Our SAC family was so generous this year, allowing us to help families navigate this pandemic with care and respect. Thanks to support from YOU, the United Way of Washtenaw County, Jackson Community Foundation, Skillman Foundation, Bethel AME Church and others, we were able to buy and deliver food, secure PPE for our staff and families, secure school supplies and computers and much more.

Our team worked so hard, meeting with students outside to finish required classes, making home deliveries, and even connecting through video games!

We even transformed our annual storytelling event, Telling Tales, into an online experience (we loved the outdoor watch parties).

Thanks for all your support through this!
Racial Justice Now

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SAC's advocacy didn't slow down this year — but it definitely looked different. Thanks to supporters like you ...

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One of SAC’s key founders and champions, Ruth Zweifler, turned 90 in September 2019 and we celebrated her legacy in style.

Her large and fun family (many who helped plan the bash) traveled from all over the country to join us. Her grandson spent months creating a powerful documentary.

Rep. Rebekah Warren honored Ruth, as did SAC Board Vice-Chair, Rossi Ray-Taylor (former AAPS superintendent). Zingerman’s donated cake. It was a festive evening with so many connections made.

Thanks to our supporters for helping establish the Ruth Zweifler Policy & Advocacy Fund (www.studentadvocacycenter.org/ruth).
SAC has a history of advocating for policies in Michigan that work to ensure ALL YOUTH get the support they need in school.

This year we took it a step further by collaborating deeply with the Michigan Education Justice Coalition. Collectively, we intensified our work to increase revenue for our schools by kicking off a ballot initiative that was foiled by COVID, but many passionate activists signed up to keep fighting for equitable and fair school funding. We won't give up!

Starting in the summer, we held 5 listening sessions with 19 people to learn about hopes and fears concerning COVID. These sessions, along with 60 others, informed our statewide platform.

And now we are calling on you to stand with us and commit to being an Education Justice Activist. It's time for our communities to prioritize education and we know with your help, we can turn things around for our schools in Michigan.

Sign up here: https://actionnetwork.org/forms/miedjustice?source=sac
I first met my mentor at the Student Advocacy Center when I was 18 and still had 13 classes left to graduate. It was fall of 2018.

I finally had hope to be the first person in my family to graduate, but the journey to get to that point had been tragic.

In September 2009, my mom died. I had to grow up. I had to take care of my siblings. Then, I failed 3rd grade.

At age 11, I got back from school and found out my dad had been deported.

They took us to my maternal grandma. She treated us like her slaves. She would withhold food. She would hit us. We didn't even have beds. We weren't allowed outside to play.

I went to go live with my aunt after three years but had a total breakdown. I ended up in a psychiatric hospital several times over the next 2-3 years and started getting suspended.

I got expelled in 10th grade for being intoxicated at school and selling drugs and ended up at a bootcamp.

I came home with my aunt but was expelled from a second school for my mouth. That is when I enrolled at Covenant House Academy and tried to get back on track. I was struggling with motivation and that's when I met Kristina, my SAC mentor.

We talked about my barriers and I told her I couldn't do my work at home, so she got me a laptop. She helped me make realistic goals, not far away goals. I would accomplish that and we'd make a different goal. She gave me hope. She had faith in me when others didn't.

She just kept pushing me. She believed in me. She was the consistent one, there every week. Ultimately, I completed 13 classes in a few months and was the first in my family to graduate high school. And now I'm in college!

One person can make you have so much hope and belief in yourself. I hope you have faith in students like me. There is light and hope. We just need someone to believe in us and walk with us.

Marina overcomes tragedies to graduate

Did you miss Marina telling her story at this year's Telling Tales? Be sure to check out our YouTube channel!
Your Impact

When he was going through the expulsion, I saw a bad decline in his demeanor. ... When you started working with him, he perked up.

The school district is more aware that parents won't back down and the things they are doing are wrong and there are agencies like SAC that are willing to stand with the parents and fight for their students.

The parents don't feel so alone in fighting for their child, they feel hope and support in getting what they need for them. I feel more empowered, very hopeful that you did everything you could for my student...

- A Parent

Check & Connect

Before I started working with my Mentor, I wasn't attending school. Now that I have you guys, I'm attending school more often.

I've also been on the honor roll back to back. I feel that I'm making more accomplishments and achieving more goals.

I have conversations with my mentor and he helps me see the bigger picture in life, which helps me make key decisions in my life.

At first I felt like I couldn't come to school and be a good student, but now I'm actually doing it.

Thank you for helping me be a better me.

- 9th grader

Bridges to School

This program helped me to be more understanding to my children. I want my child to have a good education. I realized how his absences were affecting his education.

I enjoy having the extra support from SAC and the school seem to have a different attitude when working with me. We now have the luxury of meeting with each other without the attitude and stress involved.

