



**KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE™**  
The Jacksonville Partnership  
for Children, Youth & Families



Photo: Just Remember One Thing mural at the Phoenix Arts & Innovation District

**2023**

# ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT

## A NEW DAY

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens,

As the Mayor of Jacksonville, my goal is to continue to provide Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) with the financial resources and local partnerships needed to meet our City's aspirations for a safe and successful future for the youth and families in our community. Kids Hope Alliance plays a critical role in ensuring the youth and families of Jacksonville have the tools to survive and thrive. I am excited to offer my continued support of the work.

My administration is being proactive regarding the creation of additional safe spaces for Jacksonville's kids to play and opportunities to engage young minds. The current budget provides an additional \$5 million dollars to expand the number of facilities that service our youth through Kids Hope Alliance, which will increase the reach and effectiveness of their efforts.

This past year, more than 140 programs that are provided by local afterschool, summer, juvenile justice prevention and intervention, special needs, pre-teen and teen initiatives, and leadership community organizations stepped up to enhance the efforts of the Duval County Public School system in this area.

Through Kids Hope Alliance, we are also launching a major literacy initiative in 2024 to encourage all children and families to make reading a priority. When 70% of the people in our jail cannot read at a fourth-grade level, it's clear there is an undeniable link between literacy, success, and quality of life. The City's work with Kids Hope Alliance is an extremely important building block as we look to a re-imagined and reinvigorated Jacksonville Journey.

I am very excited to continue to work with the talented staff and Board of Directors of Kids Hope Alliance to build excitement around and create opportunities for the future of all citizens of Jacksonville – especially the youngest ones.

Sincerely,



Donna Deegan  
Mayor



# BOARD CHAIR & CEO LETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters of Kids Hope Alliance,

We're excited to share Kids Hope Alliance's (KHA) key achievements this past year in serving Jacksonville's children and families. With support from our Mayor and City Council, KHA has expanded its reach. Significant funding from the Jacksonville Upward Mobility Project (JUMP) has enhanced our Workforce Development initiatives, allowing investment in youth and young adult training programs in Duval County.

We've launched four major Requests for Proposals (RFPs) this year, bringing in new nonprofits and programs. Our Afterschool and Summer Program now supports 39 nonprofits across 116 sites, offering thousands of slots for children. The Read Jax Collaboration Pilot Program RFP, Children, Youth and Families Programming RFP, and Emerging Provider RFP have funded numerous initiatives focusing on areas like mental health, literacy, family stability, and career readiness.

Our new Services Plan, informed by the 2022 Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis Report, sets strategic goals for KHA and our partners. This year, we also enhanced youth experiences in KHA-funded programs, facilitating educational field trips to various venues for over 10,000 youth.

We welcomed five new board members and a new CEO, bringing fresh perspectives to our work. Our new team is committed to improving awareness, program quality, and organizational efficiency. These efforts reflect our dedication to the well-being and success of Jacksonville's youth and families.

With your ongoing support, KHA is set to make even greater strides in the coming year. This year's achievements reflect KHA's unwavering commitment to the well-being and success of Jacksonville's children, youth, and families. With your continued support and the dedication of our team, KHA is poised to make an even greater impact in the months and years ahead.

**Thank you for being an essential part of the Kids Hope Alliance community.**

Sincerely,

Marsha Oliver, Board Chair & Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer



## 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# TESTIMONIALS & IMPACTS

## EARLY DETECTION OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE NEEDS HAS A LIFELONG IMPACT ON FAMILIES.

The early years of development are the most vital for identifying and treating speech-language needs. For children ages 2-6 who receive services through KHA's Tiny Talkers program, administered by the Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center, it's a significant part of preparing for entry into elementary school with the same skills as their peers. Through a thorough assessment process and personalized treatment plan, the child, teacher, and parents gain a better understanding of the child's needs.



**“Tiny Talkers has helped Hunter tremendously. Hunter used to get very frustrated, shut down, and throw tantrums as he was struggling to communicate and express his feelings. Hunter is now able to communicate and express himself with ease, which has helped him become more confident.”**

*Parents of Hunter, a participant in the Tiny Talkers program*

## AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Many of the toughest challenges for students occur after the school bell rings and during summer break. Elementary and Middle school students find a safe and enriching environment when they attend the Communities In Schools Afterschool and Summer programs. Free programs allow students to receive academic support, literacy tutoring and provide them with the opportunity to connect with their classmates through sports, symphony, robotics and more. Participating students tend to show higher attendance and promotion rates as well as a lower number of behavior referrals.



