



**student
advocacy
center**

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2022-2023 Gratitude Report

"I know that I can do *anything...*
And *you're* the one who helped me see that."



Your Impact

Thanks to the support of donors like you, students graduated high school and really started to believe in themselves. What a gift!

Hear about your impact directly from a student experiencing foster care:

“ I graduated and I never thought I could. My whole life I didn't think I could but you changed that.

Nobody in my family ever graduated high school. **I'm the very first one.**

I've been through so much and I did it. I know now that I'm capable of this. I'm smart. I'm good. And I know that I can do anything I want to do in my future. **And you're the one who helped me see that.**”

You Helped

You helped students graduate!

We are so proud of the many SAC students who graduated this year.
Please find the celebration stories of a few of our graduates below!

KYANDRE

KyAndre dreamed of finding his identity after years of feeling torn between his biological and adopted families. Through participating in Check & Connect and his adopted family's support, KyAndre reconciled and felt his identity validated. After graduating from high school in 2023, he plans to study at Washtenaw Community College, with the plan to transfer to Alabama State University and study sports medicine.

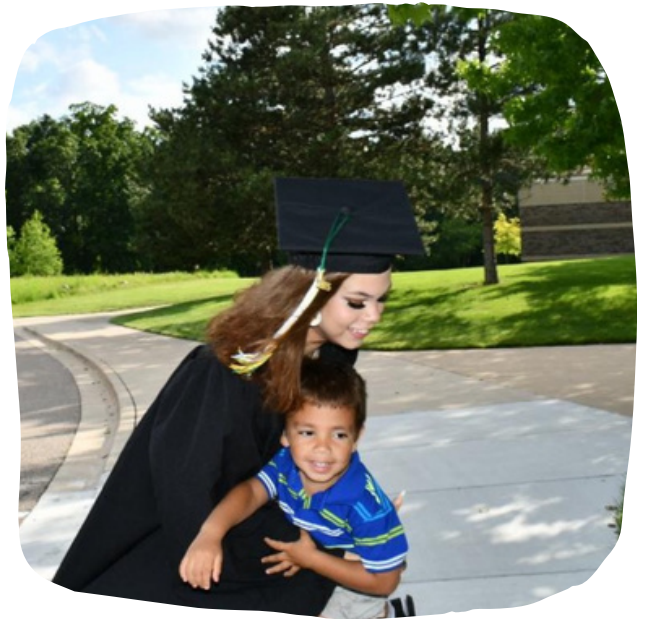
Congrats to KyAndre on your graduation!



DIAMOND

When we met Diamond, we saw a young woman with big goals for herself. Over the five years, Diamond participated in Check & Connect, she shared that “[her] mindset has changed.” Through the mentorship, she was able to explore all of the possibilities and ways to reach her goals, while developing the motivation to move. She and her mentor persisted over many years, and Diamond recently obtained her GED!

Congrats to Diamond on this accomplishment!



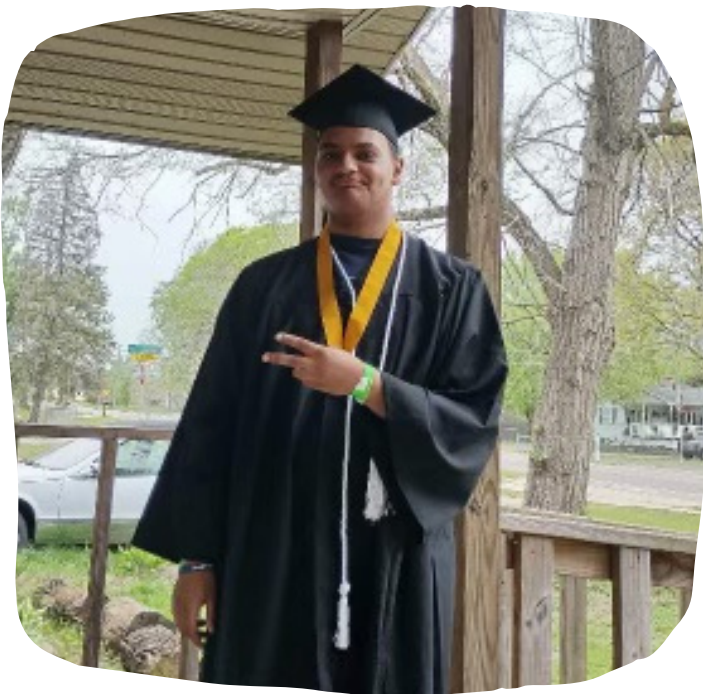
KyAndre (top left) pictured wearing his high school graduation cap.
Diamond (bottom right) pictured hugging her little brother after obtaining her GED.

