

2025 ANNUAL Report

Angel of God Resource Center, Inc.

“Believe you can,
and you’re halfway there.”

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A Word From The Board President

To the staff, clients, supporters and everyone who has given their time and energy to help the vision of Angel of God Resource Center, Inc., thank you!



Dr. Betty Coleman
Board President

LOOKING Back: The year 2025 has been an amazing year. On June 19, 2025 our Juneteenth celebration was different from the last two years, as we celebrated this awesome holiday. This year we incorporated "1865 Boots On The Ground". A celebration of our Colored Troops from, General Order No.3 in Galveston. Texas, announcing all enslaved people were free. VFW Color Guard 2024 posted the colors before the program began. Ms. Margie Hollins a retired journalist and historian did an amazing documentary on the 1865 Boots on the Ground. Our M.C. Ms Toy Ann McCray did an outstanding job keeping our young students moving through their historic speeches on the United States Constitution, The Gettysburg Address and The Six Triple Eight. Marshall and Phillips High school and Hazel Crest Park District students recited the famous and historic speeches from the Civil war area. The 22nd District Police station participated in a role call and prayer to open up the Juneteenth celebration. Ald. Ronnie Mosley and his staff was on hand for the early morning role call.

Our goal was to have 1, 865 people attend the Juneteenth celebration across the city through live streaming with our partners, Christian Covenant Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon Foundation & JLM Abundant Life Center, and Agape Community Center. CBS TV Station channel 2 reporter interviewed our very own Executive Officer Ms. Annie Smith about the day's celebration. Agape Community Center came out in great numbers with their staff and students, bringing with them games food and fun for all. On the main lot we had fifty vendors who sat up tables and displayed their wears, Blaq Ice productions supplied the music and took videos of all who passed the camera. There was plenty of food, snow cones and water. The line dance "Boots on the Ground" was taught by Ms. Belynda Head.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Our non for profit organization is proud to announce a major milestone in our mission to serve the community.-the successful purchase last year of two new building. This achievement marks a significant step forward in our commitment to creating safe, inclusive, and empowering spaces for all. One of the buildings is currently undergoing renovation and is being transformed into a vibrant community center that will offer educational programs, job training, youth development, wellness services and more. This center will serve as a hub of hope, growth, and opportunity, reflecting our ongoing dedication to uplifting the community we proudly serve. WE are still in phase one of the renovations. We are looking forward to having our Winter Award Celebration on December 19, 2025 at the new Angel of God Community Center.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: With innovation and collaboration at the heart of our efforts for 2026, we will meet today's needs while shaping a better tomorrow. At our core, we believe that every individual has the potential to rise above limitations and soar toward a brighter future. Through mentorship, education, and community empowerment, our non for profit is committed to breaking barriers and building bridges. "Soaring Towards the Future" is more than a theme-it's our mission. We inspire hope, cultivate leadership, and equip our youth and families with the tools they need to dream big and achieve more. Together, we are lifting lives and creating lasting change-one step, one goal, and one future at a time.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Betty Coleman".

Dr. Betty Coleman
Board President
Angel of God Resource Center, Inc.

Greetings

To Our Wonderful Staff, Friends, and Supporters,

As we close Fiscal Year 2025 and prepare to begin a new chapter in FY 2026, my heart is filled with gratitude for our amazing supporters, staff, clients, subcontractors, subrecipients, and elected officials. Together, we have made a significant impact within the communities we serve.

Leading AOGRC alongside our dedicated staff, friends, and supporters has brought me tremendous fulfillment. I am deeply passionate about sharing my God-given talent to bridge the gap serving our community, and it has been an honor to help inspire others to reach their full potential. Through teamwork, we have achieved remarkable milestones this past year, and I am proud to highlight a few of them below:



Annie Smith
Executive Officer

Organizational Growth & Recognition

- Successfully completed our CARF 3-Year Accreditation while maintaining strong internal policies in ethics, compliance, and financial reporting.
- AOGRC continues to be recognized by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as an approved vocational and workforce training provider.
- Expanded partnerships with DHS/DRS and workforce development programs.

Workforce Expanded Training & Education

- Implemented the JTED Workforce Training Initiative, helping participants build job readiness and earn industry-recognized credentials.
- Graduated a full cohort from the TOP Automotive Program, resulting in certifications and job placements.

Youth Empowerment

- Served over 600 youth through Teen R.E.A.C.H and IYIP, fostering leadership and life skills.
- Hosted the “2025 Survival Guide for Teens” Violence Prevention Summit with over 200 participants.
- Coordinated Back-to-School activities, including parent workshops, educational sessions, and school supply distribution.

Financial Growth & Stability

- Secured over \$1.3 million in new funding ensuring service continuity and program expansion.
- The fiscal year closed with a strong \$856,123 surplus, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Facilities & Expansion

- Acquired two new locations: • 10831 South Halsted Street • 10814 South Halsted Street
- Secured over \$700,000 in capital funding for renovations and improvements.
- Maintained our projected level of enrollment for over 5,100 participants and community members served all sites.

Veteran & Justice-Involved Services

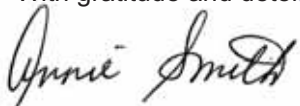
- Expanded support programs with career coaching, trauma-informed care, and peer mentorship.
- Launched new partnerships to increase access to employment and social services.
- Employer Worksites: Renewed Employer / Worksite Agreement for 106 sites during FY 2025.

Community Outreach & Engagement

- Organized community events, including food distributions, a Juneteenth Education Summit, resource fairs, and scholarship contests serving over 3,500 participants.
- Engaged hundreds of residents through public safety and family support programs.
- Provided educational supplies and toy giveaways to low-income families.

Throughout FY 2025, Angel of God Resource Center, Inc. demonstrated strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, and programmatic impact, completing our required audit review with a clean record and maintaining accounting audits standards. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission: to provide human services through education, training, job placement, and grant-writing assistance—empowering individuals through programs designed to enhance the physical, mental, spiritual, nutritional, social, and educational well-being of our community. Together, we have achieved much, but the best is yet to come. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

With gratitude and determination,



Annie Smith
Executive Officer

Mission

The mission of Angel of God Resource Center, Inc. is to provide human services via, educational programs, training and placement and grant writing assistance to empower through education. Providing support services designed to enhance the physical, mental, spiritual, nutritional, social and educational well-being of the community resident, families and agencies.

Vision

Our vision is to provide support for the well-being of the community. Our approach is a holistic one which improves the lives of low income families through quality services in the Chicago Inner City and its west and south suburbs.

Values

AOGRC Center's exercise the highest ethical standard and professionalism in the daily behavior of our staff. This is displayed through honesty, integrity, ethical and legal behavior from every staff member in all interactions with each other, consumers, the community and the general public. Accordingly, this policy is established to provide guidance regarding conduct and practices.

History

History of Angel of God Resource Center, Inc.

Angel of God Resource Center, Inc. (AOGRC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2007 and incorporated on March 11, 2009. We have been providing job training and placement services since 2007, with a strong focus on providing Life & Health, Property & Casualty Insurance programs, and ASE Certification (Automotive Technician). AOGRC is a vocational school approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, an approved Workforce Development and Veteran training site, Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS/DRS) approved training site for persons with disabilities. The Agency has also been accredited since March 29, 2019 by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). CARF's provides accreditation standards and surveyors for organizations working in the human-services field worldwide with a base in traditional facilities and institutional settings.

