



.....

# INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN

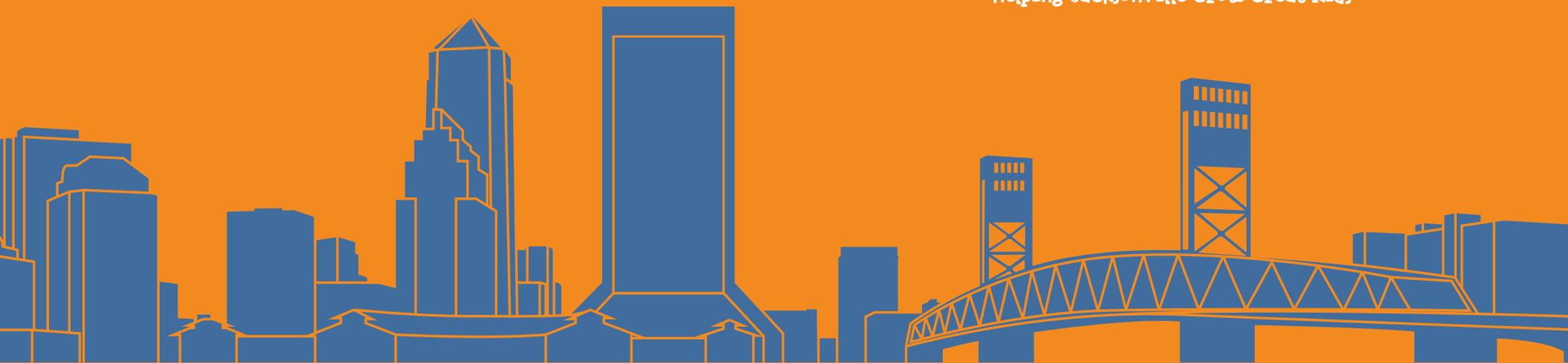
.....

FY 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT



Jacksonville  
Children's  
Commission

Helping Jacksonville Grow Great Kids



## LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS

The Jacksonville Children's Commission was created in 1994 as an investment in our community's children for a vibrant, safe and prosperous future. Through funding and oversight, the Commission works hand-in-hand with local nonprofit organizations to help parents and caregivers raise healthy, successful youngsters who are prepared to become contributing members of society.

Commission-funded activities provide an excellent return on investment in both human and economic terms. Each program we support is proven to reduce future costs related to special education, foster care, juvenile justice and youth incarceration. Each activity is carefully monitored for scope, effectiveness and outcomes. And the Commission leverages local funding to bring millions of dollars' worth of other local, state, federal and foundation funds, in-kind contributions and volunteer resources to the aid of Jacksonville's most vulnerable children and families. In turn, our nonprofit partners use Commission-provided funding to leverage additional resources as well as literally thousands of volunteers, synergistically expanding support for Jacksonville's children even more.

We are proud to present this 2012-13 annual report, which details our work over the past year and provides information about how we are working with our partners to maximize the impact of every dollar invested in Jacksonville's children. Whether you are an elected official, nonprofit partner or an interested citizen, we are grateful for your interest in our children and our community. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our programs, and we thank you for your continued support in these challenging economic times.

Sincerely,



Elder Lee Harris, *Board Chair*



Jon Heymann, *CEO/Executive Director*

"Every dollar invested in quality early childhood development for disadvantaged children produces a 7 to 10 percent return, per child, per year."

JAMES J. HECKMAN, PH.D.  
*2000 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics*

### FY 2012-13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elder Lee Harris, Board Chair  
Matthew Kane, Vice Chair  
Jill Smith, Treasurer  
Cathie Shimp, Secretary

Dr. Donnie Horner  
Heather H. Carter  
Craig Gibbs  
Dr. Davy Parrish  
Ju'Coby Pittman

### EX OFFICIO

The Honorable Kimberly Daniels  
The Honorable David Gooding  
Bryan Hensley  
Connie Hodges  
Lt. Mathew Nemeth

