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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY/PAL



2022 Annual REPORT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings friends,

In order for children to truly realize their potential and thrive, they need opportunities and relationships beyond what they have access to at school and home.

Youth Development Company/PAL exists to empower for success and developing dreams while providing a safe haven for youth to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

To meet the critical needs of children we are committed to inspire, connect, and equip professionals who care for and educate young children, extend academic support beyond the classroom, and who mentor students while proving a meaningful and positive experience with adults and uniformed officials.

Over the next 5 years YDC will continue to pursue our mission by inspiring, connecting, and equipping early childhood education and out of school time professionals to enrich the lives of more than 700-1000 children and families. This is roughly a 25% increase from our current impact.

To achieve that result YDC will function as the resource families can depend on to be the village it takes to raise today's youth and engage stake holders, partners, and collaborators to pursue 3 major strategies:

- 1.Improving program quality by developing and equipping professionals
- 2.Providing kids essential relationships, experiences, and opportunities through collaboration and partnerships
- 3.Bridging research, policy and practice to strengthen services

Thank you to our Board of Directors, donors, partners, YDC team members and families for your continued support and faith in YDC as we make the dream work!

Sincerely,
Brook Blanchard
Executive Director





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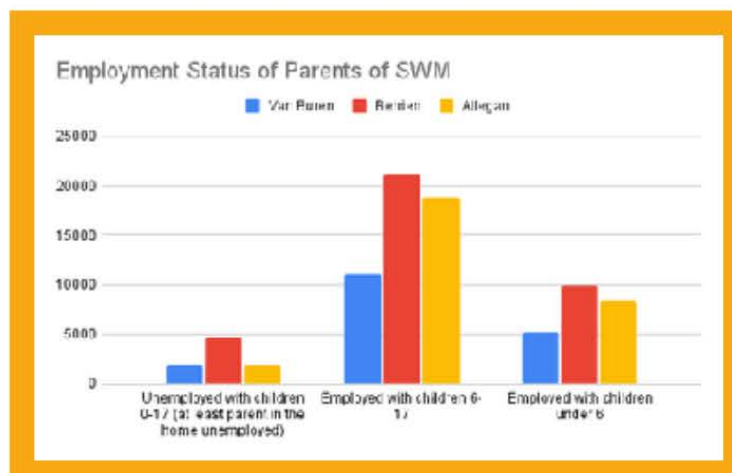
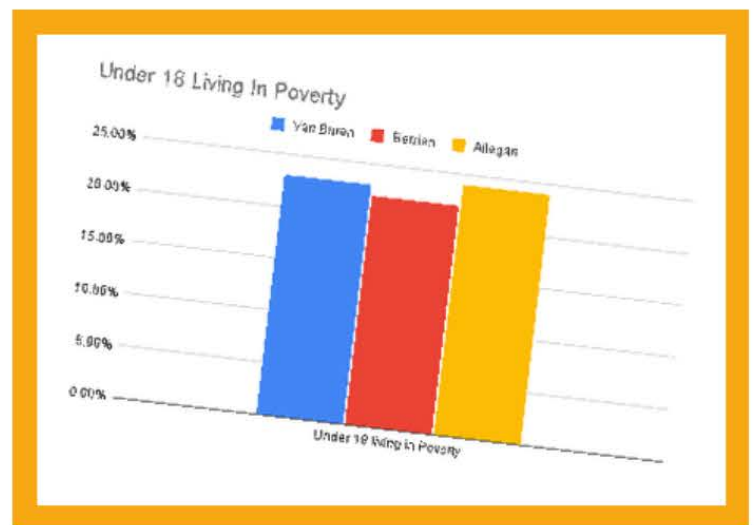
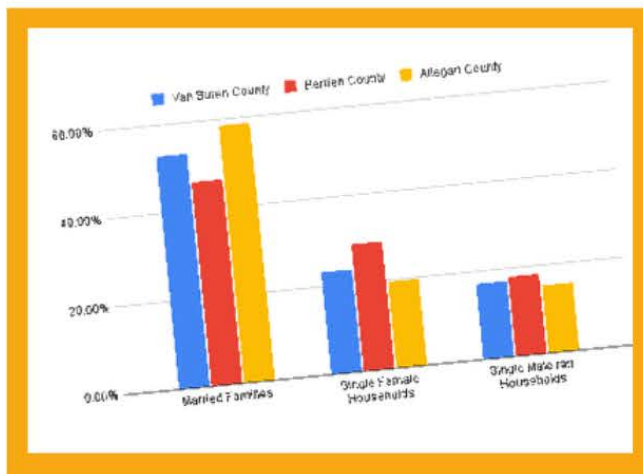
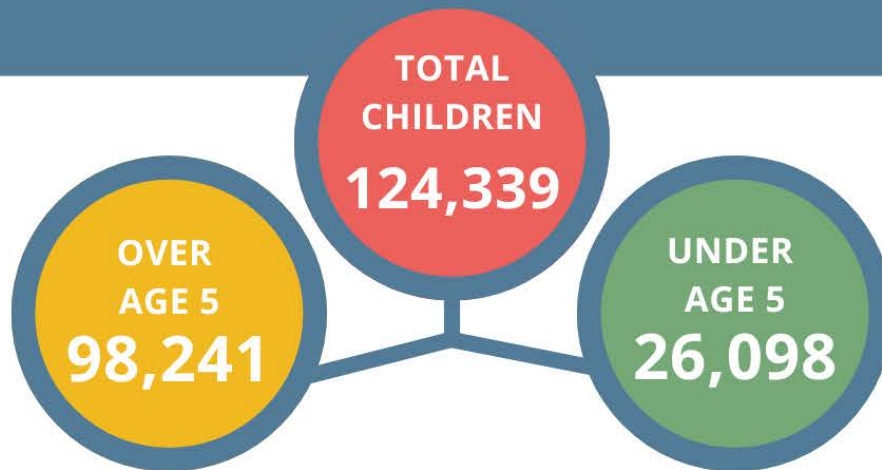
Board Member

