

*It is CYC's mission to empower vulnerable children and young adults to overcome obstacles and succeed in education, career and life.*



# Cincinnati Youth Collaborative

## 2013 Community Impact Report



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# Message from CEO and Board Chair

*“When CYC helps my child, it helps me. And when it helps me, it helps my other children.”*  
—Donnaya, the mother of a CYC student



As we reflect on 2013 and the impact that CYC has made in the community, we both are reminded of Donnaya Cothran and her sentiments regarding CYC. Donnaya’s son, Zachary, has been involved in CYC’s mentoring program for 4 years. His experience has been very rewarding, but not only for him. Zachary’s family, his mother and siblings, have benefited from the CYC mentoring program. Thankfully, this is a story that we hear frequently.

CYC places a positive role model in the life of an at-risk child. This happens in all of our services—mentoring, college readiness and success, and career preparation and dropout prevention. Time and time again, we see parents, like Donnaya, and students, like Zachary, succeed because of the services that CYC and its volunteers provide.

Young people in our community are our strongest assets, and it is in the best interest of us all to empower kids and young adults to succeed in education, career, and life. In 2013, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative continued its work of bringing together young people, public schools, businesses, and supporters in order to create a pathway of success for our community’s most vulnerable students. As we celebrated the one-year anniversary of CYC’s merge with

Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates this year, we were reminded of the need and impact of partnerships on behalf of young people. This merger has certainly strengthened CYC.

And the reality is, the need for CYC has never been greater.

We need your support to empower vulnerable students. Check out the many ways you can make an impact at

[cycyouth.org/help/volunteer-opportunities/](http://cycyouth.org/help/volunteer-opportunities/)



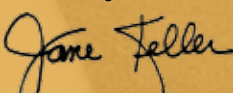
## Raise Funds, Raise Hope

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This year, 24,000 students will drop out of Ohio high schools. Just as upsetting is the grim fact that 53% of Cincinnati’s youth under the age of 18 are living in poverty. As always, CYC will continue to support our community’s most at-risk young people as they realize their dreams. To do this, we will need the continued backing of supporters like you. Please join in our mission, follow us on Facebook, and visit our website. Whether you give time, money, or both, please know that every single contribution directly fuels the success of a CYC student who will go on to great things.

Thank you for all you do to support CYC.

Sincerely,

  
Jane Keller



  
Kent Wellington



 Purpose: Building Cincinnati’s Future



High School Graduation



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## About CYC



**Tutoring** Grades 1-12



**Mentoring** Grades 3-12



**College Readiness and Success** Grades 7-12 and College



**Dropout Prevention** Grades 10-12



**Career Preparation** Grades 10-12

Cincinnati Youth Collaborative makes a significant difference in the lives of vulnerable young people in 1st grade through college by providing a range of services designed to keep kids in school, prepared for college and career, and on the pathway to success.

By bringing together more than 1,900 volunteers and more than 75 local businesses, CYC provides mentoring and tutoring, college readiness and success, dropout prevention, and career preparation.

Uniquely, CYC is:

- a partner with Cincinnati Public, Winton Woods, North College Hill, and Finneytown School Districts and Purcell Marian High School
- the longest-standing provider to work with Cincinnati Public Schools at district and school levels with access to school academic data
- the only local organization to offer a full range of youth development services both within and outside of schools

## Program Success

CYC is very proud of its success! CYC was founded in 1982 to combat the staggering high school dropout rate in Greater Cincinnati. Over three decades, CYC has served more than 160,000 students.

### CYC Impact Indicators 2012–2013 Academic Year



**80% Grade Promotion**  
high school students in CYC programs were promoted to the next grade



**93% Graduation Rate**  
senior students in CYC programs graduated from high school



**70% Transition to College**  
senior students in CYC programs successfully transitioned to college



**86% Transition to Post-Secondary**  
senior students in CYC programs successfully transitioned to college, career, or military

### CYC Impact Indicators 5 Year Average



**86% Grade Promotion**  
high school students in CYC programs were promoted to the next grade



**96% Graduation Rate**  
senior students in CYC programs graduated from high school



**80% Transition to College**  
senior students in CYC programs successfully transitioned to college



**85% Transition to Post-Secondary**  
senior students in CYC programs successfully transitioned to college, career, or military