Julie K. Taylor  
Dr. Nikolai Vitti  
Fred Heid  
The Honorable Paula D. Wright

### ADVISORY

Susan Main  
Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette

### CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jon Heymann

# INTRODUCTION

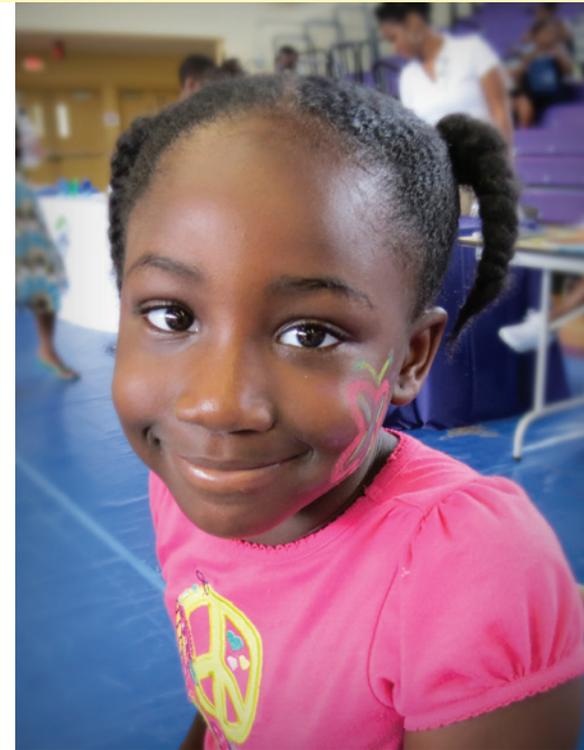
**O**ur mission is to help families raise their children to be educated, safe and healthy. The Jacksonville Children's Commission partners with nonprofit organizations to support parents and caregivers in meeting the physical, mental, emotional and educational needs of Duval County's most vulnerable children.

In these challenging budgetary times, the Commission maximizes its positive impact by leveraging local funds to attract additional state, federal and private money. With the help of strong partnerships, \$16.8 million in local funding was blended with an additional \$14.4 million leveraged from other local, federal and state sources and invested in the well-being and success of Jacksonville's youngest residents.

Although these figures are impressive in their own right, it is worthwhile to note that the Commission and its partners also leverage millions of dollars' worth of volunteer hours each year to benefit children. In FY 2012-13, the value of volunteer hours provided to the community as a result of Commission support exceeded \$7.4 million. (See more on this topic on page 13.)

Through funding and valuable volunteer assistance, the Commission supported vitally-needed programs. These programs ranged from providing nutritious meals and snacks to afterschool programs, summer enrichment activities, early learning and mentoring programs. Case management services were also provided for those with multiple challenges or special needs. Serving thousands of low income children citywide in FY 2012-13, each initiative was stringently monitored for quality and effectiveness.

The Commission once again played a key role in the *Jacksonville Journey* anti-crime initiative through TEAM UP afterschool programs and out-of-school suspension programs, as well as early learning programs. Commission staff continued to enhance the quality of early learning in the county by providing professional development opportunities for childcare workers and garnering private support to continue the JaxKids Book Club, which provides books and early learning materials to four-year-olds who will soon enter kindergarten.



The following report, which provides specific details on our activities over the past year, is organized around our four guiding principles:

- Children grow and develop during out-of-school time
- Children have stable, nurturing families
- Children enter kindergarten prepared to learn
- Children get special help when they need it

Children who receive quality support services are more likely to stay in school, keep out of trouble and excel as contributing members of the community. This investment in the lives of vulnerable children is also an investment in the safe, dynamic and prosperous future we all desire.

# GUIDING PRINCIPLE: CHILDREN GROW AND DEVELOP DURING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

## OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

**A**fterschool programs have been shown to improve academic achievement and reduce juvenile crime. According to numerous studies, at-risk students who participate in high quality afterschool programs have better attendance, standardized test scores and promotion rates than their peers. The Commission funds quality afterschool and nutrition programs for children in school and community-based locations throughout Jacksonville, including three sites serving children with special needs. Based on FCAT levels, 77% of the students served are considered academically challenged, and 89% qualified for free or reduced lunch. To mitigate learning loss over the summer break, summer nutrition and learning programs are funded as well.



## SCHOOL-BASED AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: TEAM UP

A partnership between the Commission, Duval County Public Schools and various youth-serving agencies, TEAM UP operated in 44 public schools. TEAM UP participants had a better attendance rate and were more often promoted to the next grade than non-participants from the same school.

- **9,035** youth attended TEAM UP programs; 7,766 attended for 30 days or more.
- Elementary school TEAM UP participants had a 21% better attendance rate than non-participants. 93.9% of participants were promoted to the next grade, compared to 90.2% of non-participants.
- Middle school TEAM UP participants had a 7% better attendance rate than non-participants. 97.2% of participants were promoted to the next grade, compared to 93.1% of non-participants.