AOGRC was organized and established in 2007 in Chicago at the home of the Board President at 115th S. Watkins. In 2008 the agency had only two part-time employees and volunteers, and now the main office stands at 10824 S. Halsted, with fourteen (14) site locations across the Chicagoland/ State of Illinois. Today, we currently have twenty-three staff members, seven sub-contractors, and partner with three sub-recipients (Hardwell Smith (Smitty) Foundation, Mt. Vernon Foundation, and the Academy of Scholastic Achievement (ASA).

The mission of Angel of God Resource Center, Inc. is to provide support services to enhance the lives of our participants and business community. This is accomplished through our job training & placement through our Illinois Youth Investment Program (IYIP/AICI) for ages 16 to 24, Training Observation Practice Program (TOPP) in Automotive Services, Financial Services Program (FSP) for ages 18 and up, Job Training and Economic Development Program (JTED), SNAP Employment and Training, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), DHS/DRS Milestone Program, Apprenticeship programs and other training programs that serves Veterans, seniors, people with disabilities and low income families. Our resource center also helps participants become

History Cont.

certified in Forklifting, Osha 10, Pet Grooming, and obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL). We also provide after school programs which provides a safe environment, tutoring and STEM programing for youth ages 6-18. AOGRC serves as one of the City of Chicago Assist Agencies to assist businesses in obtaining MBE/WBE/DBE certifications and related services. AOGRC Chief Executive Officer executed the automotive & insurance job training and placement since 2009 and the program continues to thrive, with a success story of three participants that started their very own automotive service program.

Over 200 individuals were placed in jobs during FY2013 through FY2016, and in FY2022 through FY2024 AOGRC placed over 1,010 participants with 150 employers within the 17 industry clusters. Two of our clients started providing homemaker services for seniors and another participant started or employed with transportation companies. Twenty participants were military affiliated. AOGRC, S & E Towing Automotive Services and David's Auto (David Acosta, Owner, ASE Master Mechanic) has been in operations for over 12 years providing hands on automotive training for participants to become ASE-certified technicians.

AOGRC is proud to have participated in community events such as, Women Against Violence, Juneteenth, Healing of Rose, Summer closeout and Winter Award Celebrations, EJC Scholarship Fund, Mentoring and Grant Writing Assistance. In 2010 the agency implemented a Violent Prevention program for 50 students through the Illinois Department of Violent Prevention Authority. The organization also served as a fiscal agent for Better Life for Youth and provided mentorship, training and tutoring for 50 youth ages 6 to 17. Angel of God worked with many volunteers through the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS), National Able, National Caucus, the CCRC and CURES programs.

We continue to partner with organizations such as the Illinois Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) at Far South, Greater Southwest Development Corp., Chicago Public Schools, Workforce Development (WIOA), Department of Human Services Youth, Department of Human Services/Department of Rehabilitation (DHS/DRS), Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), Family Community Resource Centers (FCRCs), and Veterans Education & Training Section (VETS) and City Colleges.

AOGRC owns Five (5) locations providing programs and support services: Site 1: 14527 S. Halsted Street, Riverdale IL 60827; Site 2: 10824 S. Halsted Street, Chicago IL 60628; Site 3: 10810 S. Halsted Street, Chicago IL 60628; Site 4: 10814 South Halsted Street and (5) our new Community Center at 10831-10833 S. Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60628;

AOGRC programs are housed in nine (9) satellite sites: JLM- 2622 W. Jackson Blvd., 60612; Academy of Scholastic Achievement at 4651 W. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60644; John Marshall Metropolitan High School located at 3250 W. Adams St, Chicago, IL 60624; 14525 S. Halsted Street, Riverdale IL 60827 (Hands-on automotive training site); Wendell Phillips Academy High School located at 244 E. Pershing Rd, Chicago, IL 60653; Ivory Tower Financial Services at 10837 S Western Ave # 1, Chicago, IL 60643; Hardwell Smith (Smitty) Foundation located at 10824 S. Halsted Street, Suite 104, Chicago IL 60628; and AOGRC Coppin Center at 5627 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60637; Hazel Crest Park District, 2600 171 Street, Hazel Crest Illinois servicing Thorn Ridge and Thornton-Township High Schools.

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Jessica Chambers - Receptionist

Program Staff

Oteesah Johnson - Project Director, JLM
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LD Cooper - Maintenance/Security, JLM
Taura Bronson - Project Director, Riverdale
Leron Perkins - Case Manager, Riverdale
Tina Brown-Senior Enrollment Specialist, Riverdale
Reginald L. Davenport-Recruiter/Placement/Instructor
Shanna Pierce – Project Director/Instructor, Wendell Phillips HS
Larry Stokes – Instructor/Coach, Wendell Phillips HS
Fred Eaton – Project Director, Marshall HS
Phillips Wilkes - Project Director, Hazel Crest Park District
Tiffany Lott - Instructor, Hazel Crest Park District
Gwendolyn Howard - Instructor, Marshall HS
Christopher Reyes – Bilingual Enrollment Specialist, Coppin
Lisa Campbell – Office Manager, Coppin
Velma Cotton – Enrollment Specialist, Coppin
Avaughn Smith - Automotive/Payroll Assistant

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Brenda Ingram – Financial Instructor/Consultant
Edwin Smith - S&E Towing, Automotive Services
Annetti Anderson - Hardwell Smith Foundation
Pastor Johnny Miller - JLM & Mt. Vernon Foundation
Deonte Smith - Victory Lap, LLC.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AOGRC has opportunities for YOU!
Please consider volunteering your time and expertise to our programs. We are always looking for both short and long term volunteers who are committed to doing community work in the following areas:

- Mentoring
- Marketing
- Board Members
- Committee Members
- Seniors
- Holiday and Special Event Planning
- Sponsorships
- Facility Maintenance Help

AOGRC Subrecipients

AOGRC empowering smaller non-profit and business owners on how to successfully implement grant funded programs. Each subrecipient receives hands on experience in budgeting, personnel, ordering supplies, fiscal, occupancy rate, and grant line exclusive for the youth and young adult from ages 16 to 24. The key focus is building partnerships and connecting participants to their individual work experience. This work experience allows AOGRC pay each participant \$16.00 per hour for up to 13 weeks.

Hardwell Smith (Smitty) Foundation

The Hardwell Smith "Smitty" Foundation (known as HSS Foundation) is a non-profit corporation that seeks to increase the recruitment and retention of women and all minorities in the following areas: automotive, education, financial literacy, and computer base technology. The HSS Foundation is grid toward services through mentoring, coaching, tutoring, skills training sessions via virtual and face to face. HSS Foundation seek to build skill proficiency by providing training to reduce disparities.

Mount Vernon Community Foundation

The highest priority of Mt. Vernon Community Foundation is to promote effective initiatives that serve the areas that need them most. We believe in taking action with urgency in order to raise public awareness about some of the most pressing issues facing today's society. The goal of the Foundations workforce development program is to empower young people with knowledge, resources, opportunities, and support to help them gain the fundamental skills needed when seeking employment. The Foundation has embraced the National Youth Sports Strategy around a shared vision: that one day all youth will have the opportunity, motivation, and access to play sports, regardless of their race, ethnicity, sex, ability, or zip code. The Foundation's business development program hosts seminars and training to small businesses in developing and providing informational tools to support business start-ups and existing business expansion.