**2,777**

students served in 2013

**53**

staff members in 2013

**1,937**

volunteers providing service in 2013

**75**

corporate partners in 2013

*Today, 66 students will drop out of high school in Ohio.*

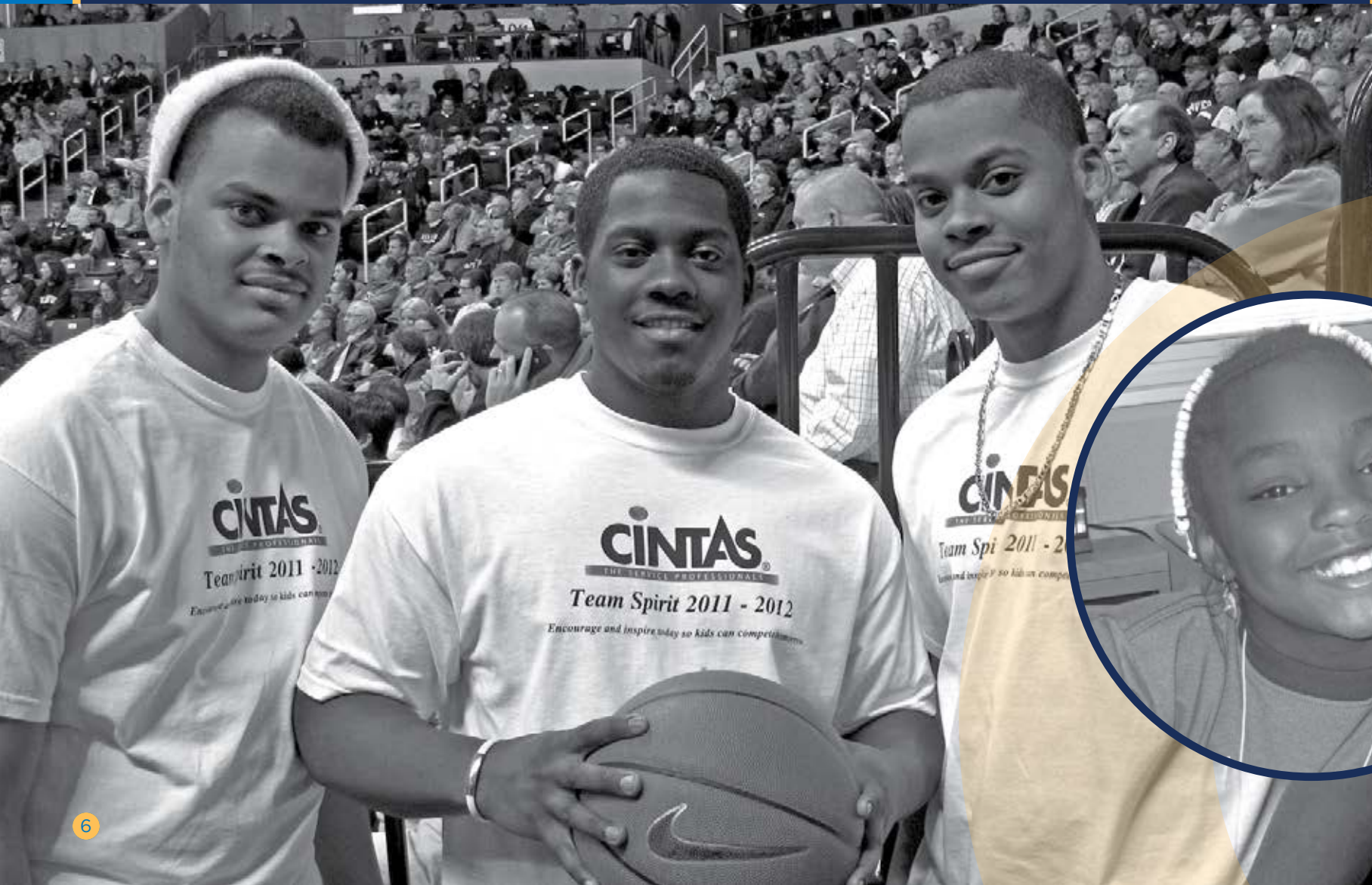
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## What's Next for CYC?

CYC has several exciting things on the horizon.

- **Expansion of student services:** We will integrate services that can be customized for individual schools serviced by CYC.
- **Improve student outcomes:** We will pilot early career and college awareness services in 7th and 8th grades.
- **Increase number of students served:** We will explore the incorporation of an e-mentoring platform into our existing mentoring services.



