



# IGNITING THE SPARK

2016-2017  
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CHICAGO YOUTH CENTERS  
WHERE POSSIBILITY LIVES

**PHOTOS:** (Cover) Coach Corey Campbell helps a CYC participant build a robot as part of a presentation at the annual Believe in Kids Dinner. Thank you to ArcelorMittal and donors like you who made CYC's robotics team a possibility in 2017! (Current Page) A CYC participant takes on a hula hoop challenge during a summer field day hosted by Travelers Insurance.



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# WHAT IS THE CYC SPARK?

## DEAR CYC SUPPORTERS,

If you've visited a CYC Center, Head Start site, or 21st Century Learning Center at a partnering Chicago school, you know possibility lives in every corner, from the Maker Labs to the thriving community gardens, to the basketball courts. You see excitement in the classrooms of preschoolers learning to set the table for a healthy lunch. You meet innovation in the TinkerBelles, an all-girls STEM club "tinkering" with science and technology in order to advocate for peace in their communities. Throughout each CYC site, the energy in the air lets you know that you are somewhere truly special.

What is it that makes CYC feel so welcoming and vibrant? Our buildings may be from the 20th century, but our Centers sparkle and hum with 21st century innovation and possibility.

Our program team calls this phenomenon the "**CYC SPARK.**" SPARK is an acronym that stands for **smiling, passionate, adaptable, responsible, and kind.** These are the traits embodied by youth, family, and staff that create a welcoming, collaborative, and accountable culture.

Our youth demonstrate SPARK when they look a visitor in the eye, introduce themselves, and give a warm hand shake, or when they take what they have learned in a conflict resolution workshop and apply it to the classroom. Our parents show their CYC SPARK when they mentor other families and volunteer at our Centers.

Our staff show their CYC SPARK when they adapt to the needs of children with disabilities and make sure they receive the tools and resources needed to pursue their goals. As an agency, we live by SPARK when we collaborate with community partners to expose our children to new opportunities, such as glass blowing, violin lessons, and documentary filmmaking. It's our collaborative and creative approach—our spark—that the Chicago Innovation Awards saw in us when they named CYC one of Chicago's 100 Most Innovative Organizations in 2017.

Finally, the CYC SPARK is the possibility we see in each child. CYC provides children in Chicago's divested neighborhoods with the resources they need to succeed in the 21st century: safe places to grow, opportunities for hands-on learning to build employable and non-cognitive skills, and engaged mentors. This empowers them to ignite their own spark, overcome generational cycles of poverty and violence, and achieve their dreams. At CYC, we truly believe our spark is what gets the fire going—and catalyzes attainable, positive change in our city.

**It is donors like you who fan these flames and keep our CYC SPARK alive.** We are so proud to report in the following pages our highlights and outcomes from program year 2016-2017. None of this would have been possible without your dedication and support.

Thank you for making CYC the place where possibility lives,



KEVIN CHEREP  
*CYC President and CEO*




DAN FEENEY  
*CYC Board Chair*

# IGNITING THE SPARK

We are committed to making this generation of children the last to live in poverty and violence.

At Chicago Youth Centers (CYC), we empower and support youth and families living in the city's most divested communities so they can succeed in the 21st century. Our innovative programs provide the experiences and resources needed for youth ages 3-18 to achieve in school, develop confidence and grit, and learn critical employable skills to ultimately succeed in the workforce.

We support youth when they are most vulnerable—in early childhood, after school, and during the summer by:

- Providing academic support and connecting youth to educational and professional mentors
- Providing a comprehensive Early Childhood Development program that uses the Creative Curriculum to help children reach developmental milestones
- Building children's employable skills and

expanding their ability to think critically, create, communicate, and collaborate (The "Four C's")

- Exposing youth to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math)
- Preparing children and teens for college and careers
- Focusing on healthy living and violence prevention
- Engaging and partnering with families so they can support their children's development at home
- Offering access to mental health services and services for children with disabilities

Since 1956, we have helped our children know that anything is possible. They are tomorrow's innovators, activists, parents, and leaders. All we need to do is ignite the spark.



**PHOTO:** Longtime CYC participant George Curtis shows off his dance moves at the CYC Auxiliary Board's Safe Summer Picnic. George is an accomplished dancer and plans to go to college to study accounting.

## INTRODUCING CYC'S PRESIDENT/CEO: KEVIN CHEREP



In August 2017, Chicago Youth Centers enthusiastically welcomed Kevin M. Cherep as its new President and CEO following the

departure of former President and CEO Barbara Mosacchio in March.