## COMMUNITY-BASED AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

- **3,280** youth attended community-based programs. 2,264 attended for 30 days or more.
- 94% of participants were promoted to the next grade, a 5% increase from FY 11-12.
- 79% of participants had fewer than 10 days of school absence.

“Studies show that children in afterschool programs do better in school, stay in school longer and have greater expectations for the future. Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are nearly **three times** more likely to skip classes than teens who do participate. They are also **three times** more likely to use marijuana or other drugs, and they are more likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and engage in sexual activity.”

AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

## SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Copious research has demonstrated that young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer, and this effect is magnified in lower-income students. To address the summer learning gap, the Commission supports a wide variety of summer camps lasting from five to eight weeks. Camps are focused on a variety of topics and activities, including science, technology, engineering, math, tennis and art, and all camp programs are required to include an academic component. Children aged 5-15 living in Duval County are eligible for services.

- **6,151** children participated in the Summer Camp Program.

## NUTRITION SERVICES

Generations of studies have documented that adequate nutrition is necessary for proper brain development and effective learning. To help ensure that Jacksonville's at-risk children are getting the nutritious meals and snacks they need to learn, the Commission supports afterschool and summer nutrition programs.

### Afterschool Meal Program

- **9,099** children enrolled in the Afterschool Meal Program.
- 639,534 suppers and 379,924 snacks were served during the school year.
- Meals were provided at 45 school-based and 14 community-based sites.

### Summer Food Service Program

- **11,101** children attended the Summer Food Service Program on a daily basis.
- 249,252 lunches and 207,856 snacks were served to youth ages 18 and under.
- 575 community volunteers and 64 seasonal staff were trained to assist with the implementation of program operations.
- 185 Summer BreakSpot sites were located in areas where 50% or more of local children qualified for the free or reduced lunch program. Sites operated in various faith-based institutions, public libraries, non-public schools, apartment complexes, early learning centers, city parks, summer camps and one hospital.

“Summer learning shortfall experienced by low-income children over the elementary grades has consequences that reverberate throughout children's schooling, and can impact whether a child ultimately earns a high school diploma and continues on to college.”

ALEXANDER, ENTWISLE, & OLSON, 2007



## THE WALLACE FOUNDATION GRANT: Out-of-School Time System Building Initiative

In February 2012, Jacksonville was one of nine cities selected by The Wallace Foundation as part of a four-year initiative to strengthen afterschool programs for urban youth by establishing uniform quality standards, enhancing data collection and expanding participation to improve programs and outcomes. Wallace selected Jacksonville for the \$765,000 grant largely because – with mayoral support and the benefit of a sound planning process – the Jacksonville Children’s Commission had already made substantial progress in setting up a citywide system of afterschool programs.

In FY 2012-13, the Commission moved ahead with the system, process and program analyses funded by the grant, with matching funds and staff support from the City of Jacksonville.

- Held a professional development conference for youth workers.
- Conducted a survey of academic and youth outcomes.
- Created an online program locator tool for the community.
- Conducted Efforts To Outcomes (ETO™) pilot with non-profit providers.



## PROGRAM CHANGES

In an effort to expand summer camp and afterschool programs to year-round service models operating in community-based locations, the Commission released a competitive bid to the community. The bid resulted in the expansion of seven new afterschool programs, managed by The Boselli Foundation, Girls, Inc., The Carpenter’s Shop Center, Inc. and Communities In Schools of Jacksonville. Program locations are identified below.

- **The Boselli Foundation**— Russell Bill Cook Community Center and Simonds Johnson Community Center
- **Girls, Inc.**—Two Girl START programs and One Girl SMART program
- **The Carpenter’s Shop Center, Inc.**—The Carpenter’s Shop Afterschool Program
- **Communities In Schools of Jacksonville**—James Weldon Johnson Academic and Career Training Center

Also as a result of the competitive bid process, contracts ended for the following programs:

- **Community Connections of Jacksonville**—A.L. Lewis Community Center and Sable Palms Community Center
- **JaxParks**— Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center

# GUIDING PRINCIPLE: CHILDREN ENTER KINDERGARTEN PREPARED TO LEARN

## EARLY LEARNING: Quality Coaching, Training & Assessment

According to a 2013 Annie E. Casey Foundation report, children who attend high-quality preschools have higher test scores, fewer behavior problems and lower rates of grade repetition than their peers. They also have higher rates of high school graduation, improved employment opportunities and earnings, and lower rates of drug abuse and depression. Because the benefits of early childhood education are directly linked to the quality of instruction, the Commission supports coaching, training and assessment activities for early learning teachers and directors.

