"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 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.
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!**
948 cases
836 individual students
*Historic record*

Cases Served

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

Learn more here: https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/k1fDz/1/
Your Reach

By Race

- Black or African American: 48.6%
- White: 38%
- Multi-Racial: 11.7%
- Middle Eastern or North African: 0.8%
- American Indian or Alaskan Native: 0.8%
- Asian: 0.3%
- Pacific Islander: 0.1%

By Education Status

- General Education: 43.1%
- Disabilities: 56.9%

By Grade

- High School: 44%
- Middle School: 26.4%
- Elementary School: 27%
- Birth-Young 5s: 2%
- Other: 0.8%

By Income

- SAC Students who Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch: 23.2%

- No: 10.5%
- Yes: 89.5%

Court-Involved: 23.2%

Female-Headed: 54.2% of households
**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**

Peri Stone-Palmquist | Executive Director  
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Kaitlin Drago | Treasurer  
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Domonique Weston | SMASH, University of Michigan  

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

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**VOLUNTEER HOURS + VALUE**

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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
Our SAC Family

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

Julie Abuelsamid, Richard King and Faye Askew-King, Dr. Beverly Baroni, 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, Carrie & Craig Hernandez, Katie L Hoener, Amy Frontier and Jeff Hogg, Tom Jurries, Marjorie Kauth-Karjala, Sally Lunn, Anna Monkmeyer, John O’Shea, Jonathan Rand, Wendy Reinhardt, James and Sally Roach, Rossi Ray-Taylor, Francisco Sanchez and Beth Rini, Sara Saylor, Bill Sower, Michael Steinberg, Megan Stembridge, Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist, Jon Swanson, Mary J Towler, Laurie Wellman, Gail Wolkoff, Tad and Wanda Wysor

**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**

**LEAR**

**Salutatorian**

Alicia Davis
Kris and Dave Denzin

**Academic All-Star**

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

**Honor Roll**


**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

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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 & 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.