As someone whose first job in Chicago was based in North Lawndale, joining CYC as its leader has signified coming full circle for Kevin. It is his goal to use his visionary and transformational leadership to usher in a new era of growth to CYC's 61-year-old legacy. With three young children of his own, Kevin is passionate about CYC's vision to ensure that our youth will be the last generation of their family to live in poverty and violence.

As a veteran in the non-profit sector, Kevin has tackled large and systemic social problems like

access to healthcare, global poverty, and global health issues. He previously served as the Chief of Global Development for the International Association of Lions Clubs, as the Chief Development and Marketing Officer at Soles4Souls, and as the Executive Director of Foundations of Saint Thomas Health. Kevin studied non-profit management at DePaul University.

CYC is positioned for exponential growth, and Kevin is energized and ready to tirelessly work on sharing our story and message, building strong relationships and partnerships, and increasing revenue to continue to grow our impact.

*To support a free exchange of ideas, Kevin encourages anyone with questions to contact him at [kevin.cherep@chicagoyouthcenters.org](mailto:kevin.cherep@chicagoyouthcenters.org) or to call (312) 913-1700 ext. 412.*

**PHOTO:** Kevin Cherep (second from right) attends CYC's annual golf outing with CYC students and youth worker Gregory King (far left)



# THE HONORABLE KIM FOXX

Some might say that it's magic that ignites the first spark: the initial glimmer that lights up a dark room, washing it with the glow of possibility.

When Kim Foxx, the Cook County State's Attorney, was growing up in a Cabrini-Green public housing project, the possibilities seemed dim.

"Growing up in a single-parent household, living in concentrated poverty... I think the expectation that someone like me would be in a position like this was not real," said Foxx, 45.

But Foxx's mother made sure that she and her brother had access to all the educational resources available. Foxx was enrolled as a Head Start student in a CYC program in Cabrini-Green.

Magic certainly played a role in creating the first spark in Foxx's life. It was a simple, silly trick in which a magician summoned something out of a hat during one CYC session—but for a young Foxx it meant the world.

"I remember feeling special enough that someone would share that with me," Foxx said. "I think it's important that we meet young people where they are. Having resources like Chicago Youth Centers in communities is vitally important. It tells the people there that you value them, that you value their worth, and that you're investing in their worth. I think for young people, having that

support—whether it's educational support or other activities—reaffirms their value."

Today, Foxx has come a long way from being an amazed young girl living in Cabrini-Green public housing. In December 2016, she assumed the office of Cook County State's Attorney as the first African American woman to hold the title.

While growing up, Foxx described herself as studious and with the conviction that hard work and good grades would lead to success. Despite the odds stacked against her, this dedication paid off. Now she makes a point of sharing her story with youth who are in the same position she was in as a child.

CYC's Head Start program gave Foxx a strong foundation for her education. Having support systems, a loving community, and mentors along the way encouraged her to stay on track and not limit her potential.

"When the young cub roars as loud as he possibly can, it's because he's seeing someone else roar like that," Foxx said. "And that's what mentorship does. It allows for young people to have someone to emulate."

Foxx said she remains frustrated by educational inequality in Chicago. While there has been some advancement over the years, it hasn't been for everyone, and barriers still stand in the way for many.

"The solution to all of this isn't simply in the hands of governmental institutions," Foxx said. "We need non-profit organizations, we need community-based organizations to come in and fill that gap. That's what they're there for. We have to recognize that government will never be able to meet all of that need, and communities alone won't be able to, so organizations like Chicago Youth Centers are absolutely essential."



**PHOTO:** Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx meets Maleek Willis. Foxx, an alumna of CYC's program, was the keynote speaker of the Believe in Kids Dinner, presented by Wintrust; Maleek received a \$10,000 college scholarship at the dinner thanks to the Epstein and Berman families and Rivers Casino. Like Foxx, Maleek has an interest in criminal justice and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in the field. He aspires to be a change-maker in his community.