- **6,106** children benefited from improved teacher skills and higher quality learning programs when attending centers receiving intensive coaching.
- 973 teachers and center directors were trained on authentic assessment tools and integrating developmental standards into planned learning experiences.
- 626 early learning teachers serving children birth to five were provided with weekly coaching to enhance instructional effectiveness.
- 125 centers received weekly coaching to support higher quality instruction.
- 103 centers received coaching and curriculum to prevent summer learning loss.

## EARLY LITERACY: JaxKids Book Club

Since its inception in 2004, the JaxKids Book Club has provided 1,093,596 free books to 85,181 four-year-olds throughout the county. With evidence rising that the simple presence of books in a child's home correlates with higher educational achievement across all demographics, this program is free to all Duval County four-year-olds, regardless of household income or where they live. As a national model, 19 states and 40 municipalities have consulted with Jacksonville officials in order to create similar programs. Also notable is the fact that this initiative has been completely funded by private and corporate donations since 2011.

- **10,353** children joined the JaxKids Book Club in FY 2012-13.
- 124,236 books were distributed to Book Club members to promote early literacy prior to entering kindergarten.
- In July 2012, Jacksonville City Council passed a resolution recognizing the generosity of the program's corporate sponsors: The Boeing Company, CSX Corporation, Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc., Florida Blue, The GATE Foundation, Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC, JM Family Enterprises/Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC, and Regency Centers.

"...At-risk children who don't receive a high-quality early childhood education are: **25%** more likely to drop out of school, **40%** more likely to become a teen parent, **50%** more likely to be placed in special education, **60%** more likely to never attend college and **70%** more likely to be arrested for a violent crime. Early childhood programs are the most cost-effective way to ensure the healthy development of children in poverty and offer the greatest returns to society."

OUNCE OF PREVENTION FUND, 2013

# GUIDING PRINCIPLE: CHILDREN HAVE STABLE, NURTURING FAMILIES

## HEALTHY FAMILIES JACKSONVILLE

**R**esearch from the Harvard Center on the Developing Child shows that children who suffer from abuse and neglect are more likely to drop out of school, become substance abusers, become teen parents, be involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems, and end up relying on long-term government assistance. Healthy Families Jacksonville (the local subsidiary of Healthy Families Florida) is a voluntary home visiting program that is proven to prevent child abuse, neglect and other poor childhood outcomes for Florida's highest-risk families.

- **1,119** children served.
- 593 high-risk families with infants received support and education from a trained in-home visitor.
- 99% of children tracked had not experienced abuse, neglect or abandonment more than one year after completion of the program.
- 100% of participants and their children were connected to a medical provider.
- 85% of the children were up-to-date on immunizations.
- 89% of children received their first developmental screening.

“Conservative estimates indicate that it can cost Florida taxpayers **\$72,709** a year to care for an abused or neglected child. Healthy Families costs an average of **\$1,800** a year per child.”

HEALTHY FAMILIES FLORIDA, 2013

## GRANDS/RAPPJAX

The Jacksonville Children's Commission partners with Aging True to support the Relatives as Parents Program, known as Grands/RAPPJAX. In addition to providing training, support and referrals for grandparents and other non-parent relatives raising children, this program provides valuable opportunities for caregivers to meet and share their experiences.

- **43** grandparents and other non-parent caregivers were provided with educational training, support, resources and referrals by a mental wellness counselor.
- Participating families received a monthly newsletter, transportation and a holiday meal.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLE: CHILDREN GET SPECIAL HELP WHEN THEY NEED IT

## MENTORING PROGRAMS

The Commission provides funding and oversight for mentoring programs that match elementary, middle and high school-aged children with a caring adult. The programs are operated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, The Bridge of Northeast Florida, Wayman Community Development Corporation and Take Stock in Children.

- **993** children were linked with a caring adult.
- 98% of participating students were promoted to the next grade level, while 92% showed conduct improvement, as indicated by report cards and parents.
- 100% of students with at least two years of mentoring graduated from high school.
- 90% of students entered college with a Florida prepaid scholarship.
- 95% of mentored students improved school attendance and were absent less than 21 days.