Academy of Scholastic Achievement

The Mission of the Academy of Scholastic Achievement is to provide a rigorous and supportive educational environment that empowers students to excel academically, develop critical thinking skills, and achieve their fullest potential. Dedicated to fostering a passion for lifelong learning, promoting personal growth, and preparing students for success in higher education and future careers, the Academy focuses on academic excellence, character development, and community engagement. The Academy of Scholastic Achievement strives to inspire and equip students to become leaders in their communities and beyond.

Victory Lap Logistics LLC

Victory Lap Logistics LLC is a transportation and logistics company owned by Deonte Smith. Based in Aurora, Illinois, the company operates within the freight and logistics industry, providing transportation services. Deonte Smith has been recognized for his leadership and dedication in the field; notably, he shared on LinkedIn that he was honored as "DSP of the Year," expressing gratitude to his team for their hard work and dedication.

Sent hound

At Scent hound, our mission is to provide routine hygiene and wellness care so dogs live longer, happier lives. We are changing how dog parents think about caring for their pups by educating them on the importance of basic hygiene and providing personalized, convenient services.

Financial Statement

Income/Expense

Revenues, gains, and other support:

	FY2024 7/1/2023-6/30/2024	FY2025 7/1/2024-6/30/2025
Contributions:	1,084,766.00	3,197,818.48
Individuals (includes in-kind services & donations)	6,810.00	27,301.00
Refunds	-	-
Tax Refund	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	38,036.00	-

Grants:

DHS:

- Job Training & Economic Dev. (JTED)	-	444,456.70
- ARPA- IYIP	1,708,470.00	-
- ARPA IYIP - Fiscal Agent Refund	-	-
- Illinois Youth Investment Program ((IYIP)	2,230,000.00	748,910.00
- Teen REACH	300,137.00	647,227.13
- ICJIA (Violence Prevention Program	-	230,074.02
- SNAP Job Placement	371,563.00	398,299.26
- DHS Training & Placement	-	-
Rental income	33,000.00	24,000.00
Veterans	-	-
Interest income	-	-
PPP Loan Forgiveness	-	-
Other revenues - Payroll Inkind	-	-

INCREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS **5,772,782.00** **5,718,086.59**

PROGRAM SERVICES

Personnel (Payroll)	1,773,148.00	1,185,906.51
Payroll Expense In-kind	-	-
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Processing Fees	163,414.00	295,635.96
Travel	34,844.00	7,212.06
Supplies	1,252,540.85	131,175.28
Contractual	147,746.15	413,826.73
Occupancy	2,150.00	291,972.49
Telecommunications	1,851.00	20,236.32
Training and Education	303,500.00	234,167.10
Administrative Costs	22,041.00	36,814.14
Miscellaneous/Food	2,979.00	4,821.78
Grant Exclusive	1,500,618.00	761,932.62
Program Expenses	-	1,422,910.38
Printing	-	7,096.13
Un-remitted State Fees	-	-
Bank charges	-	992.23
Insurance	66,230.00	47,263.91
Interest	-	-
Depreciation	15,547.00	-

TOTAL EXPENSES **5,286,519.00** **4,861,963.64**

Prior year increase to Net Assets - -

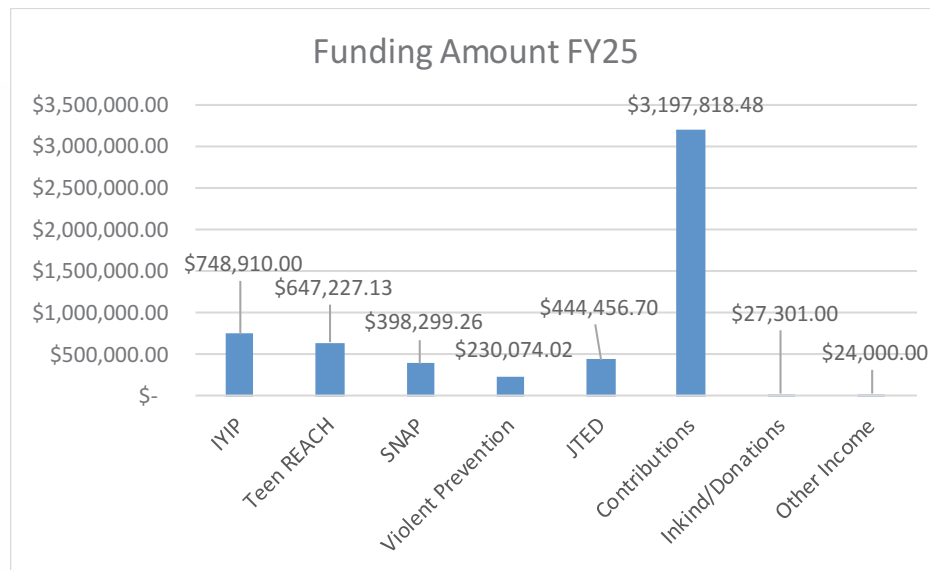
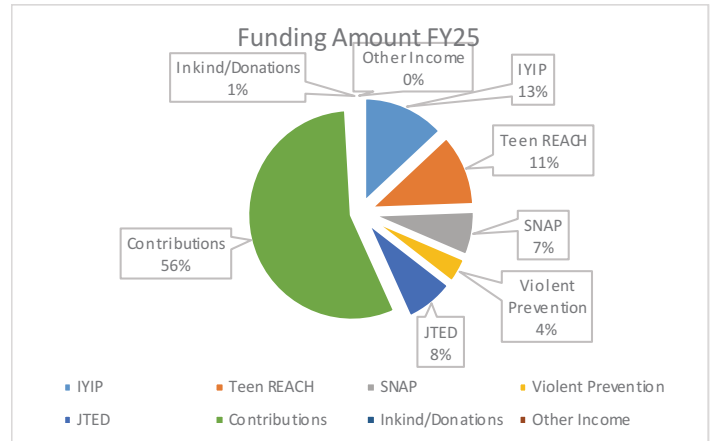
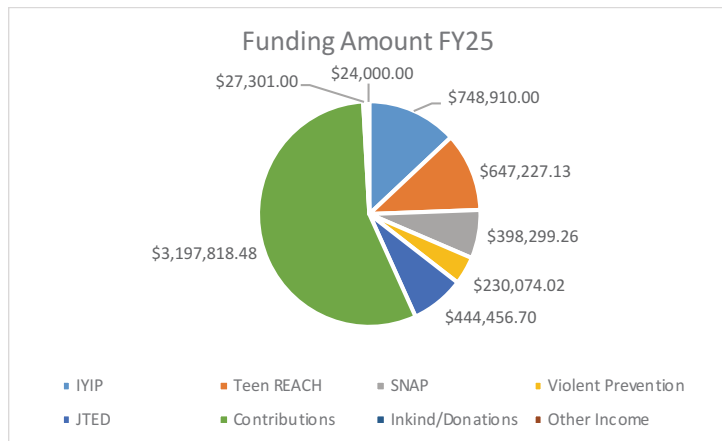
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **486,263.00** **856,122.95**