You Helped

JAMES

James got involved in Check & Connect in seventh grade and recently graduated from high school, with his mentor Jacorey there to cheer him on as he walked across the stage. James entered Check & Connect with a lot of self-doubt, as he navigated difficult family circumstances and frequent moves throughout his time in the program. Years of persistence and connection-building with his mentor led him to this moment. He is now set to start classes at Washtenaw Community College in early 2024 for HVAC.

Congrats to James on your graduation!



SAC Check & Connect Mentor Jacorey Brown (pictured in the upper left) was honored to attend James' 2023 high school graduation ceremony.

You Worked for Change



You joined us to work for change and build a powerful education justice movement in Michigan. ↑

- We held 6 non-partisan school board candidate forums in November 2022 (see above for photos from our forum in Lincoln Consolidated Schools).
- SAC students (see left) collaborated with other youth in Detroit to hold a very cool event educating the community about youth's experience in school.
- SAC youth traveled to Lansing a couple times and asked for more funding for their schools (especially mental health supports). They also spoke up at local school board meetings.
- A whole bunch of us traveled to Lansing (see below) and successfully advocated for more funding for special education, mental health, etc. **Historic wins!**



Your Reach

Helpline <i>phone support</i>	Education Advocacy <i>1-on-1 support</i>	Check & Connect <i>academic mentoring</i>	Youth Action <i>organizing</i>
626	177	90	52
Short-term	4 months - 1 year	Long-term, 2+ years	Year-Round
State-Wide	Washtenaw, Wayne, Jackson	Detroit, Ypsilanti	Detroit, Ypsilanti