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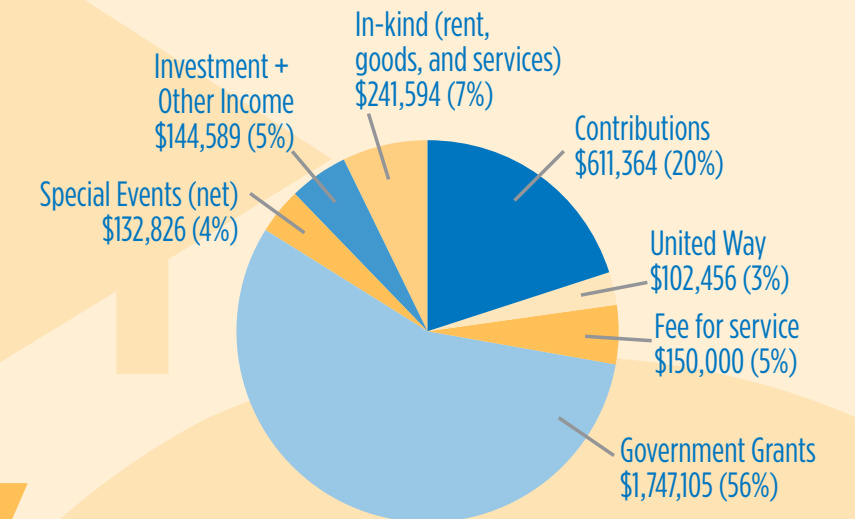
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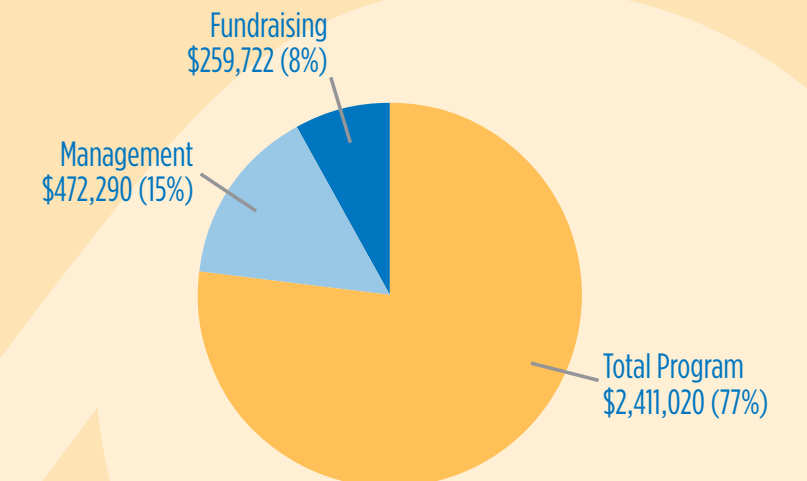
## How Did CYC Invest Its Funds?

We invest our funds with care so we can do more with every dollar to empower vulnerable students to succeed.

### Total Revenue: \$3,129,934



### Total Expenses: \$3,143,032





# My Miracle Has Happened



Nothing is more painful than waking up every morning hoping that your child makes it to and from school safe. I know the worried feeling that a mother has when her child is subjected to negative influences, and it hurt when my child lacked direction, did not have a plan for his future, and easily could have become a victim of circumstances. **I'm sure that many parents are just like I was—waiting for a miracle.** Thankfully, I no longer have to wait. **My miracle has happened, and it's CYC and Zachary's mentor.**

When Zachary's mentor came into our lives, he gave us a new beginning. I truly believe that. And through this mentoring relationship, Zachary's life has changed. But, my life has also changed. And, the lives of my entire family have changed in a positive way.



Check us out on Youtube, and get a taste for the good we are doing.

[youtube.com/user/CinYouthCollab/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/CinYouthCollab/videos)



Mentors create a connection—not only with a child, but with the entire family. This connection motivated me to take control of my life. I moved my family to a safer neighborhood. I went back to school, and I am constantly working to become a better parent. I can honestly say that without Zachary's mentor I still would be sitting here claiming to be a victim.

When you mentor, your intention may be to influence the life of a child. But, I can guarantee that the family will be affected in a positive way.

Thank you CYC for standing by us!

*Donnaya Cothran*

Donnaya Cothran, parent of a CYC student

To see Donnaya's video, please visit our website at [www.cycyouth.org](http://www.cycyouth.org)

***Make 2014 an even greater success.  
Enlist new CYC supporters.***





Thank YOU for Supporting CYC!

Three decades ago, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative was founded on the partnership of individuals, businesses, and public schools. Today is no different. These partnerships are the lifeblood of CYC. They ensure successful results. They guarantee that at-risk kids in Cincinnati have the resources needed to succeed in school and life.

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Last year, more than 1,900 Cincinnatians volunteered with CYC. Many served as mentors and tutors, providing positive adult influence in the lives of kids who need this most. CYC would not exist without the kindness and volunteerism of people in the community. We are always welcoming new volunteers. Join us today.

Please like us on Facebook!

Without our community and corporate partners, CYC would not be able to carry out its mission. Thank you for volunteering and collaborating with CYC.

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