- Parent
Your Impact

Program Numbers

Education Advocacy 146
Check & Connect 84
Bridges to School 18
Helpline 450

Cases Served

698 students
515 unduplicated

GOALS MET

87% of closed advocacy cases met the goal established by family

STUDENTS ATTEND MORE SCHOOL

66% of advocacy cases improved or maintained attendance

STUDENTS IMPROVE DISCIPLINE RECORDS

60% of advocacy cases improved or maintained discipline

COVID Help

March-June 2020 140 311 130

What was delivered?

Thank you!
The Team

2019-2020 STAFF
Peri Stone-Palmquist, Executive Director
Danielle Flint, Assistant Director
Tina Jurries, Programs Manager
Amy Wilhelm, Programs Manager
Kimberly Brown, Advocate
Jacorey Brown, Mentor
Dom Cooper, Mentor
Al Correa, Mentor
Kristina Cosgrove, Advocate
Julia Gilbert, Accountant
Myron Hardy, Mentor
Jordan Jones, Office Coordinator
Brianna Slavins, Office Coordinator
LaKeya Martin, Advocate
Jill Perticone, Family Advocate
Kristen Satchel, Advocate
Ben Murphy-Smith, Advocate
Jenna Pickman, Advocate
Shakel Raiford, Advocate

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Volunteer Hours + Value

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Volunteer Tutors
As schools shut down and students struggled, YOU responded to our calls for help. Our team developed an online training portal, recruited 51 volunteers and quickly completed background checks. 17 tutors worked with 22 students, sometimes outside. One helped a student pass her SAT! THANKS!
Why does your business keep supporting SAC? Why do you think our work matters?

Arbor Teas is a supporter of SAC for many reasons. We wholeheartedly agree that a robust public education is a human right and essential to a thriving democracy. SAC provides the hands-on, hyper-local support that is needed to help and empower some of the most disadvantaged students in our community.

Additionally, SAC provides critical support to the teachers and administrators of our public schools, putting a high value on respect so that all parties can collaboratively work together. If we have learned anything from 2020 it is that we are all connected.

Supporting our next generation requires the collaborative approach that SAC has fostered in our families, schools, and communities.

How has COVID impacted your business and how can our supporters support you in this moment?

Like all small, family-owned businesses, Arbor Teas has been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a food processor and an online retailer, Arbor Teas is in a unique and dutiful position to be able to continue to provide healthy organic teas and herbs during this challenging and stressful time.

As more people turned to online shopping during the lockdown we experienced a huge increase in order volume almost overnight. Keeping up with demand while also addressing increased regulations, health concerns and supply chain disruptions created many challenges.

Through it all, we are grateful to remain in business. While our small store front remains closed to the public for the foreseeable future, Arbor Teas continues to accept orders online at www.arborteas.com or by phone at 734-994-7698. For all orders, Arbor Teas offers UPS and USPS shipping to any US address, free local delivery within the City of Ann Arbor, and free in-store pick up at our Ann Arbor warehouse.
LYNCH & SONS

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Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors continues to support the mission of SAC of Michigan because we value education deeply and believe that every student deserves a promising future.

Why does your business keep supporting SAC?
Our business continues to support SAC because we believe strongly in the value of education and that every person has a fundamental right to a quality educational experience. Education is especially important for the most vulnerable members of our community.

We believe that a successful, thriving local business depends on a successful, thriving local community. This belief drives our mission to give back and support local programs that align with our values of education, cultural diversity, and wellness for the community.

How has COVID impacted you and how can we help?
At the beginning of the pandemic, we were forced to lay-off a significant portion of our staff. We were able to hire back some, but continue to operate with a smaller staff and budget. Community support has allowed us to remain open and offer health care coverage, paid sick-time, and a matching retirement to our staff.

You can best support us by ordering carry-out directly (online or by phone) versus third-party vendors (i.e. DoorDash), dining in if that feels safe for you, and by purchasing gift cards.
Funders 2019-2020

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, The Arc of Michigan, Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice (The National Youth Alliance on Boys and Men of Color), Asha-Jyothi, Ballmer Group, Bethel AME Church, Enterprise, Gerald Beckwith Constitutional Liberties Fund, Charles Stewart, Mott Foundation, Children’s Trust Fund, Department of Health and Human Services, Dignity In Schools, First Unitarian Universalist, Freudenberg Group, Jackson Community Foundation, John George, Jr. Student Loans Fund, Kiwanis, Michigan Medicine, Martin Family Family Foundation, Oakland County Bar Association, Old National Bank, Edward F. Redies Foundation, Inc., Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, The Skillman Foundation, Speckhard-Knight Charitable Foundation, The Tides Foundation, Trinity Health, United Way of Washtenaw County, United Way of Jackson County, Washtenaw Coordinated Funders, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, Washtenaw County Trial Court, Wayne County

Telling Tales 2020 Sponsors

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Delta Dental

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Legacy Society
We are thankful for our Legacy Society who include SAC in their Will or Charitable Trust!
Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist
Special thanks to these other supporters:


And many thanks to everyone who supports our work!

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