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Your Impact

Thanks to the support of donors like you, students got back into school, stayed in school and found success, despite harsh discipline, mental health challenges and more.

Hear about your impact directly from an 11th grader, who shares the most significant change they experienced by working with the Student Advocacy Center.

“When I first got into (SAC’s mentoring) program, I didn’t want to ... I thought it would be useless. But as I went through it, I started learning about seeing life differently. And I recognized that I am the youngest in my family but I got brothers and sisters looking up to me, so I got a lot of responsibility.

Patience is significant because I’m a fast-paced kind of guy, and I need to see results right away, and when I don't see immediate results I bail. But the mentorship introduced me to different things and encouraged me to slow down and take the environment in more.

By helping me to know that it’s ok to seek help and ask for help. A lot of Black men and boys have this thing that’s like it’s not ok to seek help. And we're taught to always think that I can do this by myself mentality. But it’s all right to ask for help. Sometimes you might need it.

Most definitely, about my family. I decided that I wanted to make a change after recognizing that my actions in the past hurt my family, and me being the youngest and most outgoing in my family, I have to be more responsible. I have seen a lot of things change. My dad has been more open and more outgoing. I can see a light shining through my family now; it’s like we have this new aura.”
You helped students graduate! These young people worked so hard, and we are thrilled to celebrate this milestone!

**Quawn**
Quawn had so much to overcome to walk the graduation stage. He was harshly expelled in middle school and forced into virtual school.
He experienced multiple deaths in his family.
But with your help and the support of SAC, he persevered. He came to our offices multiple times a week, and everyone got to know this wonderful young person.
Congrats to Quawn! We are so proud of you!

**Serenity**
Serenity has shown so much resilience in her journey to graduation.
She experienced multiple placement changes that resulted in school changes. She struggled to make progress when the pandemic happened and classes shifted to virtual.
But she continued to work hard with the support of her SAC advocate and supporters like you.
Congrats to Serenity on your graduation!

Watch their stories on SAC's YouTube channel.
You Helped

Shaniya

SAC met Shaniya when she was in middle school, and we have been honored to walk beside her the past few years on her journey to graduation.

Through COVID, online schooling and many other challenges, Shaniya persisted. She is now independent, thanks to major support systems, she says.

Congrats to Shaniya! We are so proud of you!

SAC Executive Director Peri Stone-Palmquist was honored to attend Shaniya's recent graduation party. Her decorated graduation cap (missing a few letters now) notes her perseverance.
We worked to get legislation introduced that gives students and families more protections before they are disciplined! Many of you demanded a hearing. We are still working and won't give up!

We collaborated with U-M Poverty Solutions on research showing that students experiencing homelessness were disciplined at higher rates. We developed recommendations, conducted training and wrote letters to school districts asking for change.

You joined us to work for change, and we are so grateful! Lots of community building happened this year:

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- We participated in Juneteenth events in Jackson, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.
- We attended our first Mackinac Policy Conference.
927 cases
801 individual students
>50% increase from last year
This is a historic record.

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- **Short-term**: 4 months - 1 year
- **State-Wide**: Washtenaw, Wayne, Jackson and SE MI
- **Long-term, 2+ years**: Detroit, Ypsilanti
- **Year-Round**: Detroit, Ypsilanti

93% of advocacy cases accomplished goal by case end
65% of cases improved or maintained attendance

(Last year, average attendance rates dropped in Michigan.)
Your Reach

By Race
- Black or African American: 51.5%
- White: 38.5%
- Multi-Racial: 8.5%
- Middle Eastern/North African: 1%

By Education Status
- Disability: 51%
- General Education: 49%

By Grade
- High School: 43%
- Middle School: 26%
- Elementary School: 30%
- Other: 1%

By Income
- SAC Students who Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch: 21%
- No: 1%
- Yes: 99%

Court-Involved: 21%

Female-Headed: 45% of households
The Team

2021-2022 STAFF
Peri Stone-Palmquist | Executive Director
Anell Eccleston | Director of Care & Sustainability
Danielle Flint | Assistant Director*
Tina Jurries | Programs Manager
Amy Wilhelm | Programs Manager
Shakel Raiford | Lead Advocate
Kimberly Brown | Advocate*
Jacorey Brown | Mentor
Angelina Camilleri | Advocate
Larry Cantlin | Advocate
Al Correa | Mentor
Julia Gilbert | Accountant*
LaKeya Martin | Advocate
Tom McMillen-Oakley | Advocate
Myron Michael | Mentor
Ben Murphy-Smith | Advocate
Melanie Odom | Fund Development Director*
Andre Parker | Community Organizer
Jenna Pickman | Advocate
Brianna Slavens | Administrative Coordinator*
Prestine Spratt | Youth Organizer
Shamayime Starr | Mentor
Andrea Watts | Mentor*
London Williams | Mentor
Alicia Williams | Finance Manager

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Board Member Emeritus
James Hawkins
Calvin Williams
Ruth Zweifler (Founding Executive Director)

VOLUNTEER HOURS + VALUE

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Why does your business keep supporting SAC? Why do you think our work matters?