# 2016-2017

CYC SERVED **1,435** CHILDREN **700** PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS

CYC SERVED **566** CHILDREN IN CYC'S EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND **869** YOUTH AND TEENS IN CYC'S AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF CYC FAMILIES WAS

# \$18,156

— WE — SERVED **128** CHILDREN IN STATE CARE AND **101** CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

OUR STUDENTS WERE

# 72% AFRICAN AMERICAN

# HISPANIC/LATINX 23%

# 1% ASIAN | 2% CAUCASIAN

# MULTI-RACIAL 2%

# CHICAGO

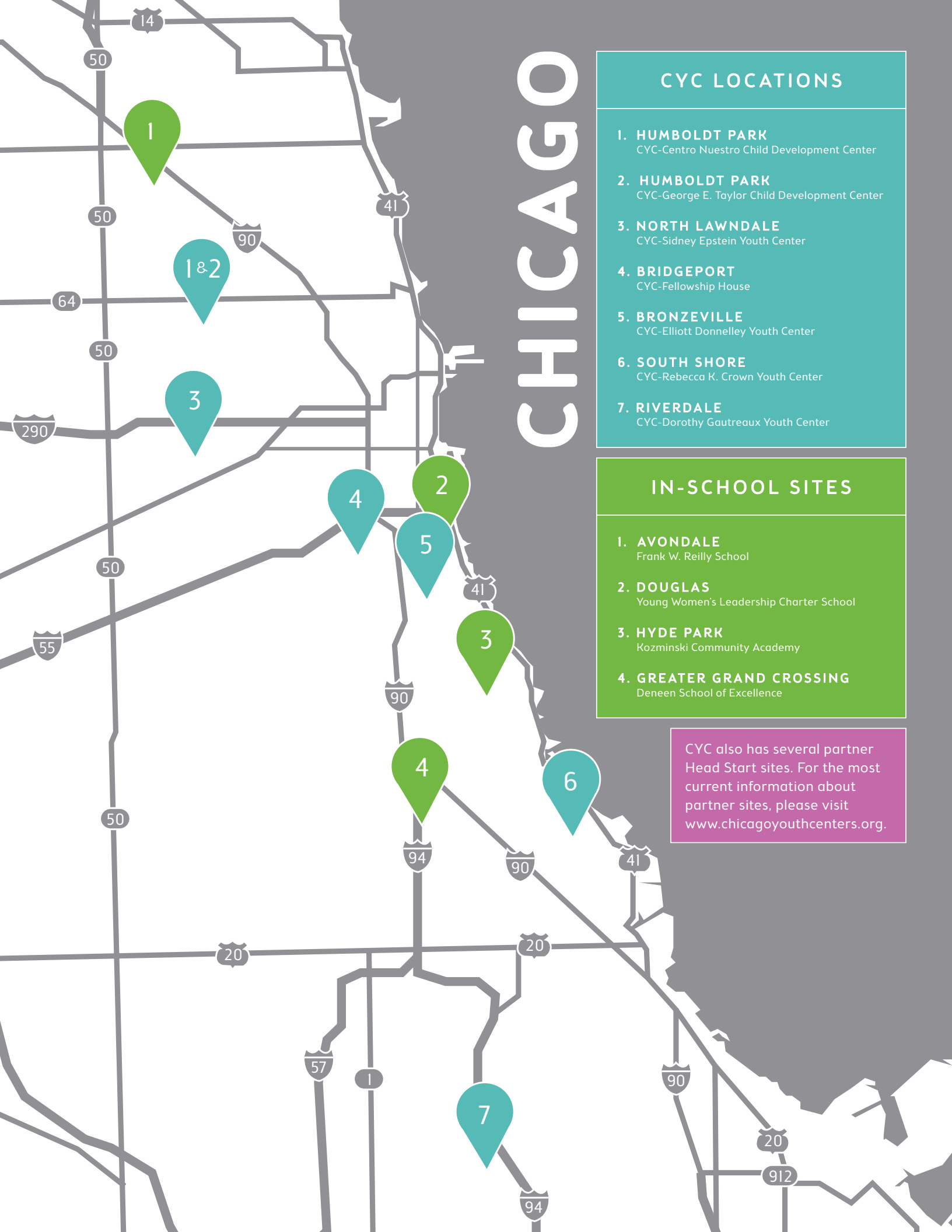
## CYC LOCATIONS

- 1. HUMBOLDT PARK**  
CYC-Centro Nuestro Child Development Center
- 2. HUMBOLDT PARK**  
CYC-George E. Taylor Child Development Center
- 3. NORTH LAWDALE**  
CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center
- 4. BRIDGEPORT**  
CYC-Fellowship House
- 5. BRONZEVILLE**  
CYC-Elliott Donnelley Youth Center
- 6. SOUTH SHORE**  
CYC-Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center
- 7. RIVERDALE**  
CYC-Dorothy Gautreaux Youth Center

## IN-SCHOOL SITES

- 1. AVONDALE**  
Frank W. Reilly School
- 2. DOUGLAS**  
Young Women's Leadership Charter School
- 3. HYDE PARK**  
Kozminski Community Academy
- 4. GREATER GRAND CROSSING**  
Deneen School of Excellence

CYC also has several partner Head Start sites. For the most current information about partner sites, please visit [www.chicagoyouthcenters.org](http://www.chicagoyouthcenters.org).