**“Since my children have been in the program, they have come out their shell, become more social and tried new things, such as sports, violin, cooking class and Girl Scouts. The Afterschool program is a great asset to the school, community, and my family.”**

*Annalisa, parent of student Ezekiel at Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School's CIS Afterschool Program*

## LITERACY TUTORING IS CLOSING THE LITERACY GAP.

Third-party verified results demonstrate that 3rd and 4th graders who participate in READ USA's Literacy Tutoring program make statistically significant progress in reading comprehension, fluency, and accuracy. Results also show that skill improvement is bi-directional, with teenage tutors – who are trained and paid to implement tutoring and learn workforce development skills – demonstrating significant reading gains in comprehension and fluency as well.



**“One of the things about READ USA tutoring that is so powerful is how we build relationships with our students, and how that relationship is so important to students' success.”**

*Charmaine, a teen Tutor who has witnessed reading improvement and increased confidence among the elementary students she tutors*

# ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUNDING

## DIVERSION

Provides justice-involved youth with opportunities to participate in prevention and intervention services instead of being formally prosecuted. The Partnership for Child Health in collaboration with KHA connects each youth and family with community-based providers to deliver the appropriate services.

- 800 youth served with less than 5% recidivism.
- 85% of youth have successfully completed diversion programming.
- 84% of youth have maintained or increased their school attendance.

## FULL SERVICE SCHOOLS

Provides DCPS students and their families access to therapeutic, health and social services while working to remove non-academic barriers to student learning while supporting family success.

- 7,094 students referred to school-based mental health services.
- 3,883 students received targeted screenings or assessments.
- 10,241 students received school-based interventions, services, or assistance.
- 97% of students completing treatment demonstrated a measurable increase in overall functioning as evidenced by CFARS Pre/Post Ratings.

## CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS

Through community engagement and increasing access to college and career opportunities, these programs enhance employability, promote civic responsibility, and empower at-risk children and youth.

- 18 Career and College Readiness programs launched.
- 2,676 Youth served in Career and College Readiness programs.
- 254 Summer Youth Internships
- 3,000 hours of training for Youth Interns.

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Promoting positive parent-child relationships, child health and child development while reducing child abuse, neglect, and other poor outcomes.

- 1,305 home visits.
- 203 families received one or more support services.
- 92 enrollment assessments.

**OUT OF SCHOOL TIME**

**\$17,240,848**

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

**\$6,788,107**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**\$6,678,691**

**EARLY LEARNING**

**\$6,137,626**

**PRETEEN & TEEN**

**\$3,577,517**

**EXTERNAL GRANTS**

**\$3,957,365**

**TRUST FUNDS**

**\$248,555**

**KHA HAS ESTABLISHED  
5 GOALS FOLLOWED  
BY SEVERAL STRATEGIC  
ELEMENTS WHICH  
DESCRIBE THE  
COMMUNITY  
INDICATORS THAT WILL  
BE TRACKED.**

**GOAL 1**

Duval children and youth are physically and mentally healthy and safe.

**GOAL 2**

Duval children and youth succeed in school.

**GOAL 3**

Duval youth successfully transition to adulthood.

**GOAL 4**

Duval children, youth and their families have access to the services they need.

**GOAL 5**

Providers serving Duval children, youth and their families have access to continuous support and training.

Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) is a funding agent for the City of Jacksonville that invests millions annually in children and youth programs and services in Duval County, while simultaneously managing their implementation, supporting quality through coaching & training, and monitoring their outcomes.

**MISSION:**

To build and ensure access to a continuum of comprehensive and integrated programs, services, and activities that address the critical needs of children and youth.

**VISION:**

Every child and youth will reach their academic, career, and civic potential.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES:**

**EARLY LEARNING**

These programs, services and activities are intended to affect early childhood and youth development, prevent maltreatment and adequately prepare children and youth for entry into school.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Juvenile Justice consists of programs, services, and activities designed to reduce juvenile delinquency and crime as well as help children and youth before they exhibit behaviors that require system intervention.

**OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME**

Out-of-School Time involves programs, services and activities designed to support children and youth during out-of-school hours including but not limited to, summer camps, and before and after school programs.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Special Needs includes programs, services, and activities that are designed to support children and youth with exceptional conditions involving mental, behavioral, emotional or physical disabilities.

**PRE-TEEN AND TEEN**

Pre-teen and Teen is comprised of programs, services and activities designed to support and assist children and youth during preteen and teen years, including but not limited to, mentoring, job training, career counseling, and youth employment programs.



Photo: Cathedral Arts Project dancers performing at the first Early Learning Master Class Accreditation Academy Celebration

# SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT ALLOCATION LIST

To all of the organizations and agencies who partnered with us to provide outstanding services to the youth of Jacksonville, thank you! You are appreciated for your services, time, investment and dedication which made this year successful.