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR (Surplus Unrestricted)

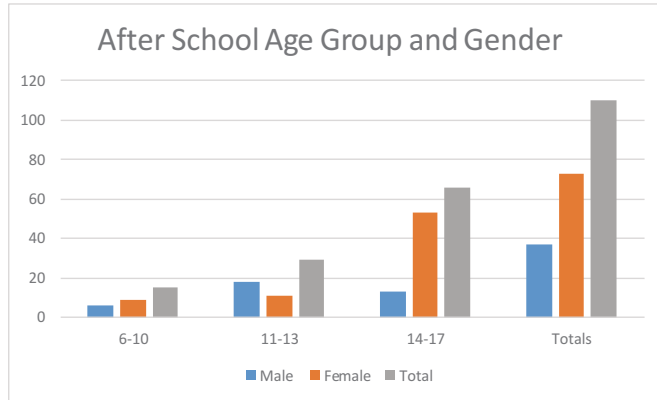
Program Funding FY25

Programs	Funding Amount FY25	% Funding
IYIP	\$ 748,910.00	13.10%
Teen REACH	\$ 647,227.13	11.32%
SNAP	\$ 398,299.26	6.97%
Violent Prevention	\$ 230,074.02	4.02%
JTED	\$ 444,456.70	7.77%
Contributions	\$ 3,197,818.48	55.92%
Inkind/Donations	\$ 27,301.00	0.48%
Other Income	\$ 24,000.00	0.42%
Total	\$ 5,718,086.59	100%

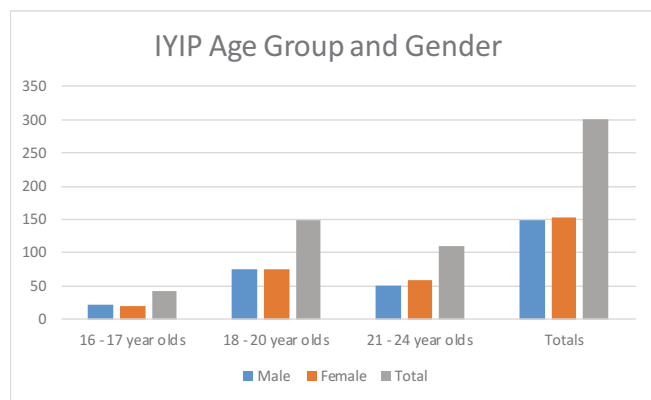


Program Enrollment Age Group & Gender

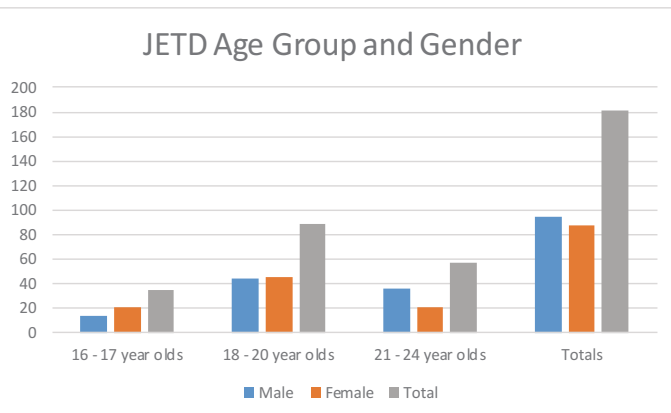
After School	Male	Female	Total
6-10	6	9	15
11-13	18	11	29
14-17	13	53	66
Totals	37	73	110



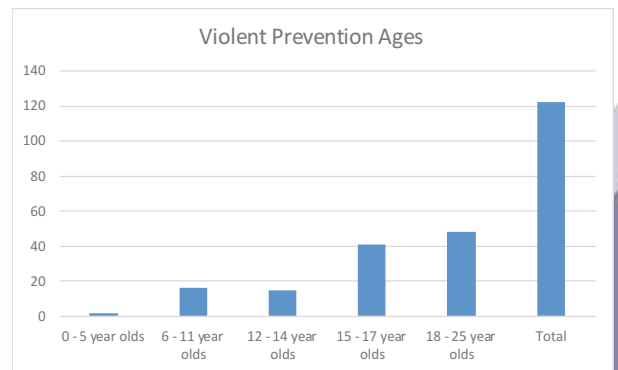
IYIP	Male	Female	Total
16 - 17 year olds	22	20	42
18 - 20 year olds	75	74	149
21 - 24 year olds	51	58	109
Totals	148	152	300



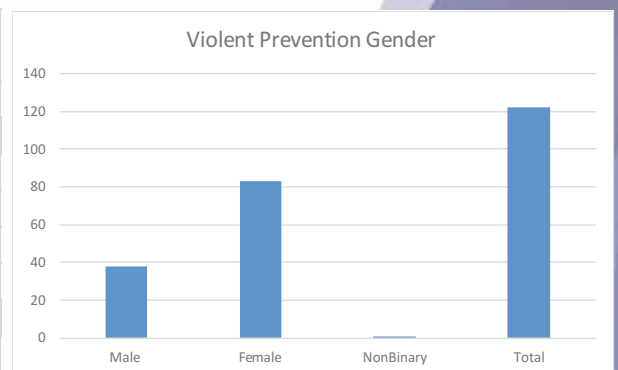
JETD	Male	Female	Total
16 - 17 year olds	14	21	35
18 - 20 year olds	44	45	89
21 - 24 year olds	36	21	57
Totals	94	87	181



Violent Prev.	Ages	Violent Prev.	Gender
0 - 5 year olds	2	Male	38
6 - 11 year olds	16	Female	83
12 - 14 year olds	15	NonBinary	1
15 - 17 year olds	41	Total	122
18 - 25 year olds	48		
Total	122		