START: 3-5



CYC's Early Childhood Development Program helps our youngest children build the cognitive and social-emotional skills that will form the foundation of their schooling.

CYC worked with 497 early childhood families through classes, workshops, and activities. Families learned to set goals with their children, encourage early literacy, and support their children's development at home.

G.G. came to Chicago from Mexico City and recently enrolled her children in a Head Start program at CYC-Fellowship House. English was a challenge for G.G., but she wanted to help her children with their homework, attend school meetings, and communicate better with them. She enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at the Center and successfully completed two years.

AGES 6-12



During the summer, youth visited Gearhead Workspace to fix a car and donate it to a family in need, building both technical skills and social-emotional intelligence.

CYC youth build employable skills and the "Four C's" (**critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration**) through project-based learning. Whether they are working in the garden or building a robot, youth learn to solve complex problems, collaborate with diverse team members, and manage their projects from start to finish.



CYC works with families during the middle school years to help their children transition to high school. We teach them about the selective enrollment process so parents can help their child make the best decision for their goals and needs.





"At first, I wasn't even going to go to college," Tatianna said. "CYC definitely motivated me to go to college and think about college. It inspired me to take a different path in my life to give back to the community and help the kids. It's really a place that you can call home. **They put you on the road to success.**"

*Photo of Tatianna and CYC staff member Kim George at Tatianna's high school graduation.*

When Tatianna Cook arrived at CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center, she planned to just volunteer, but those visits sparked a personal interest in CYC programs, and she began attending the Center as a participant. The connections she made with CYC staff inspired her to attend college and even pushed her to apply for a scholarship—which she received.

Tatianna graduated in May 2017 from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science. She is now a teacher's assistant in Chicago Public Schools.



CYC's vision is that our youth will be the last generation of their families to live in poverty and violence.

## BEYOND CYC

CYC staff members help teens apply to universities, community colleges, and trade schools; prepare for the ACT and SAT; and apply for financial aid and scholarships.

Teens serve as mentors to the younger CYC youth. Teens also are encouraged to find summer jobs through our partnerships with After School Matters and One Summer Chicago. These experiences help them become strong leaders and gain job readiness skills.



CYC's Summer Enrichment Program combats summer learning loss and keeps youth safe during a season when violence increases.

## TEENS

## EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTCOMES



100%

of CYC four year-olds transitioned to kindergarten



89%

met or exceeded expectations for social-emotional development and language development



91%

met or exceeded expectations for physical development



85%

met or exceeded expectations for cognitive development



87%

met or exceeded expectations for mathematics development



86%

met or exceeded expectations for literacy development

CYC STAFF PERFORM PHYSICAL SCREENINGS AND REFER CYC YOUTH TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

84% of enrolled children received medical exams.  
95% of enrolled children received dental exams.  
42% of enrolled children received dental treatment.

## ACADEMIC & SUMMER OUTCOMES



100%

of youth ages 6-18 in CYC Centers were promoted to the next grade level on time



92% of youth ages 6-13 and 75%

of teens ages 14-18 had fewer than nine absences from school



74%

of youth ages 6-13 increased their language, reading, and social studies grades, or maintained a B or above



68%

of teens ages 14-18 increased their GPA or maintained a GPA of 3.0 or above in language, English, and history



81%

of youth ages 6-13 increased their math and science grades or maintained a B or above



83%

of teens ages 14-18 increased their math and science grades or maintained a GPA of 3.0 or above



98%

of youth increased their summer math and reading scores on the Math Power Test and Informal Reading Inventory by Burns/Roe, demonstrating they gained skills during the summer



100%

of youth in the summer swim program advanced at least one swim level according to Red Cross standards



87% of youth and 91%

of teens reported that they feel confident solving problems



80%

of youth reported that they see themselves as creative



79% of youth and 93%

of teens expressed interest in trying new experiences or taking on difficult tasks



91%

of teens reported that they persist in school when faced with difficult material (compared to 48% at the beginning of the year)



94%

of teens set goals for themselves and their futures (compared to 52% at the beginning of the year)



87%

of teens reported that they understood how to increase their chances for getting into a good college (compared to 49% in the beginning of the year)



66%

of youth demonstrated positive attitudes about STEAM careers



100%

of CYC seniors graduated from high school and are currently enrolled in college or are gainfully employed

## Summer Swim Program Teaches Confidence and More

Jumping in the deep end of the pool used to terrify Vicky, a student at CYC-Elliott Donnelley Youth Center (EDYC) in Bronzeville.