Cases Served

948 cases
836 individual students
Historic record

Goals Met

91% of advocacy cases
accomplished goal by case end

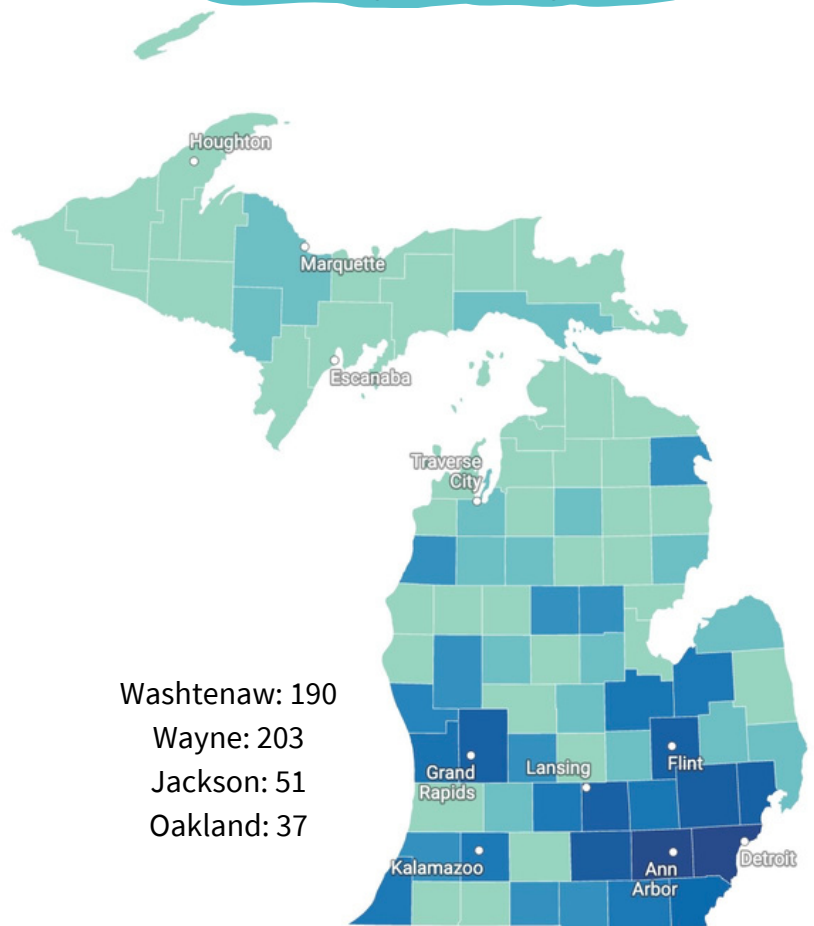
Attendance

72% of advocacy cases improved
or maintained attendance

Discipline

90% of mentees with mental health
needs decreased discipline referrals

Helpline Numbers By County

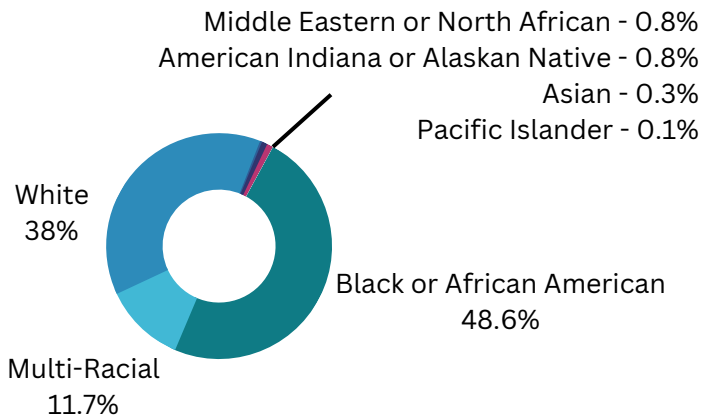


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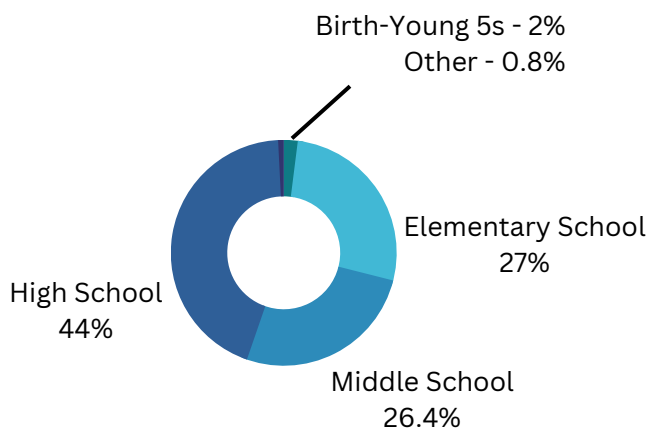
By Race



By Education Status

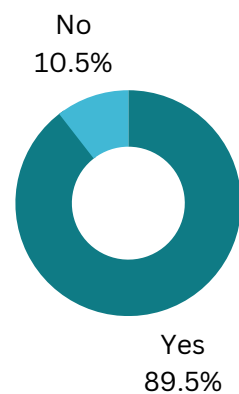


By Grade



By Income

SAC Students who Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch



Court-Involved

23.2%

Female-Headed

54.2% of households

The Team

2022-2023 STAFF

Peri Stone-Palmquist | Executive Director
Anell Eccleston | Director of Care & Sustainability
Tina Jurries | Programs Manager
Shakel Raiford | Programs Manager
Amy Wilhelm | Programs Manager

Jacorey Brown | Check & Connect Mentor
Angelina Camilleri | Education Advocate
Larry Cantlin | Education Advocate
Al Correa | Check & Connect Mentor
David Davis | Administrative Coordinator
Megan Eustice | Education Advocate
LaKeya Martin | Education Advocate*
Tom McMillen-Oakley | Education Advocate
Myron Michael | Check & Connect Mentor
Ben Murphy-Smith | Education Advocate
Kevin Lauro | Fund Development Director
Andre Parker | Community Organizer*
Jenna Pickman | Education Advocate
Prestine Spratt | Youth Organizer
James Tabatowski-Bush | Administrative Coordinator*
Colleen Walter | Education Advocate
Shamayime Starr | Check & Connect Mentor*
London Williams | Check & Connect Mentor
Alicia Williams | Finance Manager

* no longer at SAC

2022-2023 BOARD

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VOLUNTEER HOURS + VALUE

INTERNS	4,106 HRS	\$90,332
VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES	169.5 HRS	\$3,729
LEGAL PRO BONO	140 HRS	\$38,772

Our SAC Family

B&B PAYEE SERVICES



*Serving those experiencing
financial obstacles*

Why does your business keep supporting SAC?

“ I support the Student Advocacy Center because I believe that every child deserves a free education. The foundations of our democracy are built on having educated voters. I endorse all of the efforts of the Student Advocacy Center in its mission to stand up for the rights of today’s underserved students.”