Without SAC working behind the scenes, a lot of less fortunate kids would be continuously left out in the cold because the administration and other powers that be just don't understand them. SAC is a voice for these kids.

Ms. Mary Smith
Owner

SAC was heartbroken when one of our students, LaRonte Benion-Phillips, was shot and killed in his senior year. We had supported LaRonte, his grandma, Ms. Mary (below) and other family for years.

We will never forget LaRonte's wisdom, sense of humor and perseverance (see his poem above).

We are beyond humbled and grateful for the many gifts to SAC in his honor and will never stop fighting for all students to be loved, cherished and supported on their path to graduation.

I AM NOT A TREE, BUT IF I WERE... I'D STAY STRONG BY GOING OR GROWING STRAIGHT UP, WIND CAN'T PHASE ME, SUNLIGHT RAISED ME, I'M THE LARGEST ALL AROUND, FALLEN LEAVES NEED RAKING, CATCHING EVERY CLOUD, MOTHER NATURE I'M FACING! THOUGHT IT WAS A DROUGHT, BUT... THE RAIN JUST SAVED ME.
Our SAC Family

MICHIGAN AEROSPACE

Why does your business keep supporting SAC?

Michigan Aerospace is a proud supporter of the Student Advocacy Center. Through our Springmatter Fund (springmatter.org), we select community organizations who share our vision of providing equitable learning and employment opportunities for vulnerable youth. We share SAC’s belief that the best way to open hearts and minds is through the power of storytelling and hope to continue our partnership to amplify student voices into the future.

Peter Tchoryk
CEO

Our SAC Family

Jacq and Sydney Tchoryk lead a reading of "I Am Jazz" and share their own stories at the Dexter Library. Book readings like this are a powerful way to share LGBTQ experiences with our communities.

Funders 2021-2022

Our SAC Family

Monthly Givers
A special thank you to our monthly donors who committed to regular and ongoing support last year:

Richard King and Faye Askew-King, Paul Alexander and Rachel Blistein, Robyn Cook, Sofia Dietrich, Jordan and Nick Else, Mike and Kathy Gibson, David and Jennifer Haines, Carrie and Gregg Hammerman, Katie L Hoener, Tom Jurries, Marjorie Kauth-Karjala, Jeralyn Lowe, Anna Monkmeyer, Jonathan Rand, Wendy Reinhardt, James and Sally Roach, Sara Saylor, Michael Steinberg, Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist, Jon Swanson, Mary J. Towler, Anna Weaver, Gail Wolkoff

Legacy Society
We are thankful for our Legacy Society who include SAC in their Will or Charitable Trust!

Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist

Telling Tales 2022 Sponsors

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LEAR

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Kris and Dave Denzin
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Academic All-Star
Anonymous, Alicia Davis, Michigan Medicine, Nancy Wheeler

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Graduate
Our SAC Family

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Domino’s Pizza, Ellis Isle, Frita Batido’s, Franklin Cider Mill, Insomnia Cookies, MAIZ Cantina, Dawn Keech

Special Thanks:

Special Thanks to YOU!
You are part of our SAC family, and we could not do this work without each of you.

Note:
While we don’t list every single supporter, please know we appreciate each and every gift.
We have done our best to acknowledge sponsors, monthly supporters and other significant gifts.
Please contact us if your name has been inadvertently overlooked.
You Invested

You invested in SAC, and we are so grateful. We never take that investment for granted and work carefully to be thoughtful stewards of resources. We strive to provide quality, responsive support to families in crisis, while also taking care of our team.

We are thrilled to share that support for SAC continues to increase, allowing us to deepen our work in the community. But demand also continues to rise, and at times we have to tell a desperate parent or under-resourced school partner that we have no case openings. Your support always matters.

Please let us know if you have questions about anything in this report. If you’d like to contextualize the numbers on this page, check out Charity Navigator. GuideStar provides a deep dive into nonprofit data as well.

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*Includes PPP loan

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*Includes accounting, staff work with board, insurance and other functions that support all programs and make us more effective

Note: The difference between revenue and expenses is due to the timing of grants received and PPP loan proceeds.

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