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SNAPSHOT

OF OUR KIDS IN SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN



OUR IMPACT

AT A GLANCE



YDC MENTORING

Through reflective Mentoring, Mrs. Trish was able to gain the trust of 8 year old, Aaron, who has a huge heart and quick temper.

While his self-love suffered because of his ability to cope with his angry emotions, Aaron has a direct line of communication to Mrs. Trish to ensure she has his back even when he trips or fails forward.

We love our kiddos right where they are!

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting YDC Mentors!



298

youth K-8th grade were directly impacted through after school and mentoring events and activities, focusing on team building, leadership, communication, physical activity, and community service.

72,935



youth engagements were made, increasing their knowledge of mentoring, self confidence, teamwork, leadership, and communication during Out School Time Programs.

OUR IMPACT

AT A GLANCE

**Our Impact is
making a
difference!**

Here's what
parents are saying
about **YDC!**

**"It's a huge part of
our life.**

YDC is our family!"

*South Haven Ram
PAL Parent*

86%

Interest in
Sports or
Physical
Activity

86%

Improved
School
Attendance

85%

Improved
Behaviors

83%

Increased
Knowledge
Healthy Eating,
Living and
Wellness

76%

Improved
Perception of
Uniformed
Officials

**"We love all the
different things that
she experiences
when she is with
YDC"**

*Watervliet Panther
PAL Parent*

**"Massively helpful
for both adults
and children."**

*SH Ram
PAL Parent*

**"I feel he is safe at YDC day
camp not being left home
alone or with his sister so
I have peace of mind."**

*Coloma Comet
PAL Parent*



**298 youth
scholarships were
given to attend
Summer Day Camp
in 2022!**

Thanks To



**Our School District Partners
Berrien Community Foundation
SH Community Foundation
City of South Haven**

**Summer Day Camp was
provided for FREE to 298 youth in
Bangor, Coloma, Watervliet, and
South Haven!**

PAL Mentors provide a playfully fun
and educational experience such
as morning walking club, specialty
sports camps, music and dance,
arts, nature, swimming and
field trips.



OUR IMPACT

AT A GLANCE

99,196

hours of direct positive adult to child engagement was provided by early childhood education professionals in the learning center.



720

hours of professional development was provided to YDC staff to increase their knowledge in providing the highest quality learning experience to children ages birth to 12 years old.



6600

hours of Child Development Associates learning (CDA credential) was achieved by YDC Team Members to obtain the necessary credentials to be considered highly qualified as an early childhood education teacher.