“Once I jumped in, my face would go in and I would go too far down and my feet wouldn’t touch the bottom,” Vicky said.

So the 10 year-old would stick to the shallow end of the pool, never venturing to the other side. That changed this summer after weeks of practice in the swimming pool at EDYC.

The children CYC serves need safe places to practice physical fitness, but playing or exercising outdoors can mean exposure to gun violence for many families. The risk is even higher in the summer, when children cannot rely on their schools for safety and stability.

A key resource that provides fitness opportunities to our youth is our EDYC pool. By exposing our children to the water in a safe, controlled environment, we teach them a lifelong skill that increases their confidence, safety skills, and overall well-being.

So how did Vicky overcome her anxiety about the deep end?

“I got over my fear by trying all the time and my friend told me to keep trying,” Vicky said. “If you keep practicing, you will get much better at it.”

As Vicky learned to swim, she also developed persistence and resilience—key skills needed on the pathway to possibility.

## Angel Meets an Octopus—and Discovers He Can Become a Marine Biologist

Ever since Angel, a CYC-Fellowship House student, first watched Shark Week with his dad, he knew that he wanted to be a marine biologist.

Last fall, the sixth grade student was doodling when a CYC staff member, Monica Wizgird, asked him what he was drawing. His mind was on his favorite sea creature: sharks. After chatting with Angel, Monica discovered his career dreams.

At CYC, we strive to connect our students and parents to the

resources that will help them find the pathway to success—even if it's not something we can directly offer within our Centers.

Monica connected Angel, 12, with Yan, a neuroscientist studying octopus brains at the University of Chicago Marine Biology Lab. The two exchanged videos talking about their excitement for science and passion for sea creatures.

Eventually, Yan invited Angel and his classmates to pay a visit to her lab. They were able to

get a close look at various types of sea life, the effort that goes into researching, and equipment they had never seen before. The experience showed the youth the power of collaboration within STEAM fields, challenged their critical thinking skills, and introduced a career outside of mainstream options.

CYC staff members take the time to individually connect with each child at our Centers to understand what makes them tick. We nurture interests so they can blossom into potential career paths for students.

Angel's passion for marine biology was strengthened by the experience.

"Now that I have seen it for myself, I want it for myself," Angel said.



**PHOTOS:** (Top Left) Angel in the moment Yan, a marine biologist at the University of Chicago, invited Angel to her lab. (Bottom Left) Angel and his friends meet a real octopus at the University of Chicago. (Bottom Right) Angel shows off a shark he created in art class.



## The "A" in STEAM: New Music and Digital Storytelling Programs

For the past year, CYC-Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center has filled with the crisp notes of violins twice a week.

Thanks to a partnership with the Merit School of Music, 25 elementary aged students from South Shore have learned the ins and outs of playing the classical instrument.

For many of these students, the program marks the first time that they have held a violin. From there, they can begin to master the instrument.

During a typical class, Merit instructors lead students through proper handling techniques,

scales, intonation, rhythm, and musicality.

Ray Rusnak, a member of CYC's Board of Directors and a Merit Life Trustee and past Chairman, brought the two organizations together to create a program that helps youth develop a variety of skills. The discipline, communication, and creativity that are essential to learning a new instrument are also traits that employers need.

The classes have a positive effect on CYC families, and create opportunities for bonding, conversation, and shared interests.

CYC parent Latisha Thomas shared, "I recently picked my son up from his grandparents' house, and they were sitting together watching different violinists on YouTube. Thank you for creating an interest in this art discipline for both my son and his grandpa!"

CYC also opened a cutting-edge Maker Studio thanks to support from NBCUniversal Foundation, CYC Board Chair Dan Feeny and his son Will, and donors like you. Youth are learning filmmaking, photography, sound mixing, digital storytelling, and more.

Students also create podcasts that explore the intersection of STEAM subjects, social justice, and community. In the Maker Studio, our youth have the power to explore and broadcast their unique voices.

**PHOTOS:** (Left) Through CYC's partnership with the Merit School of Music, 25 youth are learning to play the violin. (Right) CYC youth learn the basics of photography.



## A Safe and "CHILL" Summer

In 2016, Chicago reported record highs in homicide rates.

At CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center in North Lawndale, youth used technology to advocate for peace, thanks to a grant from the North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council.

Youth learned about restorative justice practices and conflict-resolution, both at CYC-Epstein and through field trips to the DuSable Museum of African American History and the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Clarence Hogan, a CYC Maker Lab specialist, led the endeavor and said the youth were taught the difference between bystanders and upstanders and how during the Holocaust, people helped victims by opening their homes or providing food. They also learned about the peaceful principles Martin Luther King Jr. employed to combat the violence and racism perpetrated against African Americans.

"We wanted to bring historical context to today's activities," Clarence said. "Freedom fighting and peaceful advocacy have always happened with readily available tools."

For today's youth, those tools lie in STEAM concepts.

In this project, youth used technology in the CYC Maker Lab such as 3-D printers, vinyl cutters, and digital media software, to create signs, t-shirts, public service announcements, podcasts, and digital art projects that spread their messages of non-violence.

"We want the children to be able to see their own conflicts and resolve them," Clarence said. "Lack of empathy, even in the situation where someone is doing something bad, is at the root of many problems."

By the end of the summer, CYC youth recognized that they are capable of positive change. By empowering youth to use their

voices and skills to advocate for peace, CYC equips the community leaders of tomorrow with new confidence. This creates a catalyst for sustainable peace in these Chicago communities.

At CYC-Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center in South Shore, youth participated in CHILL, an innovative program that uses new research in neuroscience and behavioral science to help youth de-escalate and resolve conflicts. This project was supported by the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities.

During CHILL sessions, youth learned to recognize the biological effects of anger and confrontation and develop techniques to de-escalate conflicts. Youth strengthened their ability to communicate effectively, collaborate with diverse groups of people, build positive relationships, overcome obstacles, and lead others responsibly.

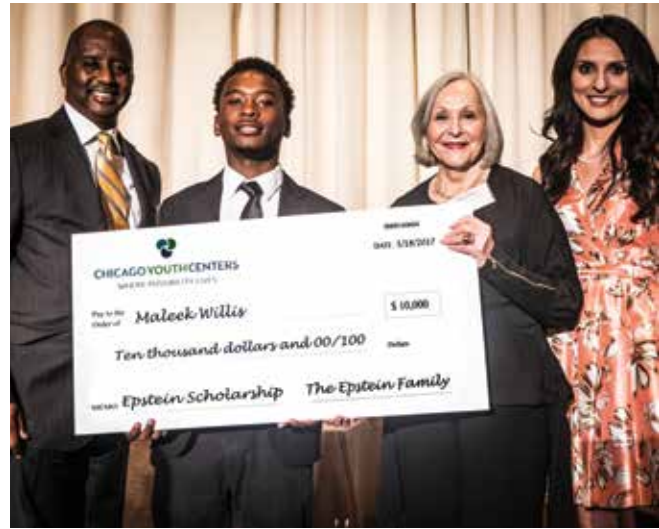
The journey to developing a generation of peacemakers is only just in its beginning stages.

"It comes from a culmination," Clarence said. "This planting and growing that takes place over a period of time—then finally you start seeing the fruit."



**PHOTO:** A community peace event organized by parents and youth of CYC-Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center in South Shore

## Believe in Kids Dinner: Above & Beyond



**PHOTOS:** (Left) Ed Wehmer, President and CEO of Wintrust, gave remarks as the Believe in Kids Dinner Honorary Chair; Wintrust was the evening's Presenting Sponsor. We are greatly appreciative of Wintrust's ongoing dedication to our children, families, and communities. (Right) CYC Board member Al Reid (far left) presents the Epstein Scholarship to Maleek Willis with Sondra Berman Epstein (second from right) and CNN correspondent Rosa Flores during the Believe in Kids Dinner. Thanks to support from the Epstein and Berman families as well as Rivers Casino, Maleek received a \$10,000 scholarship to attend college. He also received a new laptop thanks to the Laptops for Learning Program, established by Al Reid and his family.

At our largest event of the year, hundreds gathered to celebrate how CYC goes "above and beyond" for our youth and families. In May 2017, the dinner netted more than \$470,000.

Cook County State's Attorney and CYC alumna, Kim Foxx, was the keynote speaker.

Foxx spoke about her past growing up in Cabrini-Green and how she fought to attain her professional goals.

Foxx also spoke about the people who recognized her ability when she was a child growing up in Cabrini-Green.

"I am the product of the family members, teachers, strangers, and organizations who believed in me," she said during her speech.