## MENTOR SCREENING & TRAINING

- In partnership with the United Way and nonprofit providers, **1,173** new mentors received Level II background screening and training.

## SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS: *New Heights of Northeast Florida and DLC Nurse & Learn*

These programs provide therapeutic services to children with special needs due to conditions such as Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Microcephaly, and many medically complex situations that prevent them from attending other programs.

- **358** special needs children received therapy, behavioral health services and self-help training in home and afterschool programs.
- 94% of students increased their developmental and adaptive areas as described in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals.
- 100% of afterschool participants maintained or improved their performance in functional academics.
- 93% of the children showed measurable improvement in self-help/adaptive functioning and fine motor/daily living skills.
- 98% of surveyed parents reported that their children benefited from services.

\*Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center and the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville also provide afterschool programs for children with special needs (see more on this topic on page 3).



According to a Big Brothers Big Sisters study, youth who meet regularly with their mentors are **46% less likely** to start using illegal drugs and **27% less likely** to start drinking than their peers.

## TEEN PARENTHOOD PREVENTION: The Bridge Connection I

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teen pregnancy and childbearing have both immediate and long term costs for teen parents and their children; pregnancy and birth are also a significant factor in high school drop-out rates among girls. Bridge Connection I provides intensive case management to boys and girls ages 9-14 to prevent teen parenthood.

- **0%** of 227 boys and girls participating in this program became teenage parents.
- 97% of participants in the program were promoted to the next grade level.

## ALTERNATIVE TO TRUANCY AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ATOSS)

- **14,507** attendance units were reported from the five ATOSS centers in 2012-13. Students suspended for 3-10 days are sent to an ATOSS center so they can continue to learn and receive additional support from a certified teacher, a social worker and a truant officer. (Attendance unit = each day a student attends the center.)

## HELP FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

### Sulzbacher Center Teaching Enhancement

- **237** children were served in the Commission-sponsored program at the Sulzbacher Center.
- 95% of parents residing at the Center were trained to recognize timely childhood developmental milestones.
- Children identified as developmentally delayed were linked to resources designed to prevent academic failure.

### Case Management for Young Adults

The Commission supports comprehensive case management, skills development, and transitional housing assistance for homeless youth ages 16-18.

- **754** youth received case management services through Youth Crisis Center, Daniel Memorial or PACE Center for Girls.
- 94% of youth completed the program without being expelled, adjudicated by the courts or running away.
- 99% of clients were discharged from the programs with stable housing and employment.
- 98% of the youth were enrolled in an educational program.
- 91% of previously arrested program graduates were not rearrested.



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health issues can negatively affect the functionality and success of children throughout their lives. According to the U.S. Department of Education, suspension and expulsion rates for children with mental illness are three times higher than their peers. Approximately 50% of students ages 14 and older with mental health conditions drop out of high school – the highest dropout rate of any disability group. Studies show that early intervention efforts such as those supported by the Commission can improve school readiness, health status, and academic achievement and reduce the need for grade retention, special education services and welfare dependency.

### Community-Based Mental Health Programs

- **750** children and youth received outpatient mental health services.
- 85.7% of clients who completed treatment increased their functioning as measured by a therapeutic assessment scale.

### Full Service Schools of Jacksonville Mental Health Programs

- **1,490** youth received behavioral or mental health services through a Full Service School.
- 97% of clients who completed treatment through a Full Service Schools program increased on the Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale (CFARS).
- 100% of parents or guardians reported overall satisfaction with the services received.

### Jacksonville System of Care Initiative

In 2010, the Commission received a \$9 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) and contracts with the Partnership for Child Health, the implementing agency, to facilitate the transformation of Northeast Florida's mental health services into a system of care that integrates home and community-based supports for youth with serious emotional disturbances that are family-driven, youth-guided and culturally responsive. In FY 2012-13, 26,114 volunteer hours were contributed to develop and implement the system of care.

- **2,609** adolescents were screened for depression and suicide risk by their pediatricians.
- 469 high-risk foster care children and youth were screened and referred for physical and behavioral issues.
- 178 high-risk youth were provided with wraparound care coordination.
- 234 children ages 0-5 were screened and referred for social and emotional issues.
- 246 homeless children and youth were screened and referred for social, emotional and developmental issues.
- 1,066 provider staff received training in cultural and linguistic responsive care.

