TEENSTART

EMPOWERING FUTURES

Northern & Central OH

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



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COVID RESPONSE







Company History

Teen Start Program Inc. a 501 c 3 tax exempt not-for-profit organization with a proven 30-year organizational history and a strong reputation in youth development, mentoring, and community-based programming. Teen Start provides evidenced based programming that aligns with youth development best practices (SEL) a structured, holistic youth development model that combines social-emotional development, life-skills education, workforce training, mental wellness support, and mentorship in one coordinated system.

Cause and Mission

Teen Start exists to give disadvantaged youth the skills and tools necessary to successfully transition into adulthood and prevent homelessness. In a society where many young people face a range of challenges, our mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty and equip them with the resources they need to thrive. We accomplish this mission through four core pillars: Training, Education, Housing, and a Spiritual Foundation. By combining these elements, we provide a holistic approach to help youth overcome barriers and secure their futures.

Teen Start Inc. envisions a future where every young person has access to the structure, support, and opportunities needed to develop into a confident, healthy, and self-sufficient leader. Our long-term goal is to create a nationally recognized model that transforms youth development by combining athletic excellence, life-skills education, and holistic wellness in every community we serve.

TIMELINE

- *1996, TS was launched to provide services to young women Cleveland, OH*
- *1999, Pre-Teen Start Program began*
- *2002, Boys Becoming Men Project*
- *2006, TS began working with adjudicated youth In Delaware, OH*
- *2015, TS received nationally accreditation American Camp Association and became USDA Summer Food Service Program Sponsor*
- *2016, The Competitive Change Training Center was founded in Columbus, OH*
- *2017, Accredited STEAM Summer Camp was launched Cleveland and Columbus, serving over 29,000 meals to hungry children*
- *2019, Minorities in Construction Project Cleveland*
- *2022-2025 Healing Farm Urban Agriculture Innovation Project*

Cleveland State University Pratt Center Sullivan-Deckard Scholars Program-Youth touched by Foster Care

Programs and Services

INDEPENDENT LIVING
- Transition to Independent Living (TIL)
- Homeless Prevention
- Life After High School (LAHS)

SUMMER STEAM CAMP (Accredited)
- Agriculture/Equine

WORKFORCE TRAINING
- Construction
- Early Childhood Education
- Health & Safety

FOOD SECURITY
- Urban Farming
  - (Traditional & Hydroponic)
- USDA Child Nutrition Program









Special Projects: *Healing Farm, Intergenerational Programming and Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy.*

Donors- Partners-Supporters

American Camp Association
APOM NOW!
Buckeye Christian Collaborative
Burten Belle Carr CDC
Case Western Reserve, School of Social Work
Capital City Equestrian
Church of the Savior, United Methodist Women in Faith
Concerned Citizens Community Council
City of Cleveland Land Bank
Cuyahoga County Sewer & Water District
Cuyahoga County Jobs and Family Services
Cuyahoga County Land Bank
Doan Brook Watershed
East Tech High School-Urban Agriculture
Enduring The Course Inc.
FARE
Fairhill Partners Senior Services
GAMECO
Gardening For Greenbacks
Ginn Academy
IncYOU
Jacksons Dream (Industries)
Journey Center
Kent State University Architectural School of Design
Loiter
Lubrizol
Marous Brothers Construction
Mentors4Minorities
Mission Increase
MYCom
National Caucus and Center for Black Aged, Inc (NCCBA)
Nature in My Backyard
Neighborhood Connections / Neighbor Up
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Department of Education-Child Nutrition Program
Rite Aid Foundation
Rid All Green Partnership
Rustbelt Riders
Sacred Grounds
Serve Ohio
Shaker Lakes Garden Club
St. Lukes Foundation
Tarajia Resilience
The Andrews Foundation
Unique Service Logistics
United Black Fund
USDA Nature Resources Conservation Services
Village Family Farms
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Youth Opportunities Unlimited

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IMPACT

For over 30 years Teen Start has served over 16,285 families in Northern & Central OH through programming targeting youth and young adults. Through collaborative partnerships, annually 400 youth are provided with life skills education, cultural exposure and or mentoring that impacts their everyday lives.



Ten percent of youth enrolled and participating in ongoing programming greater than six weeks improved their faith in God and openly request and participate in prayer to cope with everyday stressors instead of resorting to violence. By addressing key areas, Teen Start empowers youth to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. The combination of practical skills, education, housing stability, and spiritual grounding not only helps young people avoid homelessness but also enables them to build successful, fulfilling lives. As a result, we are not just offering a temporary fix but laying the groundwork for long-term success, breaking the cycle for future generations.

	2024	2025
Meals Served	1,350	937
Food Distribution to Families	1500	2200
Workforce Training		
○ Early Childhood	125	277
○ Construction	20	12
○ Health & Safety	218	341
○ Office Administration	18	15
Homeless Prevention (LAHS)	32	42
Housing	2	4
HS Graduates	19	26
First Gen College Students	16	28
Farm Tour Education	257	216
Summer Camp Youth	26	80
Intergenerational Project	25	22
Volunteers Hours	10,976	13,040
BIPOC Mental Health Hours	9,072	6,245

Direction & Leadership

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The Board provides strategic direction, approves major initiatives, and ensures that the organization's programs, finances, and policies support long term sustainability. Program operations are delivered by a combination of staff, volunteers, and contracted specialists, allowing Teen Start Inc. to maintain high-quality youth programming across multiple regions while remaining flexible and responsive to community needs.



Rev Stanya Greathouse
Founder/President/CEO



Rev. Benita Rollins
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Board Members- Lee Kay, Emery Williams, Barbara Anderson, Damaris Marshall

Financial Information

2024 Revenue: $158,162 Expenses $147,804
Net Assets $237,912

Grants	139,678
Board Contribution	4,200
Sponsorship	6,000
Individual Donations	6,059
Fee For Service	2225



In-kind Support totaled ($164,640)







THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS, PARTNERS AND VOLUNTEERS!