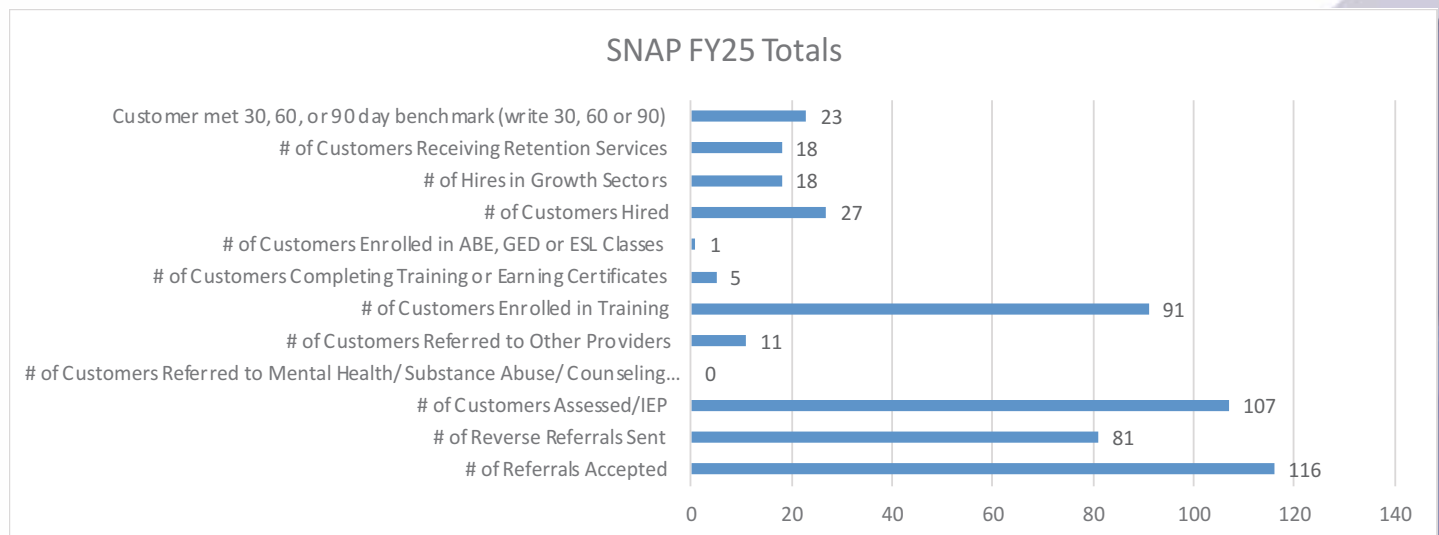


	Clients & Families Served
Total Clients Enrolled in Programs	829
Community Events	
Juneteenth Participants	2000
Summer Scholarship Participants	225
Winter Scholarship Gala Participants	400
Total Participants	2625
Community Outreach	
Food Drive (75 Participants per event) 6 events	450
Families Served (Family of 3)	1350
Total Served	5254



Program Enrollment Age Group & Gender

SNAP JT Program	Outcome Category/Measurement	FY25 Totals
Service	# of Referrals Accepted	116
	# of Reverse Referrals Sent	81
	# of Customers Assessed/IEP	107
	# of Customers Referred to Mental Health/ Substance Abuse/ Counseling and/or Vocational Rehabilitation	0
Training	# of Customers Referred to Other Providers	11
	# of Customers Enrolled in Training	91
	# of Customers Completing Training or Earning Certificates	5
	# of Customers Enrolled in ABE, GED or ESL Classes	1
Employment	# of Customers Hired	27
	# of Hires in Growth Sectors	18
	# of Customers Receiving Retention Services	18
	Customer met 30, 60, or 90 day benchmark (write 30, 60 or 90)	23



Programs

The AOGRC Illinois Youth Investment Program (IYIP) is a year round grant opportunity that requires a holistic approach to unsubsidised employment for transition-age youth (16-24). This approach will account for the youth's physical, emotional, social, and mental health needs while helping them to secure and sustain employment and/or achieve higher education ensuring a greater likelihood of success and self-sufficiency. In an effort to foster healthy, safe, well-educated, and self-sufficient transition-age youth in Illinois, to provide eligible youth with educational enhancement opportunities, full and part-time job placements, and case management services to include life skills, counselling and work readiness for both in-school and out-of-school youth.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training (SNAP E & T): The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training (SNAP E & T) Program is a self-support program to help customers acquire work skills and find employment. Through the AOGRC Project NOW (Need Of Work) Program, we help customers with work-related expenses for the first 30 days of a job, for ages 18 through 49. Participation in the program enables AOGRC participants gain work skills and experience, meet the federal work requirement and become self-sufficient.

Milestone Program: is a state-wide program under the direction of the Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS DRS) Job Training and Placement Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The program assists individuals with various disabilities in obtaining and maintaining community based competitive employment and measures success at 15, 45 and 90 days of competitive employment.

Competitive employment is integrated employment within the community which pays the Customer (employee) at least minimum wage or a wage commensurate to the prevailing wage and applicable fringe benefits. AOGRC uses job matching techniques to assist individuals in identifying specific jobs or potential employers that are available and accessible in the community. It is also an opportunity for AOGRC customers to gain a college level credential.

WIOA: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. WIOA brings together, in strategic coordination, the core programs of Federal investment in skill development:

Employment and training services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth and Wagner-Peyser employment services administered by the US Department of Labor (DOL) through formula grants to States; and Adult education and family literacy programs as well as State Vocational Rehabilitation Services programs that assist eligible individuals with disabilities in obtaining employment; both core programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

Automotive Training Program: An approved WIOA program, the Training Observation Practice (TOP) program geared for students who are interested in gaining an Automotive Service Excellence Certificate (ASE), which is recognized by the Automotive industry. The TOP program has three categories a student will learn about. "Under the Hood" (A1-A9) or The "Auto Maintenance and Light Repair" (G1), this training provides a condensed workload of the courses provided and then "Collision" (B1-B5).

Financial Services Program: An approved WIOA program. The Financial Service Program (FSP) has two categories a student will learn about "Life and Health" then "Property and Casualty". Students completing our program will be eligible to sit for the Illinois State License exam, which allows individuals to sell insurance in Illinois, be employed in a 9 to 5 high wage position as an underwriter, adjuster and many other positions.

Teen REACH Program: The goal of the Teen REACH program is to expand the range of choices and opportunities that enable, empower and encourage youth to achieve positive growth and development, improve expectations and capacities for future success, and avoid and/or reduce risk-taking behavior. Specifically, this means providing youth with safe environments and caring adults, and guiding them toward educational success, marketable skills and opportunities to serve their communities.

Programs con't

The AOGRC Teen REACH program provides the following prevention-focused core services; additional services appropriate for the youth families and community are also provided such as Trauma Informed, Yoga and Science, Technology, Engineer, Arts and Math (STEAM):

- ☐ Improving academic performance
- ☐ Life skills education
- ☐ Parental involvement
- ☐ Recreation, sports, and cultural and artistic activities
- ☐ Positive adult mentors
- ☐ Service learning
- ☐ STEM

Job Training and Economic Development (JTED)

At Angel of God Resource Center (AOGRC), the JTED Job Training and Economic Development Program is a vital part of our mission to empower individuals through job training and workforce development. We utilize this program to connect participants with high-quality career training opportunities in industries with strong growth potential. By helping individuals earn industry-recognized certifications, AOGRC ensures they are well-prepared for in-demand careers. Along with technical training, we provide guidance in essential areas such as resume writing, interview preparation, and professional development, supporting participants in building the skills necessary for long-term career success. Through these efforts, AOGRC plays a key role in strengthening our community's workforce and contributing to the economic growth of our region.

Community Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

Community violence intervention (CVI): is an approach that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and connect individuals with community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and mitigate the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence

Seniors Services: AOGRC partners with National Able, National Caucus and Center on Black Aging, Inc. and CAPS to provide hands-on training and work experience. Our Seniors Service program enhances the quality of life and empowers the ability for Senior to work and to participate in the community. Our services are designed to help aging citizens return to work while motivating them to remain active in their communities.

EJC (Emma Johnson Conner) Scholarship:

The EJC (Emma Johnson Conner) Scholarship was formed in 2014/2015 out of the love, caring and commitment of the late Emma Johnson Conner. We have awarded five scholarships to this date.

The Emma Johnson Conner (EJC) scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of both academic excellence and community service. This memorial scholarship honors high school seniors who value public higher education and is offered through the generosity of Emma Johnson Conner and Angel of God Resource Center, Inc. (AOGRC).

