



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final-revised Healthy Neighborhoods

*Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney
Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks
Councilmember Reggie Harris
Councilmember Scotty Johnson*

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

Center for Healing the Hurt

Dr. Shantel Thomas

Ladies of Leadership- Ohio Inc

Kimberly Huckleby

Our Tribe

Josselyn Okorodudu

Bi-Okto Cultural Center

Funmilayo Ajamufua, Programs Coordinator

Teresa Gonzalez, Board Secretary

AGENDA

- [202301953](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Dr. Shantel Thomas, Center for Healing the Hurt.
Sponsors: Kearney
Attachments: [Presentation](#)
- [202301954](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Funmilayo Ajamufua, Programs Coordinator titled, 3 Decades of Excellence! Bi-OKOTO Engage & Bridge gaps with African culture!
Sponsors: Kearney
Attachments: [Presentation](#)
- [202301855](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily

Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Lincoln Ware Way" in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his pioneering work in local media and his community and civic leadership.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202301974](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Karney from Kimberly Huckelby titled, Ladies of Leadership Changing one Life at a Time.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

5. [202301975](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Josselyn Okorodudu titled, Our Tribe.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Center for Healing the Hurt

Shantel Thomas, Ph. D.





CENTER FOR HEALING
THE HURT

MISSION AND VISION

- ❖ MISSION: is to transform trauma into healing and hope.
- ❖ VISION: is to eradicate Mental Illness in underserved communities.
- ❖ <https://centerforhealingthehurt.org>