“There are many proven, cost-effective treatments for children and youth that can reduce the unnecessary and costly consequences of untreated mental illness. Mental health treatment works and investment in services is a critical investment in the future of our children and youth.”

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

# MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

## TRAINING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- **4,299** professional youth development and early learning staff were trained and provided with current research and best practices tools.
- 997 summer camp staff were trained to be positive role models, prevent summer learning loss, provide engaging activities and keep campers safe.
- 1,239 Continuing Education Units were awarded to early learning professionals through Adult & Community Education at Flagler County Schools, Northeast Florida's credentialing authority.

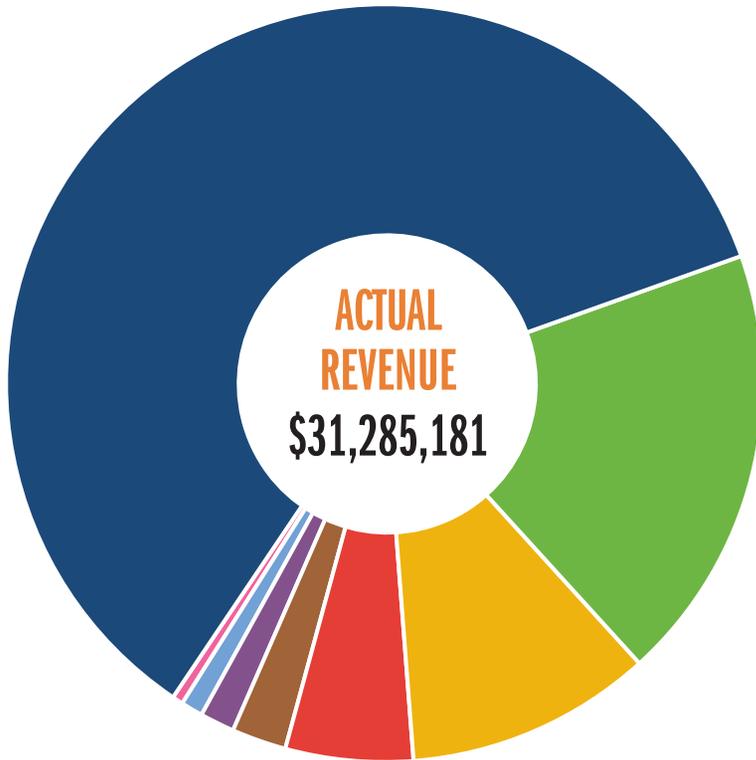
## NEW TOWN SUCCESS ZONE

**T**ogether with a broad range of community stakeholders, the Children's Commission continued to support a place-based continuum of care for children and their families living in the New Town neighborhood, located west of Downtown Jacksonville and East of the Farmer's Market behind Edward Waters College. Leveraging an investment of \$90,000 from the Commission, New Town Success Zone attracted an additional \$140,000 to support its activities.

- **75** New Town children were provided with free vision and hearing screenings and 150 received free physicals during an August 2012 Back to School Event provided by volunteers from Celebration Church, St. Vincent's HealthCare, Baptist Health and the Filipino Medical Society.
- 50 children and caregivers participated in a Mayo Clinic Childhood Obesity Study.
- 30 - 4th and 5th grade boys at S.P. Livingston Elementary School were matched with mentors from Edward Waters College for the school year.
- 25 homes were built or repaired by HabiJax in 2012.
- 10 parents and caregivers representing 50 children in the Zone received GED classes; 7 participants graduated in December 2013.
- A partnership with the University of Florida has provided residents with the opportunity to participate in clinical trials and health research; participants were also connected with needed social services.