Veteran Training

Angel of God Resource Center (AOGRC) is proud to offer dedicated training programs for veterans, designed to help them transition smoothly into civilian careers and achieve lasting success. These programs provide veterans with access to specialized job training, certifications, and career development resources tailored to their unique skills and experiences. By focusing on industries in high demand, AOGRC ensures veterans are equipped with the expertise needed to secure stable, well-paying jobs. Beyond technical training, veterans benefit from personalized support, including resume building, interview preparation, and professional development, which help them confidently navigate the job market. This initiative not only empowers veterans to thrive in their new careers but also strengthens the community by harnessing their leadership, discipline, and commitment to excellence.

Programs con't

Forklift Training

Our forklift certification program helps individuals gain the skills necessary for safe operation in warehouses and logistics. Learn how to drive a forklift in this two-day class. Learn the safety aspects in the classroom on day 1, and on day 2, drive the forklift in the loading dock, simulating a real-life work environment. At the same time, earn a 2-year National Safety Council certification.

NSC Advanced Safety Certificate

The Advanced Safety Certificate program is a nationally recognized safety curriculum based on proven best practices. The ASC program builds upon knowledge of compliance requirements to further your safety education. It also sharpens your leadership skills to drive fundamental safety change throughout your organization. The ASC curriculum provides an in-depth look at the issues safety practitioners face every day and offers proven approaches and solutions.

OSHA 10

OSHA 10-hour training teaches basic safety and health information to entry-level workers in construction and general industry. It is part of the OSHA Outreach Training Program, which explains serious workplace hazards, workers' rights, employer responsibilities and how to file an OSHA complaint.

Pet Grooming

For those interested in animal care, we offer a pet grooming certification program, giving participants the expertise to work with pets professionally.

CDL

The CDL (Commercial Driver's License) program trains individuals to drive commercial vehicles, opening doors to a wide range of transportation and logistics jobs.

At Angel of God Resource Center (AOGRC), we offer a range of certification programs designed to equip participants with the skills needed for a variety of in-demand careers. Our OSHA 10 certification program provides essential safety training for workers in construction and other industries, ensuring they meet regulatory standards.

Supporters

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We understand that without your generosity many of AOGRC's services would not be possible and we are grateful for your support. Thank You!

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Summer Scholarship Dinner 2024-25



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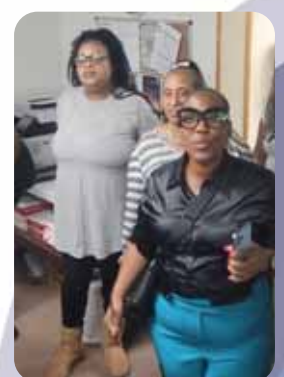
Springfield Trip



Job Fair



Team Building



Winter Scholarship Dinner 2024-25



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Honoring the Legacy of Civil War United States Colored Troops (USCT)

HISTORY OF UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS

Project 1865

Heroes Involved in the Civil War



Dr. Alexander Thomas Augusta
Surgeon



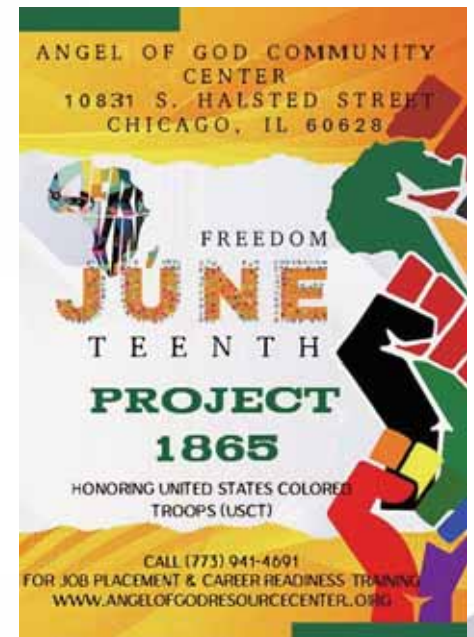
Susie King Taylor
Nurse/Teacher



Robert Smalls
Steamboat Pilot/Sailor



Frederick Douglass
Abolitionist



PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN recognized the crucial role of the USCT, stating in 1865, that “without the military help of the Black freedmen, the war against the South could not have been won.”

The Legacy of the United States Colored Troops continues to be recognized, and they are seen as the pivotal moment in American History, marking a step towards equal civil rights.



**President Abraham Lincoln Signing
Emancipation Proclamation
January 1, 1863**

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USE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS Soldiers in the Civil War

The use of Black Soldiers in the Civil War evolved from the Militia Act of 1862, and The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 which officially allowed Black men to enlist in the Union Army. This shift was driven by a combination of factors: including the Union's need for manpower, and a desire of African Americans to fight for their freedom and equality. In response to the Emancipation Proclamation, and the need for organization, the War Department established the Bureau of Colored Troops May 22, 1863, which oversaw the recruitment, training, and deployment of Black Soldiers.



54th Massachusetts Regiment



25th United States Colored Troops Regiment



Indiana's 28th Regiment United States Colored Troops



Frederick Douglass, a prominent abolitionist, passionately argued for the enlistment of African American men in the Union Army during the Civil War. Douglass believed it was a crucial step towards ending slavery and achieving true freedom and equality for African Americans. He argued that Black men could not only prove their loyalty, and courage on the battlefield, but also gain the right to citizenship and self-respect. Frederick Douglass also recognized that the Confederacy has already enlisted Black men as laborers and that the Union needed to utilize this manpower effectively.

Frederick Douglass wrote: "Once let the Black man get upon his person the brass letters U.S.; let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on the earth or under the earth which can deny that he has earned the right of citizenship in the United States".

Medal of Honor: 18 United States Colored Troops soldiers earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for service. Sgt. Williams Harvey Carney (54th Massachusetts Regiment) was one of the first to receive the Medal of Honor. **14 African Americans** including Sgt. Maj. Christian Fleetwood, Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton, during the Battle of New Market Heights on September 29, 1864. This recognition was given for their valorous actions during a charge against Confederate defense.

Andrew Jackson Smith (54th Massachusetts Regiment), received the Butler Award. In the Army, (When Slaves escaped to Butler's line – he refused to return them to the Confederacy under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850). – The Butler Award in USCT refers to the Butler Medal, a Military decoration created by Major General Benjamin F. Butler to honor African American soldiers in the USCT for bravery and service.

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The American Civil War involved a total of 34 States. 23 states in the Union included Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, California, Nevada, and Oregon. The 11 States in the Confederacy included: South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Border States included: Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri. The Confederacy recognized 13 states. Despite their acceptance of slavery, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri did not fight in the Civil War.



1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry

The 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment was one of the first organized regiments of African American soldiers in the Union during the Civil War. Established in 1862, their action included the Battle of Island Mound, South Carolina. The Infantry included African Americans and participated in coastal expeditions.

54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment

The 54th Massachusetts was one of the first volunteer United States military regiment comprised of African American soldiers raised in the North during the Civil War. The formation of the 54th Massachusetts in 1863 was closely watched by the public and the politicians within the Union. After President Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, states were officially allowed to create all Black regiments. Led by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, the 54th was comprised mostly of free Blacks, and former slaves. The regiment saw action in several battles, most notably at Fort Wagner, where Shaw was killed.