Youth gun violence alarming, and it has been at this level for a decade



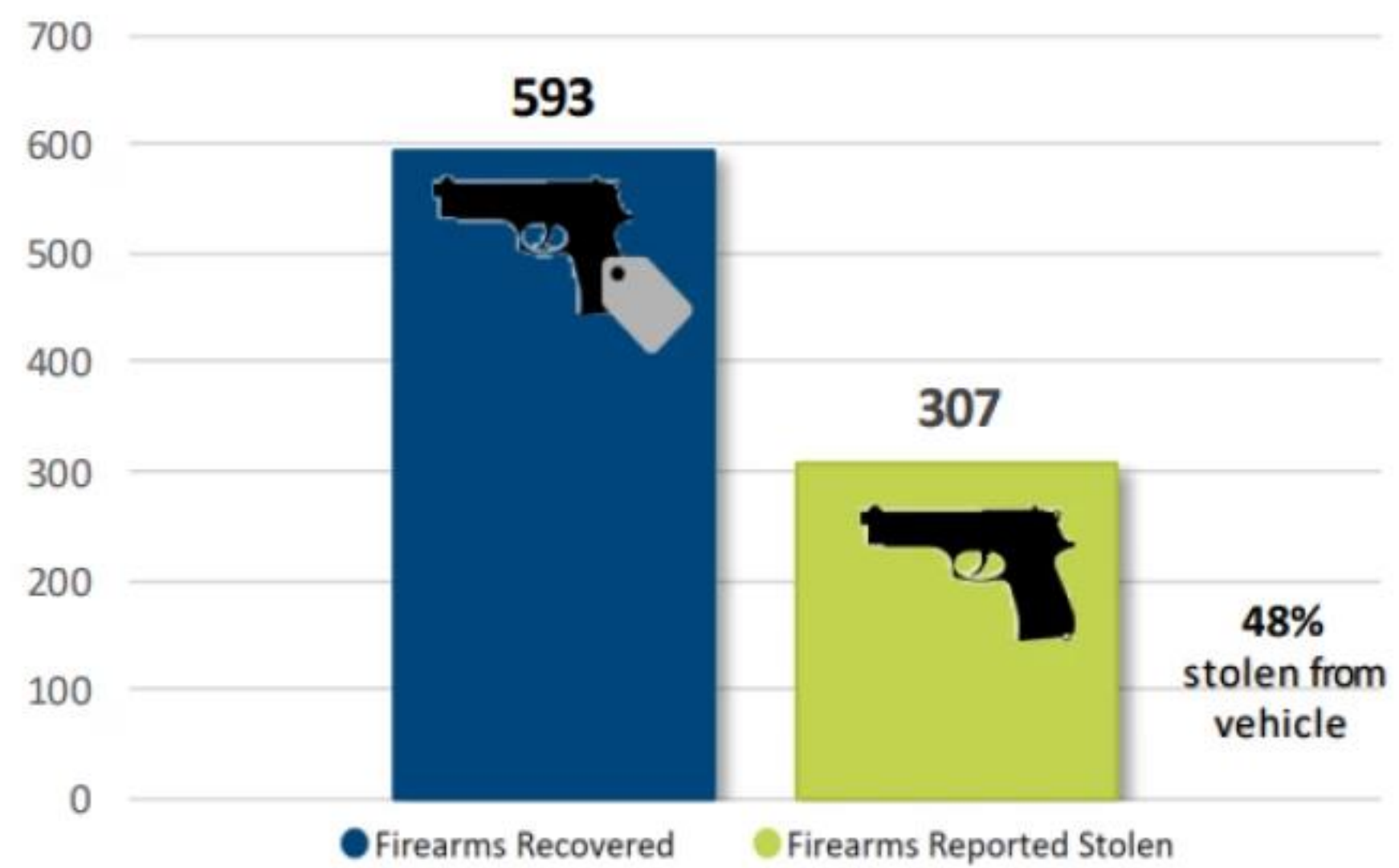
