

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



BUILDING ON SERVICE



The year 2018 saw success and growth in all YouthServe programming, particularly in-school programming called Service Education. Begun as character-education curriculum in the late 90s, the program has grown and evolved over time to address changing culture and environment in schools and communities. Currently, the lesson plans focus on civic engagement and how to think and approach service in familiar and unfamiliar communities. It challenges students to think out of the box about challenges their communities face and how a young person might practically address them. In 2014, a partnership with the Birmingham Education Foundation launched the pilot of our Changemaker Council program. This in-depth, 12-session workshop includes experiential learning with projects carried to fruition.

More about those on the coming pages.

In addition YouthServe continues to grow opportunities for service and leadership outside of school with programs like Urban Service Camp, Youth Action Council, Youth Philanthropy Council and the Alabama Youth Alliance. More unique volunteers participated in all events across the board in 2018, as still more were repeat volunteers. See the breakdown page four.

We invite you to look into our world of service and support the opportunity for all youth to become productive members of their communities and beyond.

2017-18 YOUTHSERVE STAFF



Clockwise from left, Wayne Williams, AmeriCorps Member, Meesha Emmett, Director of Communications and Donor Relations, Daniel Ross, Program Director, Kaitlyn Peterson, AmeriCorps Member, Jennifer Hatchett, Executive Director, Emily Curran, Bookkeeper.

IN-SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A snapshot of projects from 2018 in Birmingham City Schools.



Carver High School Changemakers began examining ways to improve teacher retention in 2016. They concluded it would be easier for them to impact student behavior than try to direct teacher and administration decisions. They decided to create a mentoring program in partnership with Hudson K-8, a feeder school to Carver, to help guide them in good decision making as they transition to high school. Named Project Arrow, Carver Changemakers are in the third year of leading this program.



Ramsay High School Changemakers have been working on organizing safe-space meetings at their school where students can discuss mental health issues and social/emotional problems. After an seeing he potential difficulties of training teachers on how to be more approachable for students with mental health problems, they decided youth-led meetings were not only more feasible, but likely more effective than any other route they could take. This program is now ongoing at the school.



Wylam K-8 Changemakers began looking at abandoned buildings in their community as an issue back in the fall of 2017. They explored myriad ways to help and thought promoting entrepreneurship in their communities would help grow the economy for their downtown. They got as far as a partnership with REV Birmingham and their BIZ 1.0 program in Ensley and will continue to explore the possibilities.

