



### DEAR CITY YEAR COMMUNITY,

Over the past two years, the City Year Jacksonville team has worked tirelessly alongside our partners to determine how to best meet the growing and evolving needs of our community's young people. And it has become clear that now, more than ever, City Year's foundational focus on soft skill development tied to integrated academics is a critical component of students' success.

Throughout the 2021 – 2022 school year, we served more than 2,100 students, working more than 76,000 hours to equip them with the tools they need to succeed in and out of the classroom.

And as our AmeriCorps members begin a new school year working with Duval County Public School students and academic professionals, we are thrilled to share with you the positive impact we made last year.

Please review the enclosed report, which further demonstrates the critical work we do to advance educational equity for students furthest from opportunity and to develop diverse leaders who can work across lines of difference.

Thank you for your unwavering support and firm belief in our work. You play an integral role in our ability to succeed in our mission, and we are tremendously grateful. We look forward to our work together this school year, as well as our upcoming 10th anniversary year-long celebration. Stay tuned throughout the year for more details!

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In 2021-22, City Year Jacksonville AmeriCorps members served 11 Duval County public schools, reaching more than 2,100 elementary, middle and high school students.

Despite closing out the 2019-2020 pandemic year, students still felt its lingering impacts, including an unprecedented teacher shortage in Duval County.

Our AmeriCorps members remained dedicated to serving Jacksonville classrooms and communities - working alongside teachers and students to ensure a continuity of learning, mentorship and emotional support. We work with students in four core areas to achieve these goals: Attendance; Soft Skills Development; Math; English Language Arts/Literacy. And for every student, every day, in every classroom we serve, our team provided a caring presence and a welcome smile.

**Our AmeriCorps members develop and implement** a wide variety of events and initiatives to create a school culture in which students feel safe, encouraged and applauded.

- Student appreciation events celebrating positive behavior
- Celebratory events such as Black History Month to recognize achievements in our students' culture
- Little library programs and free book fairs highlighting books with characters that look like our students
- ELA and Math events that celebrate student progress in learning and preparing for standardized tests

#### JACKSONVILLE PARTNER SCHOOLS

North Shore Elementary School Northwestern Legends Elementary School Susie E. Tolbert Elementary School George Washington Carver Elementary School

- Andrew Robinson Elementary School Longbranch Elementary School **Highlands Middle School**
- Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School
- Jean Ribault Middle School
- Jean Ribault High School
- William M. Raines High School

#### OUR REACH IN JACKSONVILLE









>>>> But, our greatest impact is one that cannot be measured with numbers.



City Year Jacksonville AmeriCorps members received more than 109 hours of training in areas such as professional development, diversity and inclusion, practitioner development and more.

# 100%

of administrators surveyed said that AmeriCorps members had a positive impact on school culture and climate

## 100%

of school administrators were satisfied/ very satisfied with their overall experience of partnering with City Year

### ADVANCING INTERPERSONAL AND WORKFORCE READINESS SKILLS

55%

of the students with whom we worked to improve their attendance showed up to school 90% or more of the time

## 50%

of our students with whom we worked on their social emotional skills experienced an estimated one year's growth in their social and emotional wellness

### ACCELERATING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN JACKSONVILLE

91%

of students who began the year with a D/F in math ended the year with a C or above

### 85%

of students who began the year with a D/F in English or Language Arts (ELA) ended the year with a C or above



## MEET MCKENZIE

McKenzie joined City Year Jacksonville as an AmeriCorps member to make a difference. She is currently serving at Susie E. Tolbert Elementary, and shares her "starfish" story.

A starfish story shares the impact made by City Year on the lives of our students. The idea comes from the parable of a little girl who finds millions of starfish washed onto a beach and begins to toss them back into the ocean, one by one. While she may not be able to save every one of them, she makes a difference to each one she tosses.

### Hi, my name is McKenzie.

While serving alongside City Year Jacksonville's AmeriCorps members, I met an amazing student who was just simply being misunderstood.

John\*, my student, is the youngest of five siblings – and unfortunately, never received the dedicated attention he needed from his busy home life. That led to John's choices at school reflecting his desire to get the attention he craved, whether that was positive or negative.

When I started working in John's classroom, I always wondered about John's "why" - why did he feel the need to behave or act in a certain way that didn't encompass all the potential he truly had inside.

One day, I approached John and asked him simply what I could do personally to help him make better decisions.

Immediately, John lit up. His first question: "Ms. McKenzie, you just asked how you can help me?"

I replied, "Yes, as your City Year mentor, I'm here to help and support you." And what he told me broke my heart.

He said he's never had anyone ask him how they can help him. John felt ignored. Because of that, he often turned to negative actions just to be seen.

That day opened my eyes. I realized everyone has a story - and there's always a reason someone might choose to behave a certain way or take a certain action.

In order for me to support John, I first had to understand his point of view. I had to learn John's story.

\*named changed for privacy

#### DO YOU KNOW AN AMAZING 18-25 YEAR OLD?

Do you know someone who is ready for an opportunity to learn while giving back to the community? A year of service with City Year provides that - and makes a difference in the lives of deserving students.



Nominate someone to be part of the City Year Jacksonville squad!

#### A Day in the Life of an AmeriCorps Member

#### 6:45 AM

Arrive at School Check in with team and Impact Managers for daily updates.

7:00 AM Morning Greeting Greet students to get them pumped and ready for the day.

7:20 AM **Classroom Support** Provide academic and soft skills support for the

students while supporting

the teacher.

9:00 AM **Planning Period** 

over data

to lesson plan and go

11:00 AM Lunch Meet with the teacher Have lunch with

relationships.

#### 2:30 PM

End of the Day Transition to tutoring students and build (ELA and math) afterschool program assistance.

#### 4:00 PM

**End of Service Day** Rearoup with the team and discuss what is expected for the next day.

## Thank You to Our Supporters

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#### \$90,000 - \$200,000

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Contact Hannah Oberholtzer at: hoberholtzer@cityyear.org for more information.



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