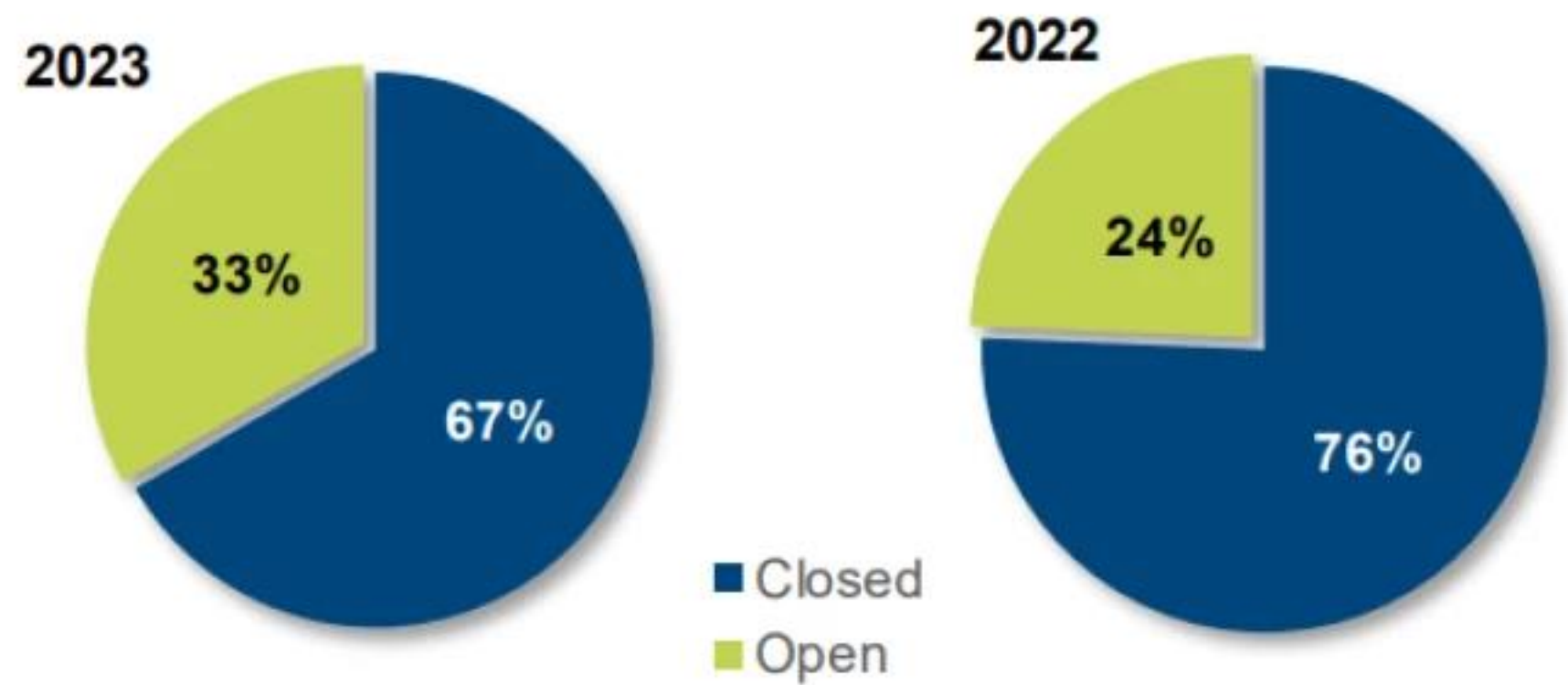
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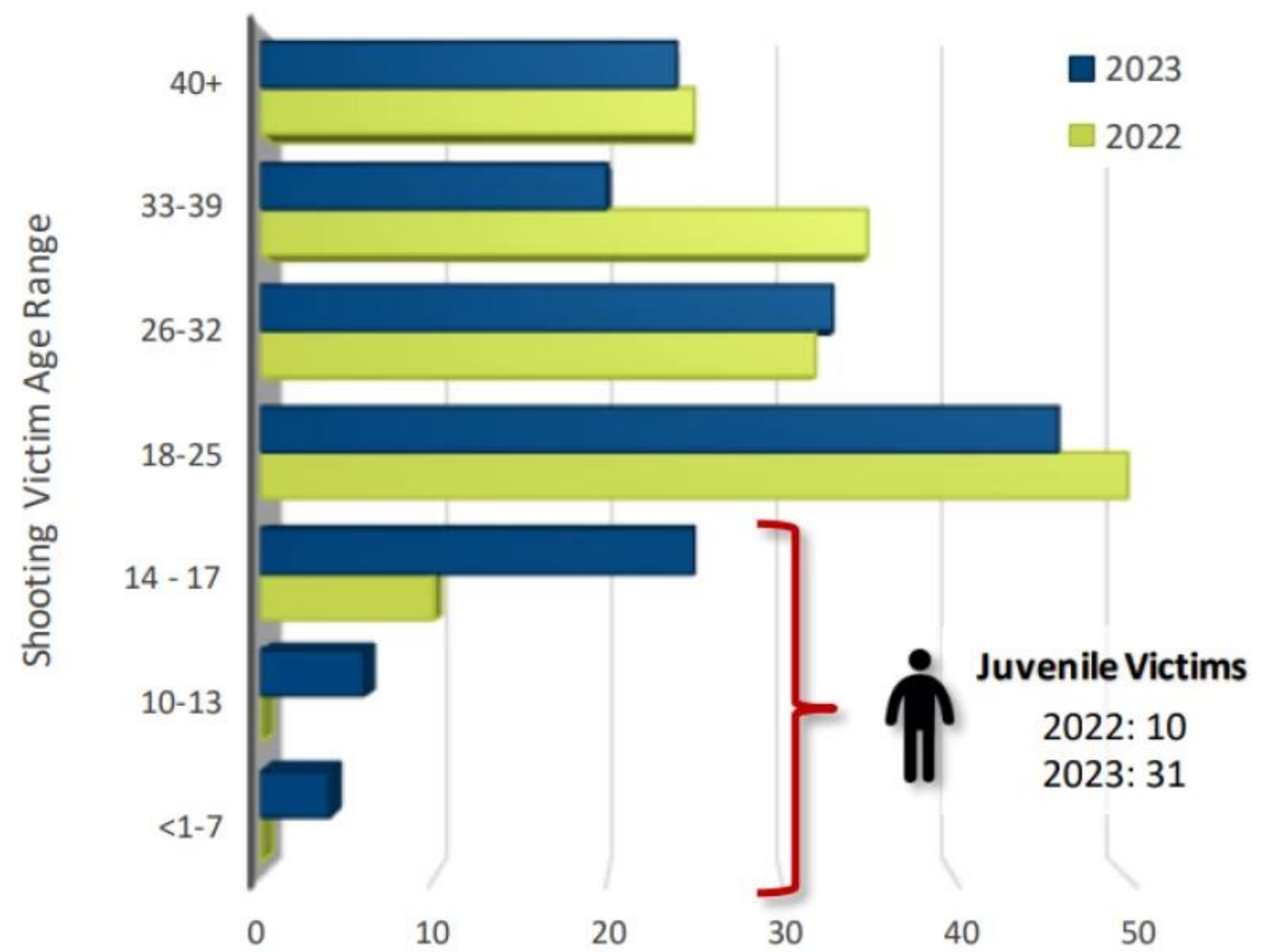