2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE

YouthServe in the Community



941 Registered Volunteers
458 Unique Volunteers



5600 Service Hours



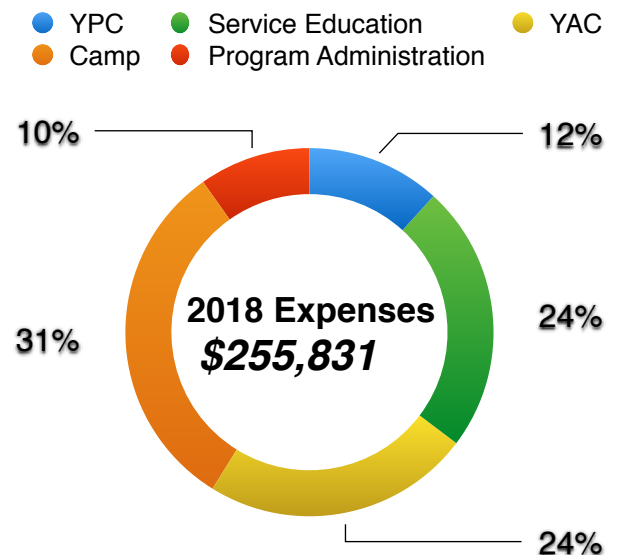
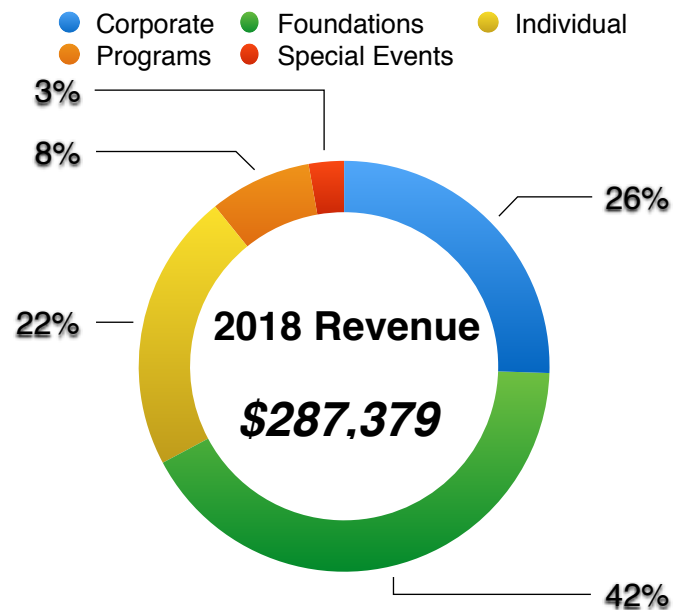
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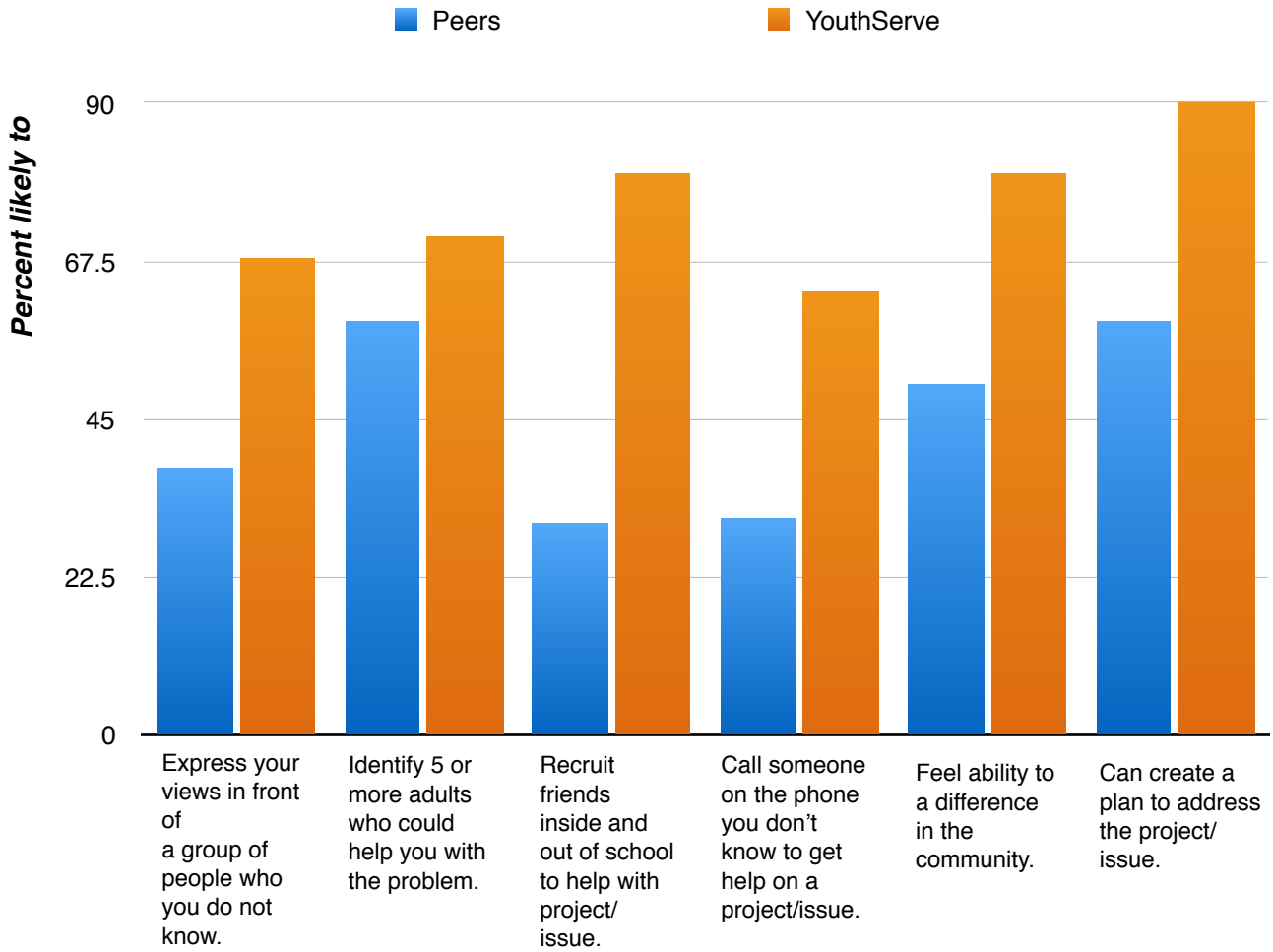
32,000 Direct Service Beneficiaries



