

SAVING OUR YOUTH VA



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
SERVED IN 2019

107



NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE
ASSISTED IN FINDING
EMPLOYMENT

16

HPQL

Community
members assisted
through the
Highland Park
Quality of Life
Community
Meetings

143



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
EMPLOYED THROUGH
OUR 6PIC PROGRAMS

17



*We have 6 direct
Partnerships to
help create a
holistic learning
environment.*



Number of Volunteers that helped with
programs, reading, mentoring, etc.

26



2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

At Saving Our Youth VA, in 2019, with most of our assistance for programs coming from volunteers, we continued to have a small budget.

Grants (57%)
Individual Contributions (16%)
Church Contributions (12%)
Company/Organizations (15%)

Revenue

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Grants | \$19,500 |
| Individual Contributions | \$ 5,347 |
| Church Contributions | \$ 4,025 |
| Company/Corporate | \$ 5,015 |
| Total Revenue | \$33,887 |

Programs (33%)
Management and General (64%)
Fundraising (3%)

Expenses

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|----------------------|----------|
| Programs | \$10,723 |
| Management & General | \$20,928 |
| Fundraising | \$ 1,154 |
| Total Expenses | \$32,805 |



We greatly appreciate our generous supporters!

PARTNERSHIP



To help create a more holistic approach to learning,
we had direct partnerships with these organizations in 2019:

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|  | <p>SAVING OUR YOUTH supports youth with finding higher education, trade skills, and career opportunities</p> |  | <p>UNTOLD RVA explores people, places, and events in history that often go "untold" through street-art, tours, and other types of media.</p> |
|  | <p>STOREFRONT FOR COMMUNITY DESIGN offers interesting + fun design and architecture workshops.</p> |  | <p>ART 180 holds different art workshops including screen printing, photography, digital DJing, and graphic design.</p> |
|  | <p>COMMUNITY 50/50 runs <i>Lyrics and Beats</i> - they create music, break down lyrics and use them to have real talks about building a positive, successful future for yourself through music or other ways of expression.</p> |  | <p>BLACKADEMIC centers diversity grounded in Black experiences through building knowledge and creating art. They have a library of Black scholars and engage in popular Black media + culture through activities with current academics.</p> |
|  | <p>GROUNDWORK RVA works with the design of healthy urban spaces through planting, gardening, and green construction.</p> | | |

2019 Year in Review

PARENTS NEEDED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
4:00PM - 5:30 PM

**LOCATION: SIX POINTS
INNOVATION CENTER**

We will be conducting a focus group with parents of 6PIC youth/parents in the local community. Our hope is to have a conversation and gain a greater understanding on how we, as a community organization, can better help parents engage with 6PIC.

**FOOD AND CHILD CARE
WILL BE PROVIDED**

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In December, we decided to take steps to try and get the parents more involved.

JOBS FOR LIFE

We are excited to provide this unique job readiness training and support strategy that empowers students to be successful at work and at life through our partnership with Boaz & Ruth and the Northside Outreach Center. In 2019 we graduated 16 students. With a 90% success rate in our students finding and keeping living wage employment, we expect most of them to stay employed and grow in their walk.

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**STUDENT HOUSING
LEADERS PROGRAM**

STUDENT-LED SHOWCASE

Expand your knowledge on evictions & housing equity

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 6:00 PM
6 PIC | 3001 MEADOWBRIDGE RD

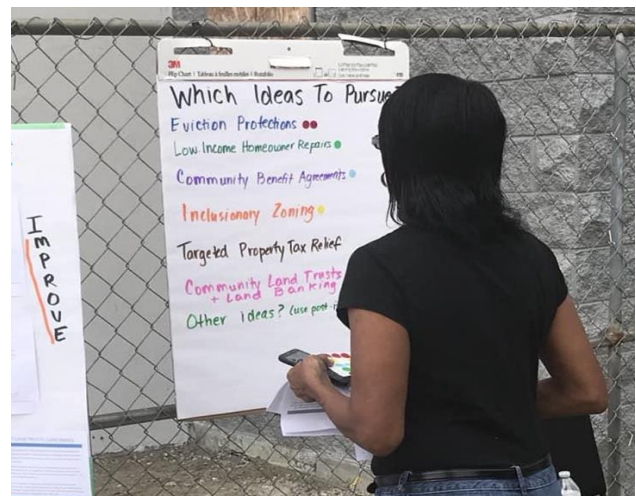


The Student Housing Leaders Program amplifies the voices of RPS students who have experienced housing instability, building educators and leaders on housing equity in Richmond.



Our Student Housing Leaders Program ended in December 2019, however, we have been awarded another grant in 2020 to continue the program.