OUR IMPACT

AT A GLANCE



South Haven's Annual
Blueberry Festival
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast,
Early Childhood Education
Task Force, Ward 1 Summer
Picnic, 4th of July Parades,
St. Patty's Day Parade,
Sharing the Joy of Christmas
with McFadden's, Food
Distribution with SWMCAA,
YDC Mom to Mom Sale,
Community Job Fair events,
Kiwanis Leadership and **so
much more!**



329+ Hours of Community Involvement!



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AWARDED

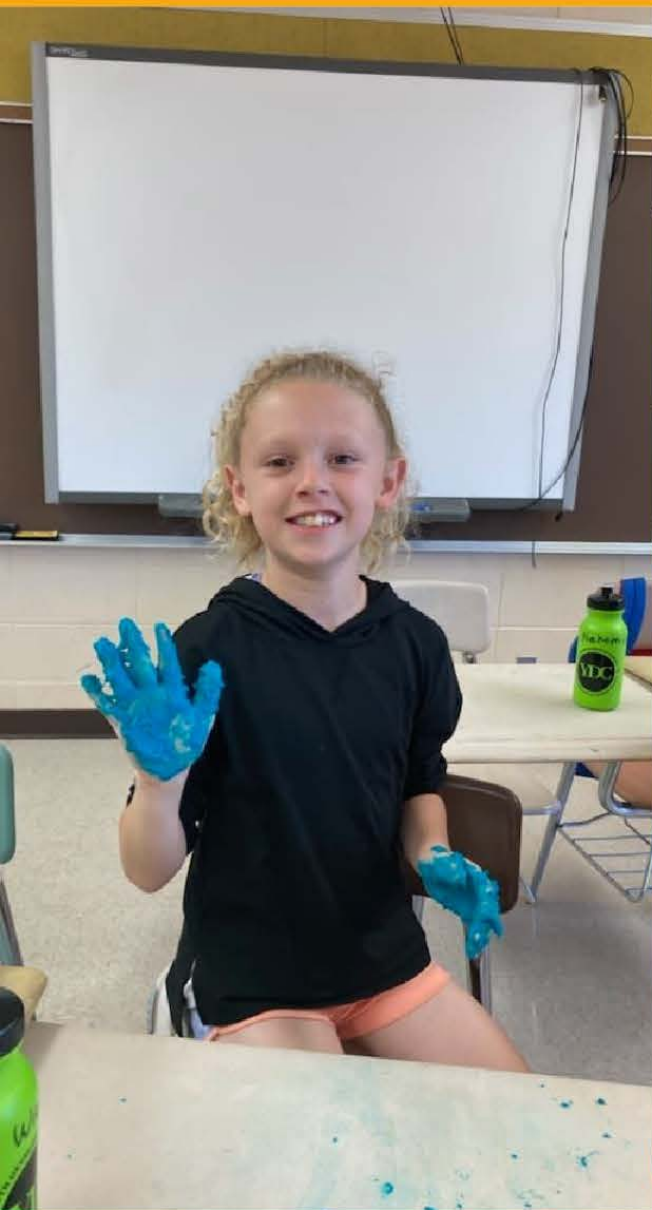
**BEST OF SOUTH HAVEN 3 YEARS
IN A ROW AND COUNTING!**



Enrichment experiences that promotes physical activity and positively impacts academics.



**Improved relationships and perspective of
uniformed officials**



Thank you for supporting
community collaboration,
recreation, and the
fundamentals of sports!

OUR JOURNEY

1997

Youth Development Company/Police Athletic/Activities League was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (under the name, Youth & Company) to create a place with activities and support services that would cater to the specific needs of youth (5 years- 14 years old).

2005

Youth Development Company becomes YDC/Police Activities League becomes a National chapter (sub-grantee) of the National Police Athletic/Activities League, a recipient of a Federal Grant from the department of Juvenile Justice to provide mentoring and preventative services to youth. To meet conditions of the grant, the name was changed to Youth & Company/PAL. South Haven Area Youth Development (SHaYd) was founded. It offered families a low cost after school program for over 200 youth, spanning from fourth to twelfth grade.

2007

SHaYd leased a 9,000 square foot building that is now THE CITY ON 76th (VanBuren Senior Services). It was in the same year that ShaYD and Youth & Company/PAL merged their missions to create Youth Development Company/ Police Athletic Activities League (YDC/PAL). This allowed the two, to share resources, pursue broader grant funding opportunities, and expand the youth outreach and mentoring.

