



Annual Report 2013



Dear Friends,

We are so fortunate to be able to share this annual report with you that details the many successes Colorado Youth for a Change has experienced over this past year. In this, our eighth year of operation, with immense gratitude to our school and community partners, we are setting the groundwork for new projects and initiatives in 2014 that will further advance our mission to help solve Colorado's dropout crisis.

As the Founder of CYC, Steve Dobo, moved on to work with dropouts on the national level, Chris Telk, one of CYC's founding board members, joined the staff as Executive Director. Through a carefully thought-out transition plan crafted by the board of directors, CYC has continued to thrive. Some of the highlights of the past year include the addition of four new board members, the launching of a new program database, the initiation of our summer youth leadership institute, and several new and expanded contracts with schools and community partners.

Over the past year, our programs served 1,769 total youth, expanded our work with most vulnerable populations to include adjudicated girls, and successfully enrolled 677 students back into school.

As you read through this report and learn about our work over the past year, please keep in mind that none of it is possible without your support. Thank you so much for continuing to join us as we move into the New Year.

You'll be hearing from us soon, but until then keep finding out what's happening at www.youthforachange.org!

Sincerely,



Herb Quintana
Chairman, Board of Directors



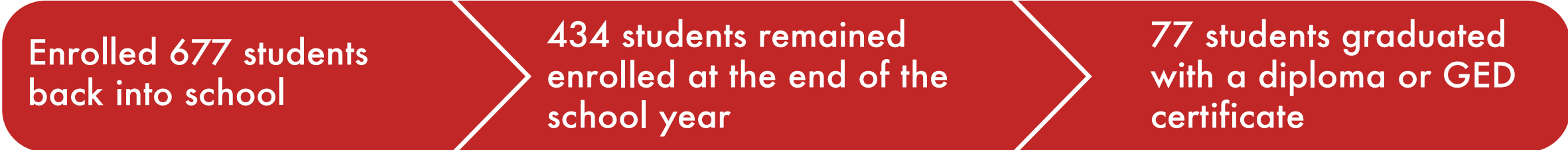
Chris Telk
Executive Director

Our Mission

The mission of Colorado Youth for a Change is to solve the dropout crisis in Colorado through outreach and recovery of current dropouts, in school educational intervention, and innovative program development with community partners.

Dropout Outreach and Recovery

This year, CYC Dropout Outreach and Recovery Specialists contacted over **3,000 students** who had dropped out of school from Denver Public Schools, Boulder Valley School District, Aurora Public Schools, Englewood Schools, and Centennial BOCES. **75% of the 677 students who were reenrolled in school ended the year with a positive outcome:** continued enrollment or graduation.



Early Intervention Program

Focuses efforts on slightly off-track students (those with 1-2 course failures) who are not receiving other school and community resources but need additional support to get back on track.

531 slightly off-track 9th & 10th grade students received support from CYC's Early Intervention Program during the 2012-2013 school year

66% Average % of students who passed all core classes by end of grading period

69% Average % reduction in core F's

54% % of students who ended with an F who raised at least 1 failing grade

Late Intervention Program

Provides support for 11th and 12th grade students who have fallen behind in credits and need increased support to graduate.

247 11th & 12th grade students off-track to graduate recieved support from CYC's Late Intervention Program during the 2012-2013 school year

56% Average % of students who passed all core classes by end of grading period

47% Average % reduction in core F's

74% % of off track 12th graders who graduated

Futures Academy

Futures Academy is a collaborative program between CYC and Aurora Public Schools that serves students ages 17-21 who have too few credits to earn a diploma in the traditional manner and are interested in furthering their education and pursuing a post-secondary degree. With reading, writing, math, and career planning courses, Futures Academy prepares students to take the GED tests and offers concurrent (and free) enrollment at community and technical colleges.

67 students completed at least 1 of 5 GED tests

60 students Earned their GED Certificate

29 students were concurrently enrolled at the Community College of Aurora

37 students were concurrently enrolled at Pickens Technical College

19 Technical Certificates were earned from Pickens Technical College

**1,769 students served by CYC
in the 2012-2103 school year**

57% Male

42% Female

1% Transgender

56% Hispanic/Latino

24% White Caucasian

12% Black/African American

4% Multi-Racial

2% Asian/Pacific Islander

2% American Indian/Alaskan Native

15% have been in corrections

14% are pregnant or parenting

10% are experiencing homelessness

7% identify as LGBTQ

Sapphire

Sapphire ended the first quarter of her freshman year failing four classes. She lost her mother and her father is not involved in her life. Though she was a very friendly and helpful student, she struggled with course content, motivation to complete her work, and the ability to advocate for herself. Sapphire and CYC Educational Specialist, Meghan, worked together to strengthen her academic skills such as goal setting, prioritization, effective study habits, and communication with teachers. After participating in a CYC advisory council, Sapphire became more involved in school. This year she is managing 8th grade girls volleyball and is a member of the homecoming committee. Sapphire's increased belief in herself has helped her academically, as she has been more inclined to talk to her teachers when she needs help, and has demonstrated an increased belief in her ability to succeed in her classes.



Julian



Julian Holland Jr. started at Futures Academy in August of 2010. He had low levels in reading, writing, and math. Julian struggled to advocate for himself in a traditional school setting. Since Julian has been with Futures, he has been able to increase his performance in reading, writing, and math, and has successfully completed his GED! He is currently earning a certificate in Property Maintenance at Pickens Technical College and plans to attend Metropolitan State University in downtown Denver to pursue a degree in Psychology.

Financials

Income

Government/School Contracts \$2,503,269

Foundations and Corporations \$537,700

Special Events/Individuals/Other \$78,184

Total • \$3,119,153

Expenses

Programs • \$2,618,742

Administration • \$239,444

Fundraising • \$76,347

Total • \$2,934,533

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