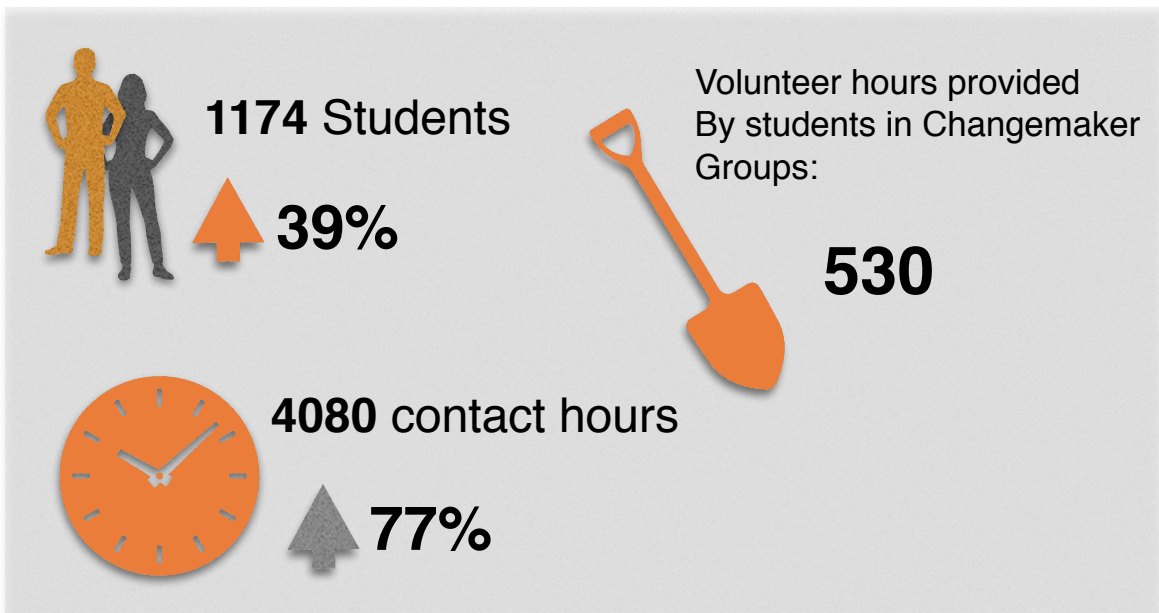
\$123,200 in community savings



Tests conducted throughout the year with YouthServe leaders, in school and out, contrasted with peers who had not participated showed the following outcomes in increased civic engagement for youth.



YouthServe in the Schools



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

All Youth Leadership Initiatives through YouthServe feature monthly meetings in which youth attend to their business and are assisted via caring adults and experts, but are entirely youth-led.



2017-18 Youth Philanthropy Council

Each year, the Youth Philanthropy Council via the Joseph S. Bruno Charitable Foundation becomes a grant-making body to invest in initiatives important to them. In 2017-18 their focus included relief for food deserts and access to quality education. They funded the Urban Food Project through REV Birmingham, PreSchool Partners, Grace House, Alabama Possible, Desert Island Supply Company, and STAIR Birmingham.

2017-18 Youth Action Council

Comprised of 19 youth from 12 metro-area schools, the Youth Action Council led 6 community-wide service days hosting over 250 volunteers throughout the year. In addition to cultivating relationships with partner agencies including Collat Jewish Family Services, East Lake Farmers Market, First Light, Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army and the YWCA Central AL, members have been honing their leadership skills, as well as learning best practices for volunteer and project management.



