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2022 Annual Report





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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS



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In 1998, some notable things occurred: California became the first state to ban indoor smoking, the Chicago Bulls won the NBA Championship, the most popular website was AOL.com, Titanic won the Oscar for Best Picture, and GYAC opened its doors!

GYAC has been thriving since 1998, thanks to people like you! The Center's campus has doubled and now serves more than 250 students through GYAC's educational afterschool and summer camp programs. Since 1998, enrollment in the afterschool program has increased by over 89%; summer camp enrollment has increased by over 130%.

In addition to homework and educational activities, students participate in various enrichment activities that include a Science Explorers Club, a Book Club, a Garden Club, golf and tennis instruction, art classes, barbering and cosmetology classes, swimming lessons, various educational field trips, and social, cultural, and recreational activities. Students and families receive the social and emotional tools they need to succeed in life and beyond, thanks to the services provided by our Student Support Specialist.



ANGELIA PERRY
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

The Youth Employability Program (YEP) provides work maturity, employability skills training, and career assessment to students during the school year. During the summer, students are eligible for paid work experience opportunities in their field of interest.

The Beyond Special K (adult/senior citizens) Program has grown from offering only low-impact aerobics and art classes to providing health screenings in partnership with the VNA, Chi-Gong, a mobile food pantry in partnership with the Treasure Coast Food Bank, fresh vegetables in partnership with the Shining Light Garden, respite care and educational classes in collaboration with the Alzheimer's & Parkinson's association, and Bible Study. Seniors receive free medical supplies, equipment, and toiletries in partnership with the Senior Resource Association.

GYAC now houses the Gifford Legal Services Clinic that provides free legal advice and referral services. GYAC is now more of a community center for Gifford residents and those throughout the County.

We are grateful for the vision of Dr. Hudson, Mr. Richardson, and Dr. Nigh to create a sanctuary for families in response to Black students' declining high school graduation rate in 1996. Together, our efforts are having a transformational impact on our community. The high school graduation rate of African American students in Indian River County exceeds 92%, proving that when children know they have someone who believes in them through the highs and lows of life, they can achieve things they never imagined.

We want to thank our donors, collaborative partners, and this incredible community for making 25 years of "Changing Lives, Changing Futures" a reality. Here's to YOU and our Founders' vision for a brighter future!



WHAT WE DO

MISSION

With God's guidance, the Gifford Youth Achievement Center provides educational, cultural and social opportunities that enhance the lives of the youth and families we serve.

VISION

Where lives are changed and goals are attained

VALUES

Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Inclusivity, Hard Work, Collaboration



BOOK CLUB

instills a love of reading and introduces students to new adventures and inspiring authors.

WHO WE ARE



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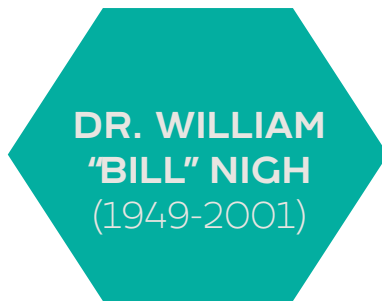


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THEY SERVE AS AMBASSADORS, SHARING THE GOOD WORK OF GYAC WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES, PLACES OF WORK AND CIRCLES OF FRIENDS.

WE ARE TRULY APPRECIATIVE FOR THE HOURS THEY PUT IN!





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BEYOND SPECIAL K IS ALIVE & WELL!

THIS ACTIVE GROUP OF ADULTS & SENIOR CITIZENS EXERCISES TWICE A WEEK, IN A LIVELY, LOW-IMPACT AEROBICS CLASS, LED BY BOARD MEMBER LARRY STALEY. QIGONG, BIBLE STUDY, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS ARE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS.



MY GYAC STORY

Andre and Brandon are both in the 10th grade and over the years have developed a strong bond that has helped them conquer life's challenges. Andre has attended GYAC for 10 years and Brandon three. They are both currently enrolled in GYAC's Youth Employability Program. They have a passion for sports, yet they have the wherewithal to know that education comes first. In their view, GYAC has both challenged and inspired them. Here's their take!

Andre Ferguson, 10th Grade

Q: What is your first memory of GYAC?

It was my 3rd week of kindergarten. I remember taking the bus and not wanting to go, because I was nervous. Now, I feel like GYAC is a part of me.

Q: In three words, how would you describe your GYAC experience?

Inspiring. Challenging. Eye-opening.

Q: What advice do you have for current students?

Stay focused on goals. Never give up. Nothing is too hard for you to accomplish.

Q: What influence has GYAC had on who you are today?

Getting out of my shell, being optimistic, and becoming a leader. I'm currently assisting Mr. T in his second-grade class.

Q: Who do you look up to the most?

My mom, because she never gave up after going through hardships.

Q: What's next for you?

After graduating from high school, I'd like to attend the University of North Carolina. I also want to become a professional athlete or personal trainer.

Brandon James, 10th Grade

Q: What is your favorite aspect of GYAC?

The YEP summer work experience, because I know I'm working for something - not just for the money, but to have an impact on the kids.

Q: What advice do you have for younger students at GYAC?

Surround yourself with like-minded people. Make sure your behavior is in check, because people judge your character before anything else.

Q: What impact has GYAC had on your family?

For me, GYAC has shown its commitment to helping the community. They're all about giving back, more than anything.

Q: How will YEP help you reach your goals?

YEP shows you how to manage your time, manifest your goals and be coachable.