Homicide Cases



Shooting & Firearm Statistics

Year-to-Date 2023



Police will increase patrols and overtime amid 3x increase in youth

In Cincinnati, the police department shared that through the end of June this year, 39 m



Report: Cincinnati shootings involving minors in 2023 surpass 2022 stats

Year	Number of Minors Shot	Number of Minors Dead from Shootings	Total Deaths	Total Shootings
2023 (Jan. 1 - June 22)	42	5	32	187
2022	40	5	63	410
2021	49	6	82	413

Published: Jun. 23, 2023

CINCINNATI (WXIX)



The Cincinnati Story

- ❖ 10 year old boy (parent incarcerated)
- ❖ 15 year old girl (house fire, loss best friend to gun violence)

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- ❖ 2021: 14 teens charged with murder
 - ❖ 2022: 40 minors shot
 - ❖ 2023: 60+ harmed by gun violence



Adverse Childhood Experiences

❖ STRESS IN CHILDHOOD

❖ POSITIVE STRESS

❖ TOLERABLE STRESS

❖ TOXIC STRESS

❖ 74 million kids in the US 2/3 have experienced a potentially traumatic event by age 16



Adverse Childhood Experiences

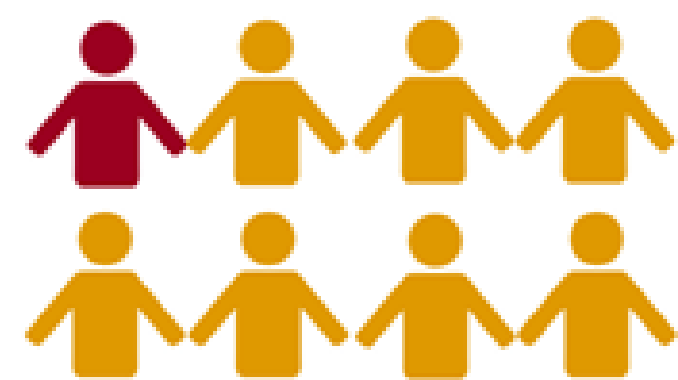
Traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and wellbeing



