MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Goals include (1) Increase capacity and implementation of evidence- and community-based youth engagement programs through community partnerships to promote positive youth development; and (2) increase the capacity of trauma-informed practices and strengthen the integration of behavioral health services to improve equitable access.

2022

15 GRANTEES

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
FLINT ReCAST
THROUGH RESILIENCE

2,972 YOUTH SERVED | 690 ADULTS SERVED

UMA STRONG MARSHALL OUTREACH

PROJECT NAME: USMO Learning Hub

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: The scholars created a habitat for the Hairy Tarantula from material found throughout the neighborhood as a science experiment.

PARTICIPANT QUOTE: "This is like fun-school, you (Ms. Dominique) make learning fun."

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER FLINT

PROJECT NAME: Boys & Girls & Creating Access & Equal Opportunity For All

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Large growth in registration numbers, serving 647 youth during the grant period, compared to 435 in 2021.

TOTAL LIFE PROSPERITY CDC

PROJECT NAME: F3 - Fit & Fun Families

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: 50 residents received Narcan training and 10 residents started mental health journeys.

FLINT FREEDOM SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE

PROJECT NAME: Collaborative & Experiential Learning & Talent Development

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Increased enrollment by 10 from the previous summer. Team member training on various topics such as team-building, positive culture & classroom management, self reflection, professional development, lesson planning, intern development and digital infrastructure. Implementation of intern development program

AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE PARENT ASSOC.

PROJECT NAME: African Cultural Project

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Participants were amazed in viewing the history of African American ancestry. They asked many questions and had the opportunity to see African Kings and Queens. The video “Bigger than Africa” had a lasting impression on them. The content positively impacted their self-esteem to realize their ancestors contributed so much in both Africa and the United States.

BANGTOWN STUDIO ON THE GO

PROJECT NAME: Expansion Project

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Bangtown completed 4 videos and 10 songs for various partner programs.

PARTNER QUOTE: “Bangtown...evokes confidence and joy in our young people."

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF FLINT & GC

PROJECT NAME: Empowering Potential

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: In partnership with The Flint and Genesee Group, BBBS was able to employ students enrolled in the Summer Youth Initiative (SYI) program.

FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

PROJECT NAME: Supporting Resiliency Developement

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Staff participated in mental health and wellness trainings, and, in turn, provided educational experiences related to mental health practices for the parents and children who visit the children's museum.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

PROJECT NAME: Music Therapy for Youth

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Students had active participation in sessions and most show some improvement in each session. A new collaboration with International Academy of Flint launched.

HEART OF WORSHIP DANCE STUDIO

PROJECT NAME: Flint Youth Chance to Dance

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: HOWDS Competition Team won 1st place in the Flint Gospel Talent Fest in April. On May 1st HOWDS ranked 1st place in their division at the GROOVE Competition. HOWDS ranked 1st in their division at the Dance Force Competition.

MOTHERLY INTERCESSION

PROJECT NAME: Reading & Counting to Success Plus (RACS+) Program

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Child outcomes showed that the 27 children increased in scholastic, behavioral conduct, and global self-worth.

YOUTH ARTS UNLOCKED

PROJECT NAME: Arts in Detention & Arts on Probation

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Exceeded original goal of engaging 100 youth. New partnerships developed with Bangtown Studios and Motherly Intercession. Youth to mount a pop-up exhibit of their creative works - visual artwork, a dance video and a book of poetry - during their annual Field Day event in June.

PARTICIPANT QUOTE: "I used to be a real negative peer...the art program makes me see things differently, verbally and mentally, I have changed for the better."

SISTERS SUPPORTING SISTERS

PROJECT NAME: Heal the Mind Group Therapy Sessions

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: Participants saw the need to continue sessions and signed up for personal therapy sessions with a therapist facilitator to continue healing.

PARTICIPANT QUOTE: "The session helped me understand that I'm not alone dealing with the every day challenges of life that I can express my self in a good and positive way"

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

PROJECT NAME: The Super Summer Fun Camp

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: At the beginning of camp there were some issues among the 8-11 year olds because they came from different backgrounds and different sides of town. But the staff kept employing team building strategies that lowered the temperature and fostered UNITY & TEAMWORK!. Because of this some of the youth now engaged with other programs that are housed at Cathedral of Faith Church.

PARENT QUOTE: "Prior to joining the camp, my son was struggling with his behavior and was considered "immature for his age." Over the summer, I watched my son be able to control his impulses more and I saw him mature before my eyes. My son was able to make friends, which was the ultimate goal for me."

TAPOLOGY

PROJECT NAME: Flint S.T.O.N.E. Movers

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT: 150 children were engaged to learn basic Tap Dance steps and fundamental exercises necessary to enhance their skills. These fundamentals include learning parts of the foot (heel, arch, ball of foot, ankle); learning and demonstrating steps in a timed sequence; learning how to listen to music to identify the one-count in musical composition, and begin dancing in unison in that time