## PROVIDERS AWARDED \$65,000 OR LESS

2nd Mile Ministries, Inc.  
Agape Community Health Center, Inc.  
Annieruth Foundation, Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
Children's International Summer Villages, Inc.  
Cornerstone Special Education Alliance, Inc.  
Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens  
Diamond D Ranch  
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Band Boosters Dream-week, Inc.  
Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)  
Hands On Children's Museum  
Hope At Hand, Inc.  
Jacksonville Arts and Music School Inc.  
Jacksonville University (JU)  
Jacksonville Urban League, Inc.  
Jacksonville Zoological Society  
Made A Way Foundation, Inc.  
Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Inc.  
Museum of Science & History of Jacksonville, Inc.  
One Team One Dream, Inc.  
Pearls of Perfection, Inc.  
Quiet Storm Track Association  
Shiva Robotics, LLC  
Shivaji Foundation, Inc.  
SMG Jacksonville Times Union Center for Performing Arts Start Early – Champions for Early Learning  
Step-by-Step 4 Help Foundation, Inc.  
Subliminal Dreamz Inc.  
The Allison Brundick Haramis Foundation, Inc. dba Angels for Allison  
The Arts Corner KIDZ Network Inc.  
The Foundation Academy Studio School, Inc.  
The Giving Closet Project, Inc.  
The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. The Jacksonville Children's Chorus  
The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Inc.  
The ROCK JAX, Inc.  
The Sweet Squad  
True Youth Association, Inc.  
Word of Truth Worship Center, Inc

## PROVIDERS AWARDED \$65,001-200,000

100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc. America's Little Leaders, Inc.  
Business Leadership Institute for Early Learning, Inc. Cathedral Arts Project, Inc.  
Center for Children's Rights Inc.  
City of Jacksonville, Department of Parks & Recreation  
Connecting Thru Music, Inc.  
Dayspring Outreach Ministries, Inc.  
Edward Waters College, Inc.  
The Foundation Academy Studio School, Inc.  
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.  
Groundwork Jacksonville, Inc.  
Hope Street, Inc.

I'm A Star Foundation, Inc.  
Jacksonville Science Festival, Inc.  
Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.  
Joshua Christian Academy, Inc.  
Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.  
Masters of Education, Inc.  
Minds of the Future Foundation, Inc.  
New Heights of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
North Florida Educational Institute Corp.  
Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. Operation Save Our Sons, Inc.  
Pace Center for Girls, Inc.  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Inc. The First Coast Leadership Foundation of Jacksonville, Inc. The Fourth Judicial Circuit Courts of Florida  
The Performer's Academy, Inc.  
The Sanctuary of Northeast Florida  
Tiphne Darshay Hollis Foundation, Inc.  
TRUE Youth Association, Inc.  
Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc.  
Ty Allen Jackson, LLC  
University of North Florida  
Veterans4You, LLC  
West Jacksonville Restoration Center, Inc.  
Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

## PROVIDERS AWARDED \$200,001-750,000

Boys' and Girls' Clubs of NE FL, Inc.- Nutrition Services Program  
City Year, Inc.  
Cornerstone of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Daniel Memorial, Inc.  
Developmental Learning Center Inc.  
Don't Miss a Beat, Inc.  
Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc  
Fresh Ministries Inc.  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville  
Hope Haven Association, Inc.  
I.M. Sulzbacher Center For Homeless, Inc.  
Jacksonville Arts & Music School, Inc.  
Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc.  
Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center, Inc.  
Krumpin 4 Success, Inc.  
MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation, Inc.  
North FL Educational Institute Corp.  
The Carpenter's Shop Center, Inc.  
The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc.  
Teen Leaders of America, Inc.

## PROVIDERS AWARDED \$750,001-3M

Compass Group USA, Inc. dba Canteen Vending Services  
Florida Department of Health  
Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc.  
Managed Access to Child Health  
Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, Inc.  
The Children's Home Society of Florida  
The Young Men's Christian Assoc. of Florida's First Coast, Inc.  
Wayman Community Development Corporation

## PROVIDERS AWARDED \$3M+

Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Northeast Florida, Inc.  
Communities in Schools of Jacksonville, Inc.  
Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc.  
United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.



Photo: MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation summer campers at the White Harvest Farms (WHF)



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# 23 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PIVOTAL PART OF USHERING IN A NEW ERA!**

## **2022-2023 FUNDERS**

- CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
- STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
- STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES
- THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION FUND OF FLORIDA, INC.
- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
- FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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