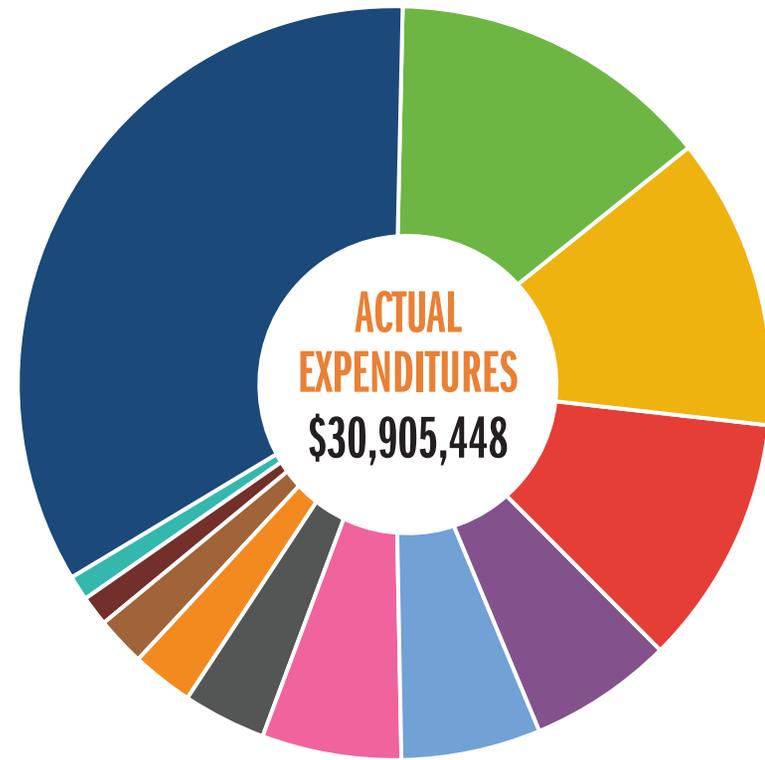


# FINANCES



- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>City of Jacksonville*</b><br/>\$18,804,385</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FL Ounce of Prevention Fund</b><br/>\$729,194</li> </ul>                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Journey</b><br/>\$5,849,376</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FL Dept. of Education - 21st Century Grants</b><br/>\$462,552</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>U.S. Dept. of Agriculture</b><br/>\$3,295,395</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Duval County School Board</b><br/>\$294,300</li> </ul>                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>U.S. Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services</b><br/>\$1,704,246</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Miscellaneous Contributions</b><br/>\$145,733</li> </ul>                 |

\*Total revenues received from the City of Jacksonville includes \$2 million of Fund Balance.



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Afterschool Programs</b><br/>\$10,495,461</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Summer Camp Programs</b><br/>\$1,849,656</li> </ul>                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Early Learning Programs</b><br/>\$4,297,238</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Alternative School Programs</b><br/>\$1,104,322</li> </ul>                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mental Health Services</b><br/>\$3,872,430</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Special Needs &amp; Case Management</b><br/>\$819,812</li> </ul>          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nutrition Programs</b><br/>\$3,320,395</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Other Programs</b><br/>\$653,681</li> </ul>                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Administration</b><br/>\$1,911,448</li> </ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mentoring Programs</b><br/>\$397,087</li> </ul>                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Healthy Families Program</b><br/>\$1,852,311</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Youth Worker Training &amp; Mentor Screening</b><br/>\$331,607</li> </ul> |

# BEYOND THE BUDGET: VOLUNTEERS INVESTING IN JACKSONVILLE'S CHILDREN

With local funding on the decline, the Jacksonville Children's Commission continues to strive for maximum return on every dollar invested in our community's children. But there's another element in the equation, and that's the contribution of time, talent and caring provided by literally thousands of volunteers throughout our community.

In FY 2013, Commission-supported activities garnered the support and participation of at least **22,642 volunteers**. Those volunteers – male, female, young, old, of many ethnicities and economic backgrounds – provided **335,776 hours** of service to Jacksonville's children. They prepared and served meals and snacks, led athletic and academic enrichment activities and mentored young people thirsty for success.