CITY BUILDERS CREATING LEADERS



Our City Builders Youth were given the task of doing projects that focused community issues they felt passionate about.

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE



In summer 2019 we received 5 students to work with us from the Mayors Youth Academy. We worked with them on projects to help prepare them with real work experience for future workforce. Our program included effective communication skills, resume writing and interviewing techniques, conflict resolution and professional decorum, and other employability skills. But it wasn't all work and no play, we spent a day at the science museum.



HIGHER EDUCATION

This year most of our students were sophomores and juniors who became juniors and seniors in September so we're looking forward to some graduations in June 2020. In November we met with the Communities in Schools (CIS) representatives for John Marshall High School and Armstrong High School to develop a partnership with them. Through this partnership, we are now able to visit the schools once a month to meet with students and post our activities on their school boards.

Adopt a Senior

In recent decades, American society has become very segregated by age – youth attend age-segregated schools, adults rarely spend time with youth in their work environment, and senior citizens often live in housing with only other older adults. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, we're breaking down many of the physical and social barriers between the generations and provide activities for seniors and youth that offer opportunities for mutually beneficial learning.



Smithsonian Museum of African American History

What a beautiful day it was, Cherry Blossom Day in DC, what a site to see. The students had a chance to learn about African American History starting with slavery and making their way up to current times. But, of course the favorite floor for them was the top floor which honored the artists of today, ones that they are growing up with as well as those that from the 60s and 70s. Check out Chuck Berry's Cadillac!



RESURGENCE



A dose of Morality. Right or wrong has a different meaning from what it meant in the 60's and 70's. Youth are pushed to do immoral things just to be a part of the crowd and not be singled out. Things that youth are singled out for now are the exact opposite of things we were singled out for. The Resurgence class helps teach our youth that it's good to be

singled out for being the person doing the right thing. That's what leaders are made out of. These classes are held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evenings, lead by one of our past Board Members. We're looking forward to the youth continuing with this class in 2020.



8th Annual Honk for the Missing

to bring attention to cases of loved ones that remain missing.



We even throw some carpentry. Here the youth are making trash cans to go out in the community.

The cans will be managed by the Highland Park Quality of Life Beautifications Team.

We believe that if you have a business or organization in a community, you need to give back to the community. We do that with several initiatives.

Highland Park Neighborhood Watch – We coordinate the area Neighborhood Watch. We work with the community and Police to address issues that concern the community members. Together we can strengthen our neighborhood and build

Highland Park Quality of Life – The Highland Park Quality of Life consists of a group of Teams created to better the quality of life for the community. Those 4 teams are safety, beautifications, youth activities, and employment. All these things together create synergy that leads to sustained improvements.

TEAM 5th Sundays Expressions of Jesus. Like the bible says, what good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? In months that have 5th Sundays, we do works on that 5th Sunday. Our next Expressions of Jesus work day is the 5th Sunday in June. We start at 10:00AM for people who want to spend the day giving to Jesus through service to His most vulnerable people. To join us, please go to www.teamforgod.com/blade-sunday.

Healing Garden. 7 years in the making the youth memorial now has a location that has been approved by Parks & Rec. A small park at the intersection of Brookland Park Blvd., Rady Street and 4th Ave. will be its home. The park doesn't have a name yet so we're in the process of giving it one. The chosen names are in the hands of the city attorneys to knock off any names that violate any ordinances or need special approval. With the help of the Timmons Group, we've gotten in-kind donations for most of the materials needed for the garden.

GIVE BACK



Word from our Executive Director

2019 was a good year for Saving Our Youth VA where we work to help produce socially responsible leaders. Students who join our program strive towards personal excellence, but also seek to utilize their talents to impact their communities. We create avenues with our partnerships to make the most of their talents.

With 2019 marking our 10th year of service, I thought I'd share my story of why I'm so passionate about helping the youth reach their goals of going to college. Growing up in Newark NJ, and the public school system there, I found myself in a situation that so many students in public school here in Richmond find themselves in now. Graduating at the top of my class, I got into a good college. Unfortunately, although I graduated at the top of my class, I was not prepared for college and I was intellectually well below the others because they were taught at a much higher level than I was. For that reason, I refused to put my daughter in public schools and she is now a Medical Doctor specializing in infectious diseases. So, I thought perhaps I could help others reach their educational related goals as well.

However, with us reaching the students in high school, when it's a bit late to help in the say I helped my daughter, we changed our goal to assist students not only who want to go to college, but also to guide them to trade schools and help them find good jobs.

Since 2009, we've assisted over 100 youth find their way in this crazy mixed up world we live in and we're looking forward to helping many more in the years to come.

Jo White

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Our World is in Their Hands