1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment



54th Massachusetts Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment

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UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS PRESENT IN GALVESTON BAY, TX PRIOR TO GENERAL GORDON GRANGER ARRIVING AND READING THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF GEN. ORDER NO 3 ON JUNE 19, 1865

HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS CONFIRM THE ARRIVAL IN GALVESTON, TX OF UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS (USCT) IN DAYS LEADING UP TO GRANGER'S ARRIVAL AND READING OF THE FAMOUS JUNETEENTH ANNOUNCEMENT.

A Brigade of the XXV Corps, also known as the 25th Army Corps comprised of over 1,000 soldiers of African descent arrived in Galveston and captured the city on June 5, 1865, a week before Gen Granger arrived. These Black soldiers significantly contributed to the spreading the news of freedom throughout Texas, leading to the estimated escape of thousands of enslaved people. The 28th Regiment (USCT) which included the 28 Indiana ,29th Illinois USCT arrived in Galveston on June 18, 1865, as part of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division USCT, and the 31st New York Units of the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division USCT arrived in Galveston Bay on June 18, 1865. The 116th USCT was also among the forces that occupied Galveston in mid- June 1865.

UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS PRESENT IN GALVESTON BAY, TX

20th USCT Regiment, 28th USCT Regiment, 29th USCT Regiment, 31st USCT Regiment
Some USCT Regiments Present in Galveston Before June 19, 1865



WE THE PEOPLE stand in unity as we respectfully pay tribute and honor to the United States Colored Troops for their courage, valor and commitment to saving the Union in the face of great peril and prejudice.

We pay loving tribute to the United States Colored Troops on June 19, 2025 in a special Boots on the Ground line dance commemorative tribute.

WE THE PEOPLE thank them and all decedents who have fought in honor of America – We thank them for their service.

Margie P. Hollins Research/Script

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Success Stories

Through our IYIP and JTED programs, Angel of God Resource Center is proud to partner with Victory Lap Logistics to create meaningful workforce opportunities for our youth and young adults. To date, all 24 clients have gained full-time employment through this partnership in roles such as Manager, Delivery Driver, and Delivery Helper. We are especially proud that several of them are now actively pursuing their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) as they continue building stable and rewarding careers.



Jose Luis Alcantar Diaz: Jose worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. During his paid work experience he focused on time management and communicating with customers. Jose delivered 1000 packages and received a 100% customer satisfaction rating. Jose was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper and tuition reimbursement to attend CDL School.



Evan Alejandro Aviles: After completing two months of paid work experience, Evan quickly developed a strong understanding of logistics, route management, and customer service. He treated every shift as an opportunity to prove he was reliable and could handle responsibility under pressure. As a result of his dedication and consistent performance he was offered a full-time delivery driver position. Now, with real-world experience under my belt, he will be taking the next step by enrolling in a CDL school. He plans to earn his commercial driver's license and advance into larger-scale freight and transport operations.



Anthony Brooks: Anthony worked as a delivery driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. During his paid work experience he learned about route planning, time management, customer service, and how to handle high-pressure situations — all essential for any career in transportation and logistics. Anthony was offered a full-time position as a dispatcher. This new role allows him to oversee routes, support drivers, and contribute to more strategic operations within the company. Inspired by his growth and the possibilities in the logistics field, he will be enrolling in community college to study Business Administration. He is excited to build on real-world experience with formal education and to advance his career.



Luis Calderon: Luis worked as a delivery driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. During his paid work experience he learned how to safely operate a DOT Vehicle and deliver packages to customers' homes. Luis successfully delivered over 2000 packages and received great customer feedback on his performance. Luis was offered a full-time position driver and will begin training on operating a 26-foot Box Truck with Air Brakes.



Alexander Clay: Alexander worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. During his paid work experience, he learned how to work and effectively communicate with others. Alexander did a great job asking his supervisors for feedback on how he can improve. Alexander was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper.



Carlos Garcia Ortega: Carlos worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. He learned to deliver packages using the mobile device and complete the daily vehicle inspection checklist. During his paid work experience, he focused on critical thinking and cooperative work. Carlos was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper. Carlos is currently attending Trucking School to receive classroom and on the road training to obtain his Class A Commercial Driver's License.

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Edgard Ulysses Garcia: Edgard worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. During his paid work experience, he focused on being professional and maintaining a positive attitude. Edgard was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper. Edgard will be training to become a Class C Driver and Instructor.



Destiny Angelina Herrera: Destiny worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver Helper, Destiny assisted in delivering and assembling oversized packages up to 300 lbs. in addition to loading/unloading cargo vans safely. During her paid work experience she learned how to work and effectively communicate with others. Destiny did a great job asking her supervisors for feedback on how she can improve. Destiny was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper.



Evian Hill: Evian worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Evian was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid work experience, he focused on perseverance and conflict resolution. Evian was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Evian will be enrolling in Trucking School for the Fall Semester.



Kegan Michael Jablonski: Kegan worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Kegan was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Kegan focused on Professionalism and Dependability. Kegan was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Kegan has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Evelyn Toffay Johnson: Evelyn worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Evelyn was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. She took pride in being dependable, efficient, and providing excellent service to customers. She made it a priority to learn not just how to deliver packages quickly and safely, but also how the entire logistics operation worked. She treated every shift as a learning opportunity, asking questions about route planning, customer service policies, and leadership practices. Evelyn was offered a full-time position as a manager. In this new position, she leads a team of drivers, coordinates daily operations, and ensures that service standards are met across the board. With a foundation built on real-

world experience and a

growing understanding of leadership and operations, Evelyn has registered for Business courses to further develop her skills to grow within the logistics industry—or even launch a delivery business of her own one day.

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Jalen Oijah Kilberts: Jalen worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Jalen was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Jalen focused on Active Listening and Clear Communication. Jalen was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Jalen is currently enrolled in college to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Music Business.



James Knight: James worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, James was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience James focused on Professionalism and Respect. James was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. James has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Miguel Martinez: Miguel worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Miguel was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Miguel focused on Critical Thinking and Planning and Organizing. Miguel made great improvements by interacting with customers and delivering packages to the correct address. Miguel was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Miguel has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Henry Nino: Henry consistently demonstrated strong work ethics, punctuality, and excellent customer service during his work experience as a Delivery Driver. He treated each delivery with care, maintained a positive attitude under pressure, and helped train new drivers. Henry was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. He has become more involved with fleet upkeep and problem-solving mechanical issues. As a next step in his career development, Henry will be enrolling in an Automotive Technician Training Program to gain hands-on skills and formal education in automotive repair and diagnostics.



Jessica Ann Pitvarec: Jessica worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver Helper, Jessica assisted in delivering and assembling oversized packages up to 300 lbs. in addition to loading/unloading cargo vans safely. During her paid work experience, she focused on perseverance and critical thinking. Jessica did a great job asking her supervisors for feedback on how she can improve. Jessica was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper.



Abdul Rehman Kahn: Abdul worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Abdul was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Abdul focused on Integrity and Respect. Abdul was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Abdul has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.