-Bobby Johnson
CEO

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Our SAC Family

Monthly Givers

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

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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

Telling Tales 2023 Sponsors

Valedictorian



Salutatorian

Alicia Davis
Kris and Dave Denzin

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Bank of Ann Arbor, David and Jennifer Haines, Richard and Carol Sheridan, Nancy Wheeler

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A Child's World Learning Center, Anonymous, B&B Payee Services, Percy and Cheryl Bates, Golden Limousine Inc., Michigan Medicine, Noetic Search, Old National Bank, Layton & Dr. Daicia Price of Priceless Development Consulting, Matt & Peri Stone-Palmquist, TRUE Community Credit Union, Denise Tanguay and Jonathan Dean, Chuck Warpehoski and Nancy Shore, Zingerman's Community of Businesses

Graduate

Arbor Teas, The Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP, Jessica "Decky" Alexander and Bruce Kutinsky, Keisha Blevins, Bredernitz, Wagner & Co., P.C, Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, Doug & Barbara Cecil, Richard Chang & Tonya Kneff-Chang, Annette & Kerwin Charles, Dykema, Linda Edwards-Brown, Nick & Jordan Else, Engage @ EMU, First Merchants Bank, Senator Jeff Irwin & Kathryn Loomis, Richard King and Faye Askew-King, Washtenaw County Commissioner Andy LaBarre, Michigan, Center for Youth Justice, Oxford Bank, Pott Farms, Anne Remley, Francisco Sanchez and Beth Rini, Eli Savit, Maria Sheler-Edwards, Real Estate One, Amanda and Riley Smith, Harvey Somers, Springmatter; Michigan Aerospace, Dr. Richard Tolman and Naomi Woloshin, Marianne Udow-Phillips and Bill Phillips, University Bank, The Virtual Educator Network

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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.

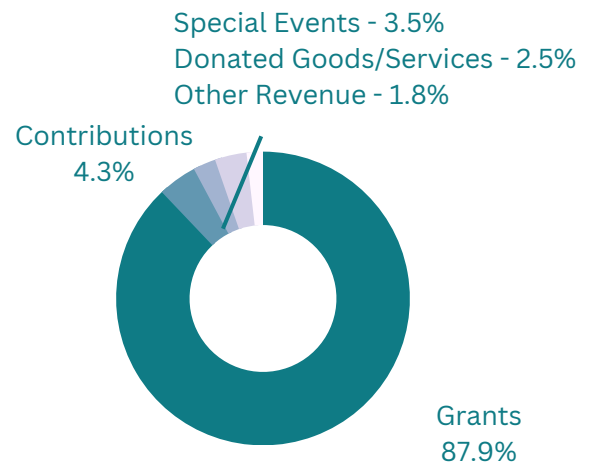
Individual giving is down nationally, even while demand our services continues to rise. Increasingly, we have to tell a desperate parent or under-resourced school partner that we have no case openings. **Your support always matters.**

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.

REVENUE

GRANTS	\$2,240,098
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$109,320
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$89,637
DONATED GOODS/SERVICES	\$62,463
OTHER REVENUE*	\$46,311
TOTAL	\$2,547,829

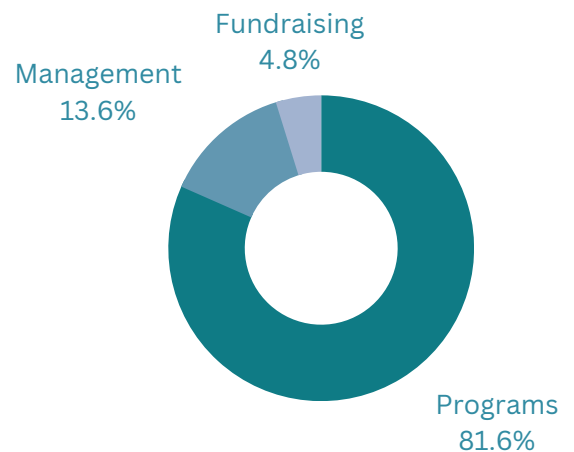
*includes investment income and merchandise sales



EXPENSES

PROGRAMS	\$1,318,962
MANAGEMENT*	\$220,028
FUNDRAISING	\$77,884
TOTAL	\$1,616,874

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



NOTE: The difference between revenue & expenses is due to the required recording of multi-year grant awards. All years' grant revenue must be recorded in the year awarded, but will be spent on programs in future years.