People with 6+ ACEs can die

20 yrs

earlier than those who have none

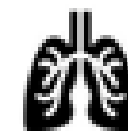


1/8 of the population have more than 4 ACEs

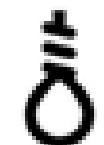



www.70-30.org.uk
@7030Campaign


4 or more ACEs

3x the levels of lung disease and adult smoking 

11x the level of intravenous drug abuse 

14x the number of suicide attempts 

4x as likely to have begun intercourse by age 15 

4.5x more likely to develop depression 

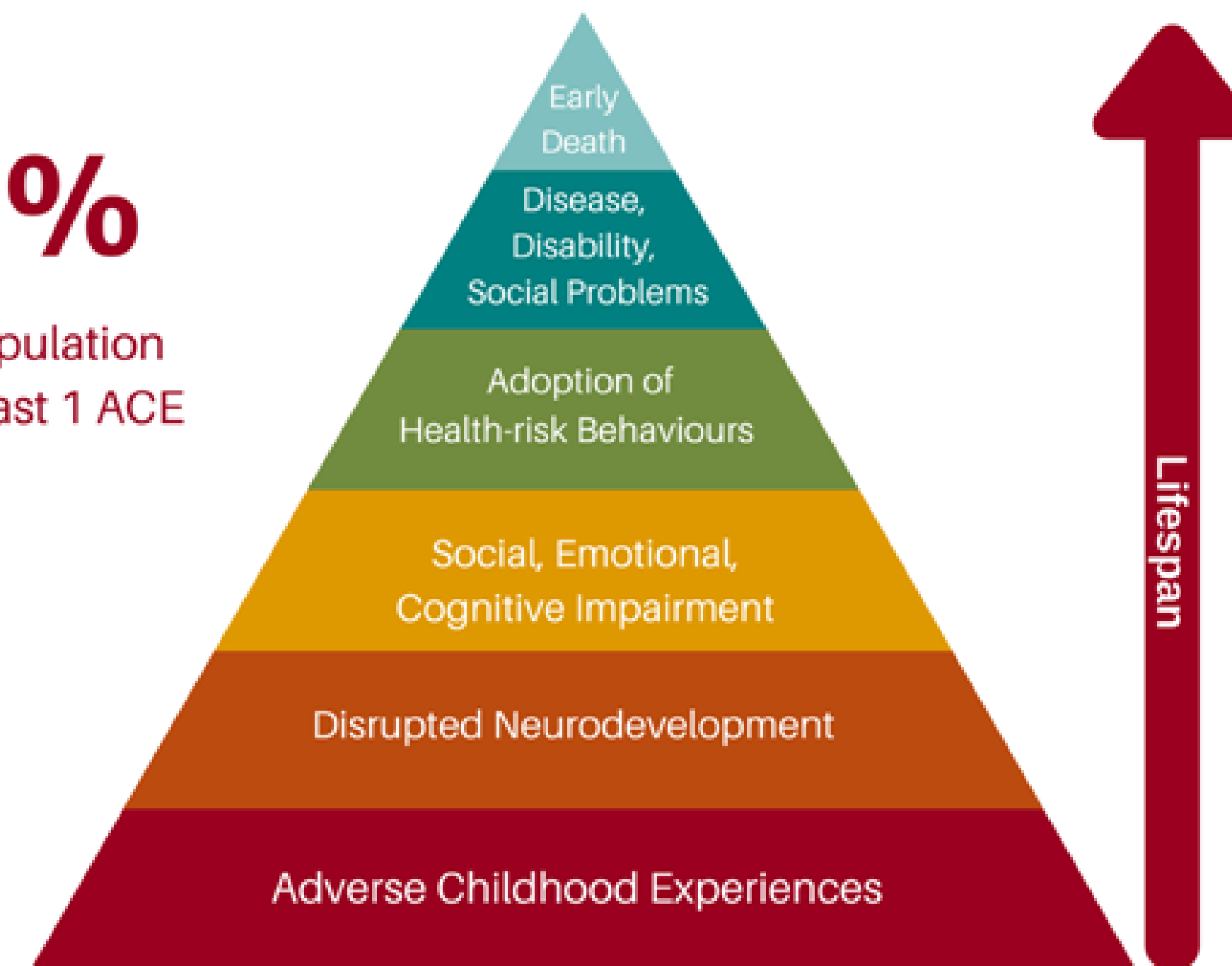
2x the level of liver disease 

“ Adverse childhood experiences are the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today ”

Dr. Robert Block, the former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics

67%

of the population have at least 1 ACE



The Promise Center: Cincinnati Public Schools

- ❖ Goal was 100 youth
- ❖ Service 68 youth ages 10-18 over the 2022-2023 school year
- ❖ Given four trauma assessments
- ❖ Data analysis and Clinical Results are being compiled
 - ❖ Presently resiliency has increased
 - ❖ Teachers reported reduced the number of outburst in school
 - ❖ Parents reported increased compliance with request at home and reduced fights with parents
- ❖ Letters from teachers, principal and parents

Youth Mental Health Day



Youth Mental Health Day

- ❖ 140 youth and parents
- ❖ Certified and Licensed Professionals in Trauma Therapy
- ❖ Teen panel
- ❖ Movement Therapy
- ❖ Trauma Therapy





**GREATER
CINCINNATI
FDN.**



INTERACT
FOR HEALTH



BLACK EMPOWERMENT WORKS



A SOUND MIND
COUNSELING SERVICE

3 Decades of Excellence!

BI-OKOTO

Engage & bridge gaps with African culture!

Yes! We're getting warmed up...

Heartbeat Drum Circle



Unites us...

Stage production



Authentic Costumes

Obitun Dance



This is UNIVERSAL

Stage production



Farmers Dance

Agidigbo, Gathering of YPs



A Taste of Afrika...

Stage production



Miming Real life Scenery

Culture is Dynamic



What unites us is more...

Stage production



Authentic Props (Irukere)

Open marketplace



Take home a souvenir...

Assembly



The experience impacts forever.

BI-OKOTO

Engage & bridge gaps with African culture!



We ask for your continued

generous support...

202301255

Date: August 2, 2023

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Giving the Honorary, Secondary Street Name of “Lincoln Ware Way” to Glenwood Avenue**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

DECLARING that Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Lincoln Ware Way” in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his pioneering work in local media and his community and civic leadership.

ESW/JRS (dmm)
Attachment
386393

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

JRS

EESW

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Lincoln Ware Way" in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through his pioneering work in local media and his community and civic leadership.