While CYC celebrated the tremendously successful career of Kim Foxx, rising potential was also recognized.

Maleek Willis, a CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center alumnus, received the \$10,000 Epstein Scholarship sponsored by the Epstein and Berman families and Rivers Casino.

Maleek certainly possesses the "CYC SPARK" with his persistence and passion for finding success.

"Education is my key," he wrote in his application essay for the scholarship. "It's been a blessing to make it to 18 and a senior in high school in the heart of the west side of Chicago. I've broken so many odds and I'm going to continue breaking down those odds...I know college is not for everyone, but I am willing to give my all no matter what the outcome may be."

Like Foxx, Maleek has an interest in criminal justice and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in the field.

He now attends Florida Memorial University in Miami and hopes to someday work for the FBI or the DEA. His inspiration to work hard came from the peers he has watched grow through the CYC programs, while, similar to Foxx, his passions stem from where he grew up.

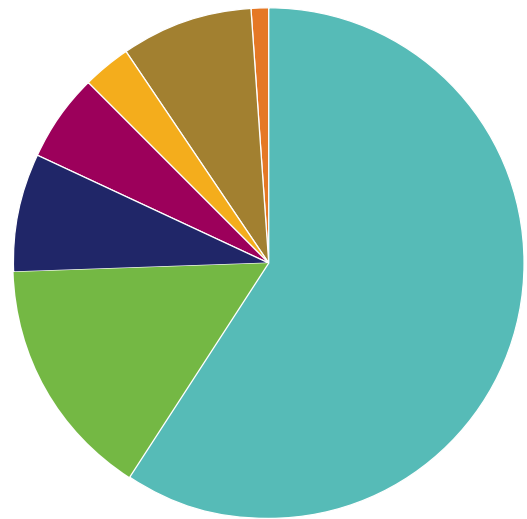
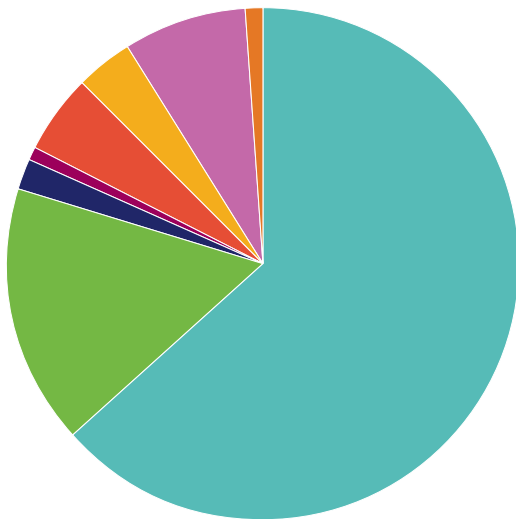
"Chicago—seeing how it is now... I could be the one making changes," Maleek said.

Foxx wants students like Maleek to remember to stay grounded in what they want to achieve.

"If you set your mind to it, know what timetable you're on, and remember why you're there: you can pretty much do anything," she said.

REVENUE

	ACTUAL 2017	%	ACTUAL 2016	%
Government Grants and Contractual	\$ 5,728,173	66%	\$ 6,019,325	63%
Private Contributions <i>Unrestricted</i>	1,411,687	17%	1,518,305	16%
Private Contributions <i>Temporarily Restricted</i>	158,130	2%	699,591	8%
Private Contributions <i>Endowment</i>	3,430	1%	504,020	6%
Insurance Benefits	398,037	5%		
Program Services	341,828	4%	277,966	3%
Investment Revenue	627,898	8%	(281,321)	-3%
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets			851,563	9%
Miscellaneous	28,372	1%	14,231	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,697,555</b>		<b>\$ 9,603,680</b>	



