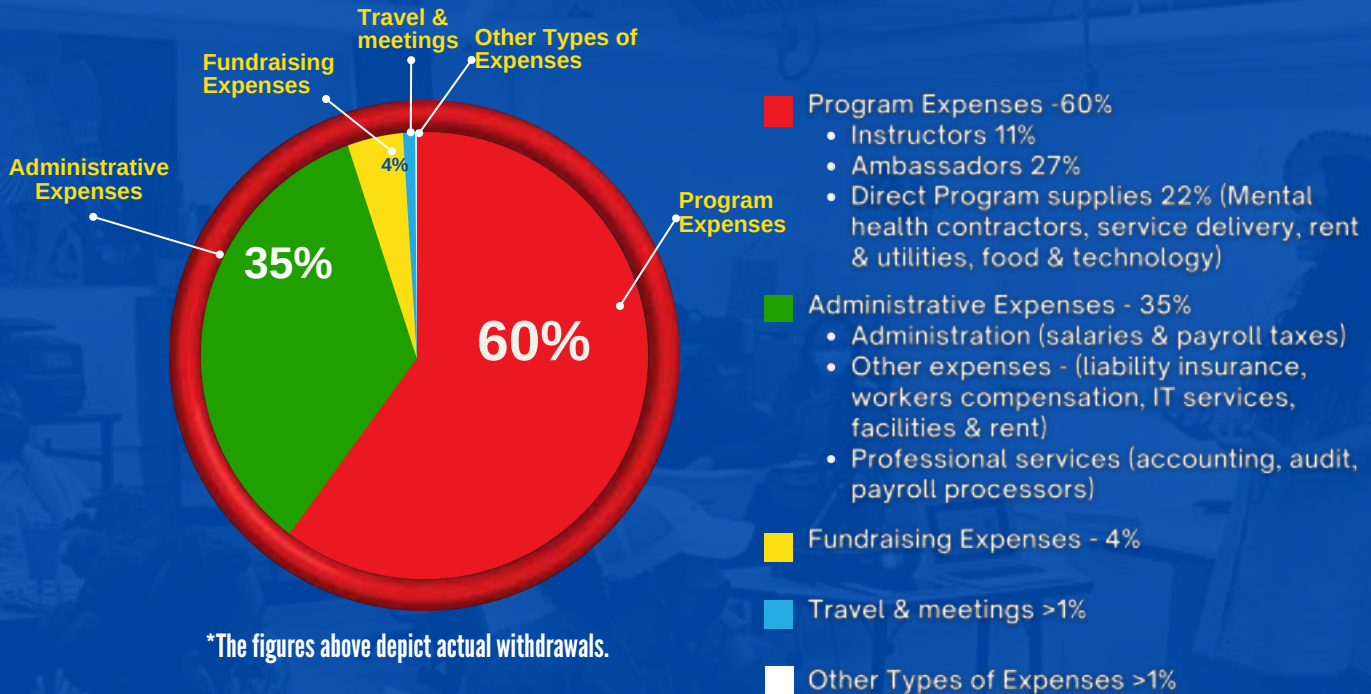


ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

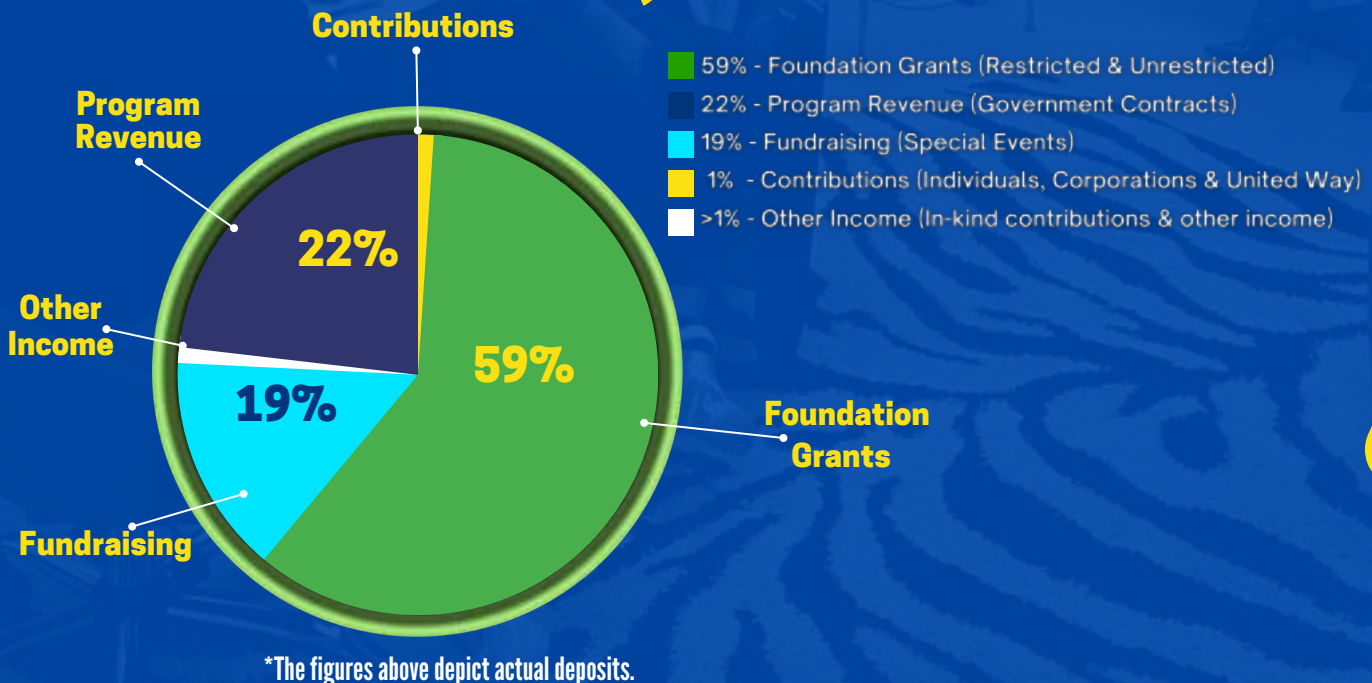


2022 FINANCIALS

Expenses-\$730,291



Revenue - \$745,664



STAKEHOLDERS, DONORS & FRIENDS



\$10,000+

- Community Capital Fund
- Curry Family Foundation
- Forest Foundation
- Greg and Tiffany Lynch
- Hadley Project
- Hall Family Foundation
- H & R Block Foundation
- Health Forward Foundation of GKC
- Jackson County COMBAT
- Jackson County Mental Health Fund
- Jenni and Spencer Jones
- Kauffman Foundation
- KCMO Health Department
- Oppenstein Brothers Foundation
- ReCor Properties
- Robinson Family Foundation
- Sherman Family Foundation
- Francis Family Foundation
- Victor E. Speas Foundation
- University of Missouri KC

\$9,999 - \$5,000

- Allison & Darren Harding
- BlueScope Foundation
- Brandon Haverty
- Black Community Fund
- Hallmark Cards, Inc.
- Henry E. Wurst Family Foundation
- John & Mary Sherman
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
- Village Church

\$4,999 & below

- Amazon
- Alison Armistead
- Allied Retail Concepts LLC/ ARC General Contracting
- American Century Investments Foundation
- Amy McConwell
- Angel Edwards
- Angela Smart
- Ann & Peter Long
- Ann & Richard Hall
- Ann Frigon
- Anne Hickok
- Anthony Knipp
- Bank of Prairie Village
- Beth Crooks
- Block Real Estate Services, LLC
- Boyer & Corporon Wealth Management LLC
- Brandon Haggard
- Brett Cooper
- Brogan Sullivan
- Bruce Gershon
- Bryan Eichenberg
- Chad Sullivan
- Charlie Lowe
- Christine & Ford Maurer
- Chuck Maggiorotto
- Cindy and Kurt Raedle
- Clint Thezan
- Courtney Bloodgood
- Dan Cosgrove
- Dave Wysong
- David VonDrehle
- Deanna Snider
- Edward Halpin
- Elizabeth Haden
- Fidelity Investment
- Gary & Gail Weinberg
- Gates Brown
- Gaye and Mark Cohen
- Great Southern Bank
- Hise Family Foundation
- Irv Robinson
- Jason and Brooke Heppner