WHEREAS, born and raised in Cincinnati, Lincoln Ware is a proud Woodward High School graduate, attended The Ohio State University for one year and subsequently enlisted into the United States Marine Corps, and as a marine, he was a member of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ware served a three-year tour aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier where he worked as a DJ; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Lincoln Ware officially began his radio career when he joined the staff of WCIN as a disc jockey, and by 1993, he was hosting The Lincoln Ware Show; he later worked at the WIZ, WPFB-AM, and 700 WLW-AM and he continues today with "The Lincoln Ware Show" on WDBZ as well as hosting "Cincinnati Issues with Lincoln Ware," a television show aired weekly onWSTR 64 every Sunday at 6:30 a.m., and he makes appearances nationally on CNN, FOX News, and MSNBC; and

WHEREAS, WCIN was the second-oldest Black radio station in the United States and was located on Glenwood Avenue in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Avondale; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware has been honored locally and nationally, being included in America's Top 100 Talk Show Hosts for 10 consecutive years; being named one of America's Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts by Talker's Magazine; and receiving a key to the City of Cincinnati to commemorate his 30-year radio career in 2003, the Crime Stopper of the Year (Media) Award in 2016, Men of Honor in 2018, and UC Health Humanitarian Award in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware created The Lincoln Ware Walking Club to promote health and wellness within the African American community and is an avid runner, participating annually in the Senior Olympics nationally and locally, and he walked 107 miles from Cincinnati to Columbus with Ohio Senate Minority Leader Eric H. Kearney to promote childhood health; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the 50th year of Lincoln Ware's radio career, making him the longest running local radio personality on-air in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, while Lincoln Ware has a strong commitment to our community and media, his wife, Sharon, and four children, Tia, Tamiko, Rodney and Darryl, three grandchildren, Kobe, Isis and Maya, and dog Beau continue to be his first priority; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Ware has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati local media community and to health and wellness within the African American community, and his legacy, contributions, and dedication to the City of Cincinnati and its citizens will long be remembered; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Lincoln Ware Way” in honor of Lincoln Ware and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through local media and public service.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Glenwood Avenue at Vine Street as “Lincoln Ware Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to Lincoln Ware via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward

with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

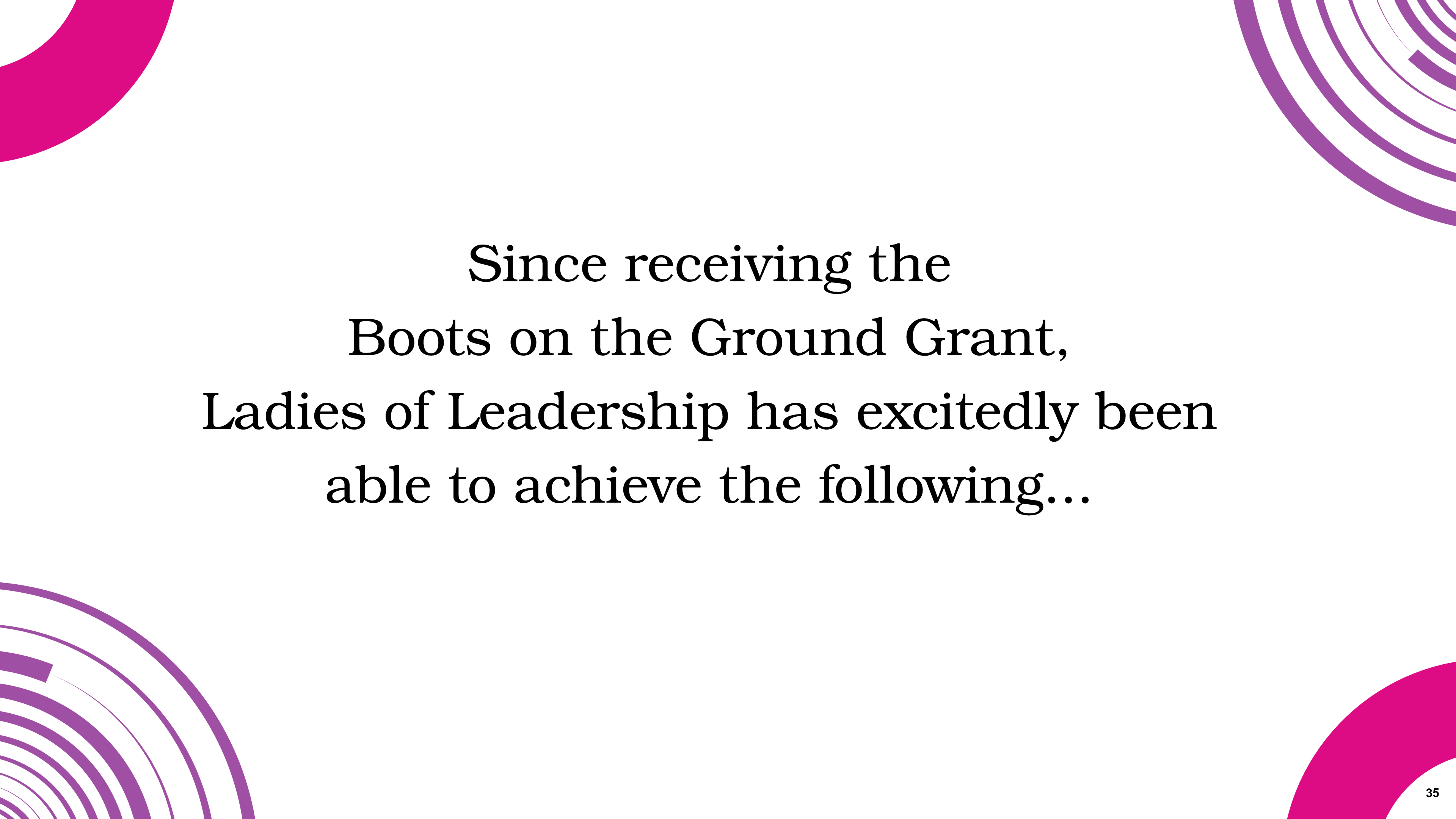
Attest: _____
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Ladies of
LEADERSHIP
CHANGING ONE LIFE AT A TIME