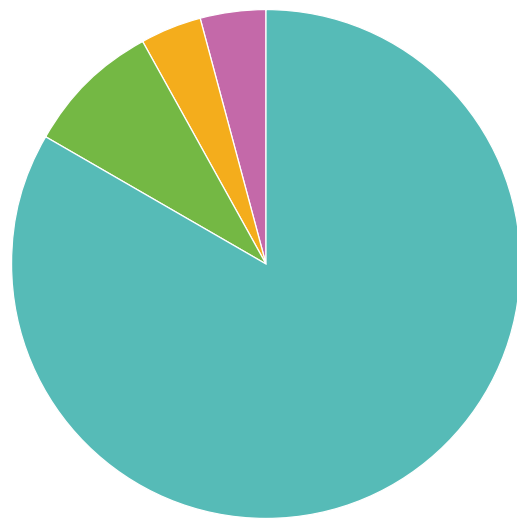
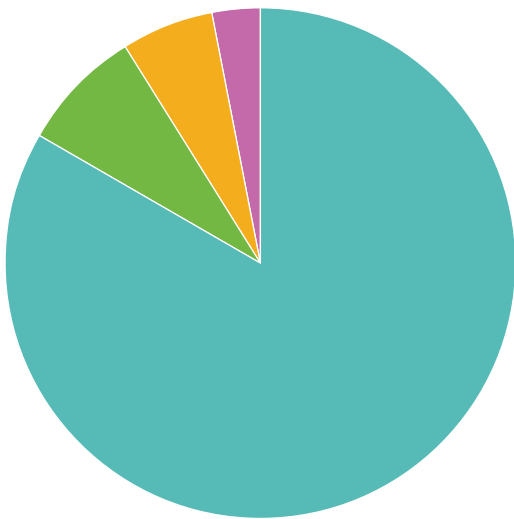
2016 financial information does not include revenue and expenses from discontinued operations.

In 2016, CYC was awarded several multi-year grants (temporarily restricted contributions), which support the budget for 2016 and 2017. However, the total amount is recognized in 2016 revenue since that was the year the grants were awarded. Also in 2016, CYC sold Camp Rosenthal, which contributed to the gain on sale of capital assets.



EXPENSES

	ACTUAL 2017	%	ACTUAL 2016	%
Program Expenses	\$ 7,240,000	85%	\$ 7,525,955	85%
Management and General	675,493	8%	762,245	9%
Fundraising	430,345	6%	304,603	4%
Expenses Prior to Depreciation	8,345,838		8,592,803	
Depreciation	219,456	3%	340,275	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,565,294</b>		<b>\$ 8,933,078</b>	



Heartfelt thanks to our donors who are dedicated to making the futures of our children, families, and communities bright. The following individuals, corporations, and foundations gave between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

*\*Indicates a first-time donor. We welcome you to the CYC family and offer a special thank you for joining the movement to ignite change by investing in CYC's youth.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONS CIRCLE**

**\$100,000+**

Polk Bros. Foundation

**\$50,000-\$99,999**

African American Legacy\*  
 Alvin H. Baum Family Fund  
 Anonymous  
 The Crown Family  
 Francis Beidler Foundation  
 Wintrust Commercial Banking

**SUSTAINERS CIRCLE**

**\$25,000-\$49,999**

Abbott  
 Bowman C. Lingle Trust  
 Bright Promises Foundation\*  
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 & Richard Erwin  
 Experian  
 Julius N. Frankel Foundation  
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 NBCUniversal Foundation\*  
 Rivers Casino  
 Roger Shores & Cyndy Lyons

**\$10,000-\$24,999**

A.G. Cox Charity Trust  
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 ArcelorMittal\*  
 Association of Legal  
 Administrators\*  
 The Barker Welfare  
 Foundation  
 Chicago Foundation  
 for Women\*  
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# CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center Dedication

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In November 2016, CYC re-dedicated the former ABC Polk Bros. Youth Center in North Lawndale as the CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center, in honor of the late Sidney Epstein, CYC's co-founder and prominent Chicago architect, engineer, and philanthropist. The Polk Bros. Foundation made this dedication possible. The city of Chicago, the Polk Bros. Foundation, and certainly, CYC, benefited from Sid's vision, leadership, and compassion. We are proud to honor his important legacy.



PHOTOS: (Top) Sondra Berman Epstein, wife of the late Sidney Epstein, speaks at the CYC-Sidney Epstein Youth Center re-dedication ceremony. (Bottom) CYC co-founder Sidney Epstein (1923-2016).

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**PHOTOS:** Clockwise—(1) CYC Board Member Kristin Krogstie volunteers at CYC-Fellowship House as part of PwC’s “Earn Your Future” day. (2) Auxiliary Board Fundraising Board Champion Molly Hennessy presents a check to Center Director Roberta Douglas at the second annual Shake & Stir, presented by the CYC Auxiliary Board and GTCR. (3) CYC teens celebrating the graduating high school seniors who matriculated in fall 2017 at a CYC Trunk Party. (4) A CYC participant checks on her aquarium as part of a new aquaponics program. CYC partnered with Aqualogue to teach our youth about this new eco-friendly farming technique. (5) The CYC GEMS Club (Girls Excelling at Math and Science) with the rockets they designed and launched. (6) Students in CYC’s Early Childhood Program create pieces of art.

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