2009

YDC/PAL began serving dinner and an afternoon snack to after-school program participants five days a week. The evening meal program created two jobs in the community and grossed additional dollars for South Haven Public Schools.

2013

YDC/PAL recognized the overwhelming need for care to children ages infant - 5 years old and opened South Haven Childcare Center. The first child care (YDC Learning Center) emerged as the Premium Learning Center in Covert, located in Covert school, soon after relocating to the First Baptist Church as South Haven Child Care Center (SHCCC).

2015

YDC Learning Center SH had achieved an increased capacity of 64 and established a Great Start to Quality (GSQ) rating of a three star! Providing Mentoring, After School, and Summer Camps!

2020

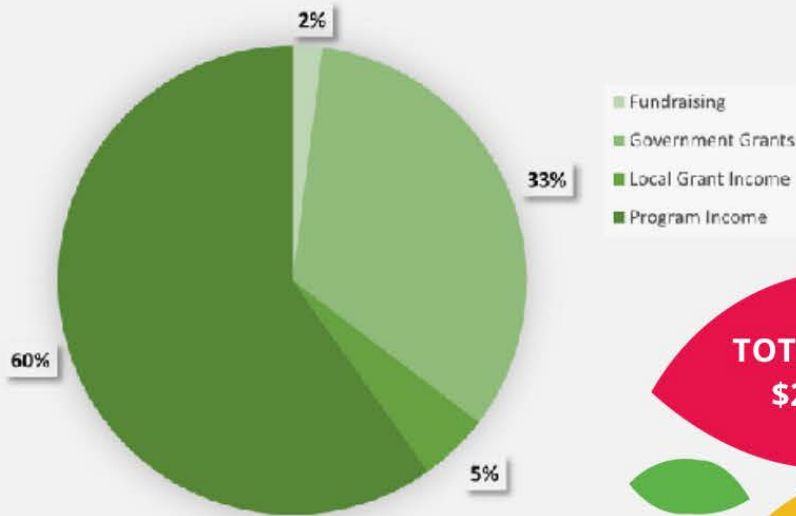
YDC answers a call to action and opens a new learning center in Coloma with a capacity of 63 children and a NEW Summer Day Camp in Watervliet while continuing to host the Summer Day Camp to more than 110 children. All masked up and disinfected ready to support children and families!

2022

YDC adds a NEW Summer Day Camp and Afterschool program in Coloma and Bangor providing the capacity for up to 400 children during out of school time

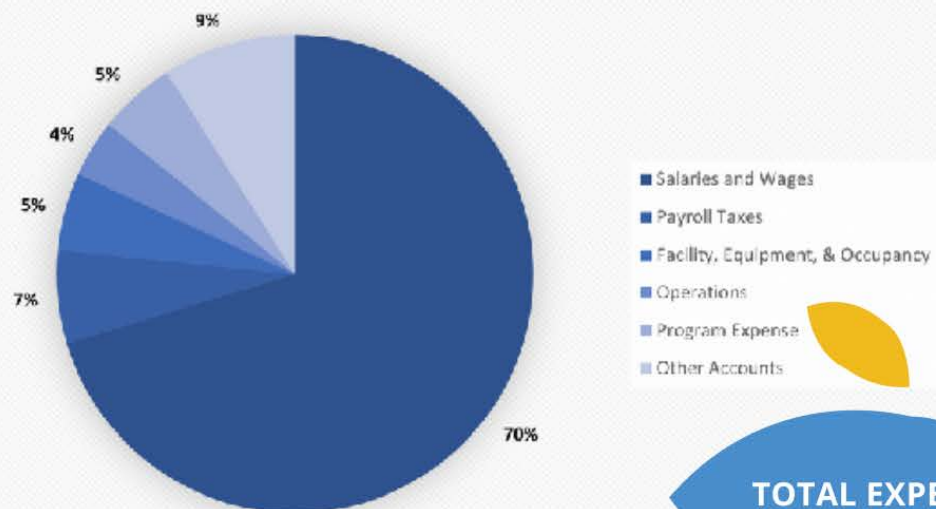
TRANSPARENCY REPORTING

Income by Source 21-22



TOTAL INCOME
\$2,209,667

Expense Breakdown



TOTAL EXPENSE
\$1,584,181

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PARENTS, PARTNERS, SPONSORS, AND DONORS!

It truly is a collaborative effort to bring impactful experiences to children in our communities! Without YOU our mission would not be possible!