B O O T S O N T H E
G R O U N D F O L L O W U P
P R E S E N T A T I O N



Since receiving the
Boots on the Ground Grant,
Ladies of Leadership has excitedly been
able to achieve the following...

- Provided 1,800 meals for participants
- Served 403 young women from underserved Cincinnati areas through our mentorship program
 - Provided tutoring for 234 students
- Provided 900 hours of mental health services

- Began a new partnership with South Avondale Elementary for the 2023 - 2024 School Year
 - At present, serving 142 students



In 2023 alone, we documented more than
7,500 volunteer hours

This summer, we hosted a 8 week Summer Reading Enrichment program.

During this program, we assisted 43 students in improving:

- Reading Comprehension
- Fluency
- Words per Minute (WPM)
- Vocabulary Expansion

We expanded our capacity as a referral site for local social service agencies; and have onboarded 36 of their client since May 2023

These organizations include:

- Central Clinic
- Communities in Schools of Ohio
- Hamilton County Juvenile Court
- Hope Families
- Lighthouse
- Ohio Rise

Within our mentoring program, our students
our excelling.

-100% of our participants maintained a 2.85

Cumulative GPA or Higher

-100% of our high school Juniors & Seniors

are maintaining a 3.25 GPA or Higher

92% of our participants have improved or

maintained good citizenship in school

OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS!

The participants below have maintained and averaged a minimum of a 3.0 or higher for the 2022-2023 school year!



Danielle Allen
Aldersgate Christian Academy



Jasmine Austin
School of Creative & Performing Arts



Jazmya Benton
Clark Montessori High School



Leilah Betts
Walnut Hills High School



Taylor Blackley
Clark Montessori High School



Elia Davis
Lakota West High School



Klaira Davis
St. Frances de Sales School



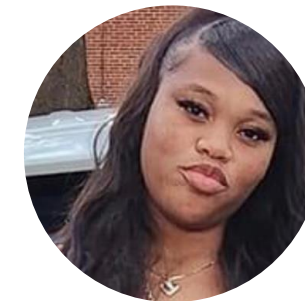
Olanna Davis
St. Frances de Sales School



Ashtyn Goodwin
Withrow University High School



Dea Hankerson
Finneytown High School

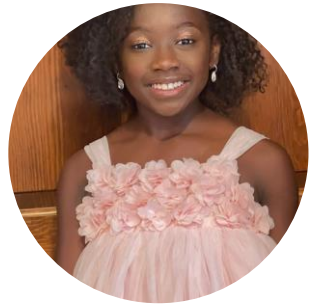


Brooklynn Gerald-Hawkins
Mt. Healthy High School



Ayriel Huckleby
Tennessee State University

OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS!