Q: How has your friendship with Andre influenced your GYAC experience?

It gives me something to look forward to, since we're like-minded and working toward the same outcomes.

In 2020, retired NFL player, Kenny Holmes emphasized the importance of having a "Plan B." His message resonated with Andre who recalls Kenny saying "Just because you don't see results now, you shouldn't give up."

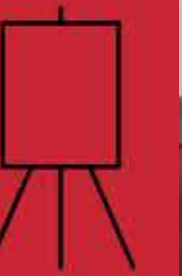
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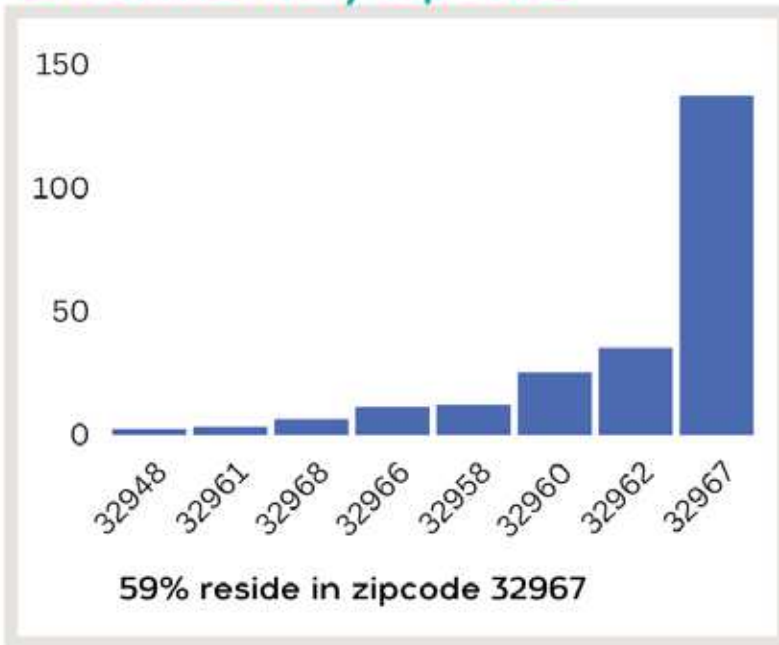


36%

reside in an apartment



Enrollment by zipcode



Age

75% elementary
20% middle
5% high school

Gender

43% male
57% female

Family Income

59% earn \$35k or less per year
78% earn \$50k or less per year
19% earn more than \$50k per year
15% earn less than \$15k

Ethnicity

78% African-American
12% Hispanic/Latino
7% Caucasian
3% Other

Most-Represented Schools

53 attend Dodgertown Elementary
22 attend Rosewood Magnet
22 attend Gifford Middle School
23 attend a charter school



11:13 elementary schools represented



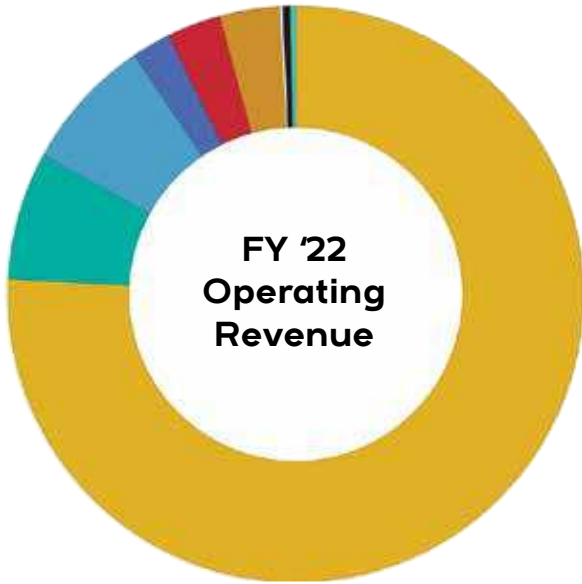
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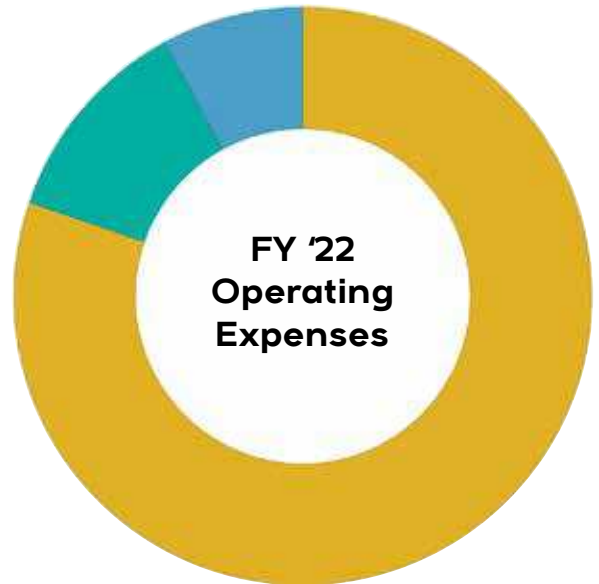
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	Contributions - Operating	\$ 1,789,548
	Indian River County Grants	\$ 169,007
	Donated Land and Facilities	\$ 177,625
	United Way of Indian River	\$ 51,508
	Special Events	\$ 71,377
	Membership and Tuition	\$ 79,247
	Rental Income	\$ 4,268
	Investment Income	\$ 9,929
	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 6,745
Total	\$ 2,459,257	



Total Expenses - \$2,460,718

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