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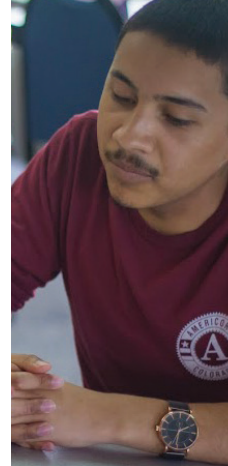
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DEAR FRIENDS,

The 2017-2018 school year was an exciting one at Colorado Youth for a Change, and we are so grateful for partners like you. Your partnership connects youth with opportunities to get back into school and also creates pathways, alongside caring adults, that lead to increased confidence and success in school.

We were thrilled to expand our programming this past year by taking over the Colorado Reading Corps program. The evidence-based program ensures that our youngest learners – those in kindergarten through third grade - start as proficient readers, again creating a pathway toward graduation as children shift from learning to read to reading to learn by the end of third grade.

As the percentage of students graduating across Colorado continues to grow, CYC's Reengagement program celebrated 99 students who earned a diploma or GED this year; these are students who had previously dropped out of school. We supported an additional 64 students in May who earned a GED or post-secondary credits/certifications through our Futures Academy program. The resilience of the youth we partner with is remarkable! One of our graduates from Futures Academy summarized it well:

"CYC's Futures Academy took a chance on me and understood my needs. Futures proved me wrong. I wasn't just an outcast. I was more than just a habitual offender. I never knew if I was going to walk across a stage, but here I am, speaking on behalf of the graduates of Futures Academy."

Thank you for helping make this important work possible.

Best Regards,

Mary Zanotti,
Executive Director

Clare Wilson,
CYC Board Chair



DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER

53% MALE

46% FEMALE

1% TRANSGENDER

RACE & SEXUAL ORIENTATION

51.5% LATINO

2% AMERICAN INDIAN

27% WHITE

1.5% ASIAN

9.5% BLACK

8.5% TWO OR MORE RACES

10% LGBTQ

LIFE EVENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

28% COURT INVOLVED

5.3% EXPERIENCE IN FOSTER CARE

14.4% EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS (NOW OR IN THE PAST)

10.2% PREGNANT OR PARENTING

82% ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

2,800 TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED

FINANCIALS 2017

INCOME

Government	3,045,485
Foundations and Corporations	612,082
Special Events (net)/Individuals/Other	153,031
Total	3,810,598

EXPENSES

Programs	3,255,299
General/Administration	301,813
Fundraising	224,763
Total	3,781,875

Complete 2017 Financial Report available upon request

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COLORADO READING CORPS

HELPING STUDENTS READ AT GRADE LEVEL BY THE END OF 3RD GRADE

881 students who were reading below grade level were served.

66% of students demonstrated more than one grade level of growth in reading.



FUTURES ACADEMY PROGRAM

A PARTNERSHIP WITH AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT HELPS STUDENTS EARN A GED WHILE CO-ENROLLING IN POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

337 students served had dropped out of school or had too few credits to earn a diploma in the traditional manner.

42 students earned a GED; 61 students dual enrolled at either the Community College of Aurora or Pickens Tech; and 9 earned a certificate from Pickens Technical College.

According to the National League of Cities, the lifetime savings per additional high school graduate is \$65,230. If we multiply this by the 105 students that graduated or earned a GED last year, this equals \$6,849,150 in public sector savings.

EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM

ENSURING STUDENTS ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATION

284 9th and 10th grade students who were failing at least one course were served by the Educational Intervention Program. 71% ended the year on-track toward graduation.



ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

INCREASING STUDENT ATTENDANCE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Low attendance rates (missing 10% or more days of school) indicate a higher likelihood of a student dropping out. In the school districts where CYC partners, 31% of students are considered chronically absent. 624 students who were chronically absent were served by the Attendance Program.

REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

REENROLLING STUDENTS WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADUATING

561 education plans were completed last year, and 451 youth reenrolled in school.

68.5% of those enrolled finished the year with a positive outcome: graduation, transfer to another district/program, or continued enrollment.

"One of my students struggled with letter sounds and blends and flourished with the one-on-one support. By March, she exited the program and was one of the best readers in her class. She became a more confident contributor in her class and her grades in other subjects improved too. I ran into her mother at the end of the school year, and she gave me a huge hug, thanking me for all I did to support her daughter."

- Jill, Colorado Reading Corps Member



STUDENT SUCCESS



ANTHONY 2018 GRADUATE, FUTURES ACADEMY

"CYC and Futures (Academy) gave me a fresh start. They were there for whatever I needed. If I was down, they helped pick me up. They gave me opportunities I never thought possible."



IBRAHIM 2018 GRADUATE, REENGAGEMENT

"When CYC got in touch with me I had already missed my senior year because I was involved in the justice system. Even though the odds were stacked against me, I knew I wanted to finish high school. Thanks to Joe at CYC I graduated last May and plan to study sports medicine at Community College of Denver."