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- Jean and Joseph Passantino
- Jessica Blaubaugh
- Jim & Michele Stowers Foundation
- Jim Kleikamp
- Joymarie and Jeff Hembree
- Justin Bloss
- Justin Lombard
- Kassie Sands
- Keith E. Barnes Youth Science and Education Fund
- Kelly Wright
- Kendra Scott LLC
- Kim Hinkle
- Kimberly & Christopher Lynch
- Kristen Tremonti
- Laura Butts
- Laura & William Chisholm
- Leigh Reynolds
- Lisa Earleywine
- Margi and Keith Pence
- Mark Arensberg
- Marvin Davis
- Matt Gibbs
- Matt Rau
- Megan and Jim Hise
- Michael & Carrie Robinson
- Mid America Regional Council
- Moneta Charitable Foundation
- Morgan Wenger
- Nick Kirmer
- Nikki Hutson
- Nodaway Valley Bank
- Paige and Rory O'Connor
- Reginald Smith
- Rick Boyd
- Ronald & Melissa Langsstaff
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- Stolzer Family Foundation
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- The R. A. Long Foundation
- Tim and Gwen Wurst Family Foundation
- Tobias Liu
- UES Consulting Services, INC
- Zach Rossin/ DSDK LLC

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BLUE JEAN

EVOLUTION *Bash*

October 20, 2022

The 5th annual Blue Jean Bash Evolution was a tremendous success!

More than 200 community members from Greater Kansas City came together at the Abbott Event Space to enjoy a night of celebration in honor of Tiffany & Greg Lynch, who have been keen supporters of Youth Ambassadors since its founding in 2010. The evening featured great food and amazing company while showcasing the strength, power, and evolution of our Ambassadors.

- More than \$160,000 raised.
- 13 original works of Ambassador-produced art found new homes.
- 2022 Paige O'Connor Hope Heart and Healing Award presented to Ms. Laila Stevenson.

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“YA is like a home to me. It is a place where I can express myself both physically and emotionally.

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