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Arthur Robinson: Arthur worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Arthur was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Arthur focused on conflict resolution and active listening. Arthur was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Arthur has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Christian John Saldivar: Christian worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Christian was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid work experience Christian focused on Critical Thinking and Positive Attitude. Christian was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Christian has enrolled in Trucking School to begin operating Dump Trucks for construction sites.



Reginald Saunders: Reginald worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Reginald was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. During his paid experience Reginald focused on Professionalism and Self Drive. Reginald was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Reginald has begun the process of upgrading his Driver's License to a Class C to begin operating 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Xavier Smith: Xavier worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver Helper, Xavier assisted in delivering and assembling oversized packages up to 300 lbs. in addition to loading/unloading cargo vans safely. During his paid work experience, he learned how to work and effectively communicate with others. Xavier did a great job asking his supervisors for feedback on how he can improve. Xavier was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper. Xavier working towards earning a promotion to Delivery Driver and has begun the process to upgrade his Driver's License to Class C to operate 26 Foot Box Trucks.



Darryl David Thorpe: Darryl worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Darryl was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. He took pride in being dependable, delivering packages on time, and maintaining high customer satisfaction. He was proactive in learning route optimization, vehicle safety, and communication best practices, which helped me improve performance week after week. Darryl was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver. Darryl's goal is to build a foundation in management and entrepreneurship, with the long-term vision of one day running his own delivery business.

Success Stories



Alexander Venegas: Alexander worked as a Delivery Driver Helper to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver Helper, Alexander assisted in delivering and assembling oversized packages up to 300 lbs. in addition to loading/unloading cargo vans safely. During his paid work experience, he focused on dependability and cooperative work. Alexander was offered a full-time position as a Delivery Driver Helper. Alexander is scheduled to attend an open house at Academy 160 Trucking School to learn more about obtaining his Class A Commercial Driver's License.



Madison Williams: Madison worked as a Delivery Driver to gain hands-on experience in the logistics industry. As a Delivery Driver, Madison was responsible for making small package deliveries to homes, apartments, and businesses. She quickly learned the importance of time management, customer service, and safe driving practices. Each day brought new challenges—from navigating busy neighborhoods to handling packages with care—but she remained focused, reliable, and consistent in her performance. Madison was offered a full time position as a Delivery Driver. Working full time gave her the confidence and financial foundation to take the next step in her career journey. Madison is now enrolled in nursing school, inspired by her passion for helping others and desire to make a difference in people's lives. The experience she gained as a delivery driver taught her discipline, professionalism, and the value of hard work—skills that will support her nursing career.

Forklift Training

We had 4 participants to attend the Wright College Forklift training. These four young men were instructed by the Instructor at Wright College and passed the training and received their certification.

Ahmad Smith
Avaughn Smith
Avey McKnight
Jarmar McKnight

Springfield Day of Action

Illinois Back Not-for-Profit Coalition (IBNC)



Annie Smith with
Judge Cobbs



Annie Smith with
Margie P. Hollins



Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Event



Leadership

Dr. Grace Beacham - Director of Fiscal Services: I am deeply honored and grateful to join the Executive Team at Angel of God Resource Center. Thank you for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve alongside such passionate and purpose-driven leaders. I look forward to contributing my experience and dedication to furthering our mission of hope, healing, and empowerment. Together, may we continue to be a light in the lives of those we serve.

Leadership con't

Oteesah Johnson - Project Director: As Project Director at Angel of God Resource Center it is invaluable when fostering meaningful connections and growth within the community. By working with both youth and adults, I have the unique opportunity to build intergenerational bridges, nurture potential, and equip individuals with the skills and support needed to thrive, impacting not just their lives, but the entire community's well-being.

Taura Bronson - Project Director: I enjoy helping young people discover their potential and watching their confidence grow. It's fulfilling for me to create a safe and supportive space where young people feel heard and valued, so often they don't have that space. So, every day with the youth is a new opportunity for me to guide, mentor, and learn from them in return. Seeing youth progress both personally and professionally is one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

Cecilia Horn - Director of Quality Assurance/Marketing: Despite the cuts in grant funding this past year, our agency has continued to rise to the occasion and remain steadfast in our mission. The dedication of our team, the resilience of our clients, and the unwavering support of our partners have carried us through challenges. Each success, big or small, reminds us that the work we do changes lives. Together, we will keep moving forward, stronger and more determined than ever.

Lisa Campbell - Office Manager: Knowing that work contributes to something bigger is a great feeling. Serving the community through Angel of God Resource Centers initiatives is a constant source of joy and purpose. It's amazing to be part of a team that doesn't just focus on the bottom line but truly makes a difference in the community. Volunteering and Serving really reminds us why we do what we do.

Angel DeJesus - MIS: To the incredible team at Angel of God Resource Center, the opportunity to work alongside each team member is genuinely appreciated. It's an honor to contribute to Angel of God's important mission, enhancing the ability to serve our community and improve our outreach efforts. The dedication and passion witnessed from everyone here, whether serving clients, managing programs, or maintaining smooth operations, is truly inspiring. As part of MIS, it's been observed how collective efforts impact the community served. The commitment to helping others overcome challenges and build a better future is evident in all activities.

Shanna Pierce - TeenREACH Program Director: Working with youth in Teen REACH is a truly rewarding experience, offering the chance to inspire young minds and foster their personal growth. It's incredibly fulfilling to witness their curiosity and creativity flourish in a supportive and engaging environment. Every day brings new opportunities to build strong connections and make a positive impact on the next generation's future.

Fred Eaton - TeenREACH Program Director: One truly has to have patience and understanding during these turbulent times. Working with today's generation of teens is a different and difficult task. However, it gives me a great sense of satisfaction knowing that I have played a major role in developing a generation of young minds.

Phillips Wilkes - TeenREACH Program Director: AOG has assisted us by providing the necessary financial resources to expand our programs & reach a larger number of youth in need of additional support. This has allowed us to have extra time with them to assist with homework, focus on reading, and help ensure access to equitable opportunities. Furthermore, they have become more active citizens in our communities by assisting with our village's food drive and satisfy our service & learning initiatives. Because of AOG we have also been able to purchase essential supplies and engage in a wider range of activities. All in all, we have been able to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, & make a positive impact in the lives of the youth & community we serve.

Alfred Rodriguez - Director of HR/Compliance: In light of the disproportionate threats to our population of focus posed by the current administration's Project 2025 agenda—including cuts to essential social programs, civil rights rollbacks, and the dismantling of DEI efforts—our work to provide culturally responsive and community-rooted services is more critical than ever. I am honored to stand with Angel of God Resource Center in the capacity of Director of HR & Compliance in defending equity, dignity, and opportunity for our vulnerable communities during this pivotal time.

Dominique Mingo - Case Manager: Working with the youth in the IYIP has been a joy, allowing the youth to find the right career path. It has been a life-changing experience for me and the youth that I work with. Being able to help them at least have something to think about as far as their future is concerned is making a difference. The youth in our programs, as well as all programs, are the future of this country, and knowing my guidance could help one of our clients become the next anything is my pleasure.

Thank you!

Angel of God Resource Center, Inc.