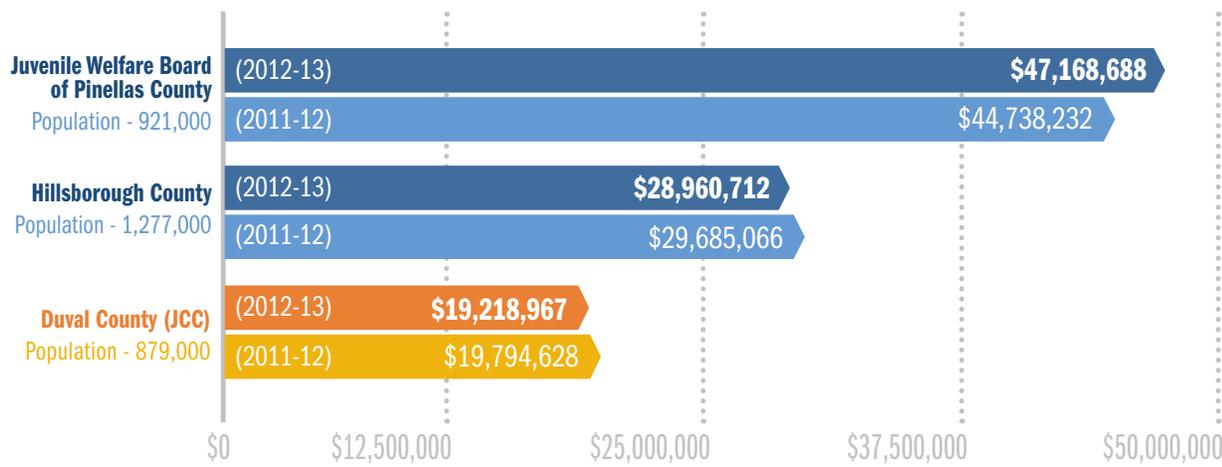
While we like to say that volunteers are priceless, the services provided for free by caring residents of our community have a monetary value in excess of **\$7.4 million** according to the Independent Sector. That's more than a drop in the bucket, it's an ocean of time and attention, and we are grateful for every single volunteer.

“As we collaborate with an impressive array of partners and volunteers, our greatest goal is to make a positive difference for the greatest number of children in the shortest period of time.”

**JON HEYMANN**  
JCC CEO/Executive Director

## DOLLARS INVESTED IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES STATEWIDE

The Jacksonville Children's Commission is one of eight Children's Services Councils in Florida. The chart below shows investments over the past two years for counties of similar size to Duval.\*



\*Chart reflects *budgeted* funding.



# PARTNERS

## CONTRACT OR GRANT FUNDERS

Arby's Foundation  
City of Jacksonville  
Duval County Public Schools - 21st Century  
Community Learning  
Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc.  
Florida Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services  
Florida Department of Children and Families  
Florida Department of Health  
Florida Impact/Share our Strength/No Kid Hungry  
IBM  
Jacksonville Public Education Fund  
Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Inc.  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
Administration, Child Mental Health Initiative  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
The Wallace Foundation

## FUNDED AGENCY PARTNERS

America's Little Leaders, Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
The Boselli Foundation, Inc.  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida  
The Bridge of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
The Carpenter's Shop Center, Inc.  
Child Guidance Center, Inc.  
Communities In Schools of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Community Connections of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.  
Cornerstone Neighborhood School, Inc.  
Daniel Memorial, Inc.

DLC Nurse and Learn, Inc.  
Don't Miss a Beat, Inc.  
Duval County Public Schools  
Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc.  
Edward Waters College/New Town Success Zone  
Episcopal Children's Services, Inc.  
Florida Healthy Kids Corporation/FL KidCare  
Florida State College at Jacksonville/Take Stock in Children  
Girls, Inc.  
Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center  
Household of Faith Community Center, Inc.  
Issachar International Ministries  
JaxParks  
Joshua Christian Academy, Inc.  
Living Way Christian Fellowship Church International, Inc.  
MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation  
Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.  
New Heights of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
Northwest Behavioral Health Services, Inc.  
PACE Center for Girls, Inc.  
Partnership for Child Health/Jacksonville System of Care  
Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Sulzbacher Center  
The Potters House Christian Fellowship, Inc.  
United Way of Northeast Florida  
Wayman Community Development Corporation  
YMCA of Florida's First Coast  
Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

## JAXKIDS BOOK CLUB SPONSORS

The Boeing Company

CSX Corporation  
Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc.  
Florida Blue  
The GATE Foundation  
Jacksonville Jaguars, LLC  
JM Family Enterprises/Southeast Toyota  
Distributors, LLC  
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust, LLC  
Regency Centers

## LOCAL, STATE & NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida  
Edward Waters College  
Florida Afterschool Association  
Florida Afterschool Network  
Florida Children's Council  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Foundations, Inc.  
The Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida  
Healthy Families Florida  
Jacksonville Kids Coalition  
Jacksonville Public Education Fund  
Jacksonville University  
The PLAYERS Center for Child Health  
Mental Health America  
National Institute for Out of School Time  
National League of Cities Institute for Youth,  
Education & Families  
United Way of Northeast Florida  
University of North Florida  
Youth Move Jacksonville



1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32206 | Main (904) 630-3647 | [www.jaxkids.net](http://www.jaxkids.net) |  @JaxChildrens