Alabama Youth Alliance

The inaugural Youth Alliance began meeting in the spring of 2017, with plans to host a city-wide youth leadership event in 2018. The group featured delegates from YouthServe, Youth Leadership Forum, Girls Inc. Teen Leadership, and the YWCA of Central AL Social Justice Department (Heritage Panel, Peace Birmingham, Anytown). In January of 2018, they held the first Alabama Youth Summit at American Village in Montevallo, AL with 50 delegates attending. The focus was “What’s Next for Alabama?” Including topics on education and economic opportunity.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

AH Parker High School
Advent Episcopal School
Alabama School of Fine Arts
Arlington School
Berry Middle School
Booker T. Washington K-8
Brocks Gap School
Bumpus Middle School
Bush Hills Academy
Calera Middle School
Chelsea Middle School
Clay-Chalkville High School
Clay-Chalkville Middle School
Cornerstone School
Fairfield High School
GW Carver High School
Gardendale High School
Green Acres School
Harvest Community Church School
HE McCracken Middle School
Hewitt Trussville Middle School
Highlands School
Homewood High School
Homewood Middle School
Holy Family Christo-Rey High School
Hoover High School
Hudson K-8

Hueytown High School
Huffman High School
Indian Springs School
Jackson Olin High School
JCIB High School
JCIB Middle School
John Carroll Catholic High School
Moody High School
Mountain Brook Junior High
Mountain Brook High School
Moss Point High School
Oak Mountain High School
Oak Mountain Middle School
Our Lady of Sorrows School
Phillips Academy
Pinson Valley High School
Pleasant Grove High School
Providence St. Met School
Ramsay High School
Shades Valley High School
Spain Park High School
Success Unlimited
The Altamont School
Trace Crossings School
Vestavia Hills High School
Woodlawn High School
Wylam K-8

2018 CAMP



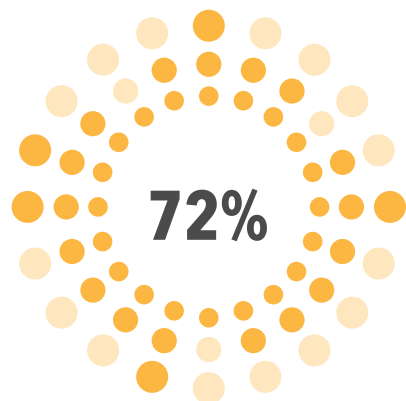
“Urban Service Camp was a game-changer for me.”

A Unique Experience of Civic Engagement, Leadership and Diversity

YouthServe’s Urban Service Camp follows the values and mission of YouthServe to develop youth leadership through community service. Most activities and workshops are youth-led, with caring adults and experts as guides leading them through complex issues such as poverty and privilege, and how to properly enter diverse communities for service.

The Summer of 2018 marked twenty years of Urban Service Camp with YouthServe. That’s over **1800 campers** and more than **27,000 service hours** invested in communities across the metro region.

Social competencies



Of campers gained specific sets of positive skills necessary to get along with others and function in diverse groups.



JONES VALLEY Teaching Farm/Avondale **AVONDALE COOKOUT Community Feeding** **HABITAT FOR Humanity**

Urban Service Campers took on several projects at the Avondale Elementary farm including moving a wash basin, building a vermiculture bed and mosaic stepping stones for a garden labyrinth

Campers worked with Avondale Samaritan Place and Avondale United Methodist to serve the community on Tuesdays, in partnership with the Avondale Library family nights.

Campers contributed to a renovation project on a home in West End.



ENSLEY ALIVE Color Project **URBAN MINISTRY West End Urban Garden** **EAST LAKE Barrett School/CCDN**

Improved grounds for a business development initiative as well as community garden.

A number of projects at Urban Ministries and the West End Garden included collaborative effort with campers there.

Campers participated in two East Lake projects, one prepping classrooms at Barrett Elementary School as well as creating a mural for the Community Care Development Network. The mural was a partnership of YouthServe, Blank Spaces, and Brasifeld and Gorrie.

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