Daisy Huckleby
Zion Temple Christian Academy

Kennedy McNeill
Walnut Hills High School



Anaya Scott
St. Frances de Sales School



Olivia Denise Tolliver
St. Dominic School



Saniyah Vaughn
Mt. Healthy High School



Raeanna Wells
Clark Montessori High School



Talyn Westmoreland
Kilgore Elemenary

Nakia Roseman
Princeton High School

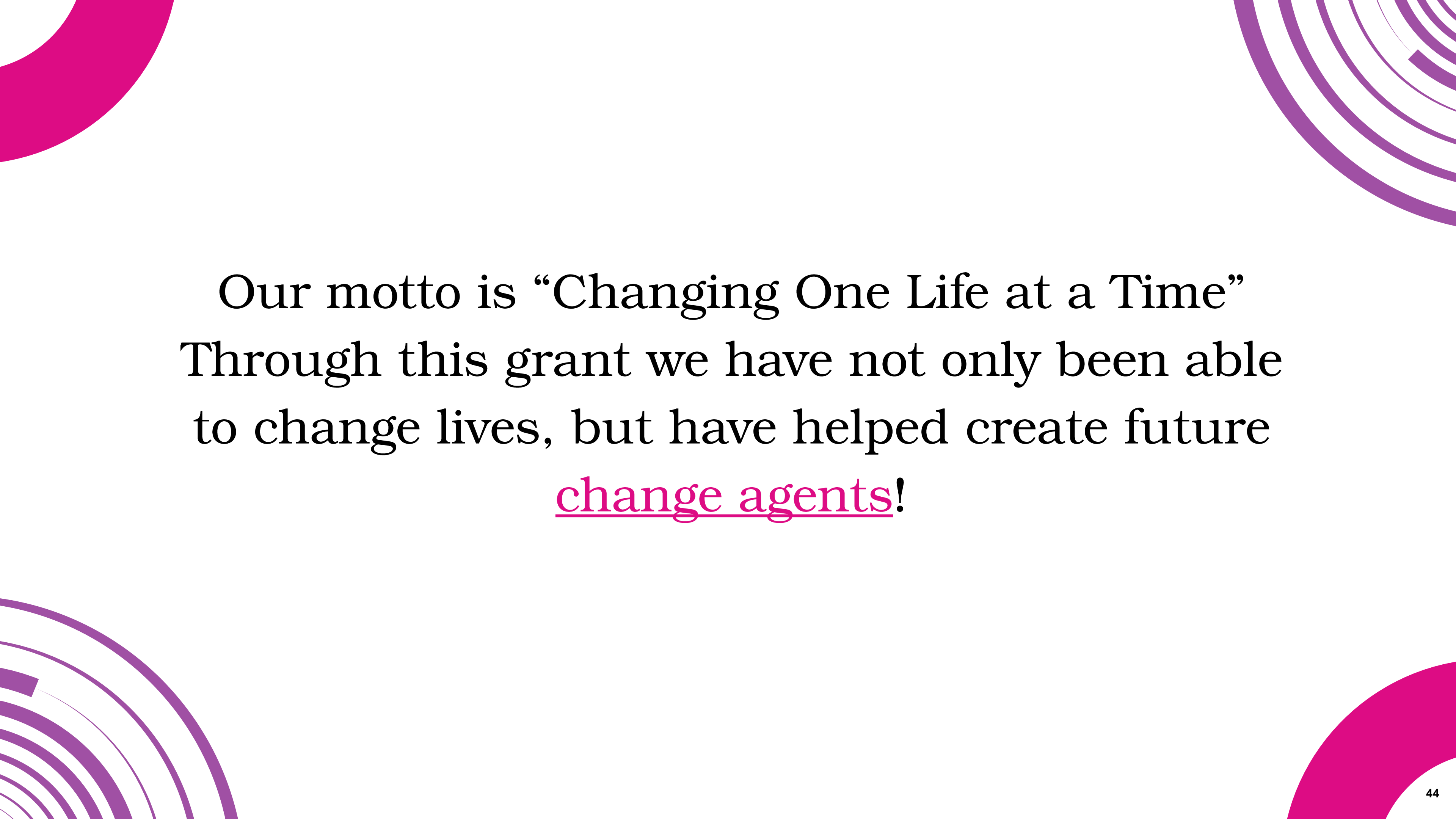


Takia Roseman
Princeton High School



Ayana Scott
St. Frances de Sales School





Our motto is “Changing One Life at a Time”
Through this grant we have not only been able
to change lives, but have helped create future
change agents!



*Thank
You*



Our Tribe

OUR STORY

This is Kai





1 in 44 children in the US are diagnosed with Autism



40% increase in black children diagnosed with autism since 2014



Black children are **5.1 times** more likely to be misdiagnosed with behavioral issues



Black children's autism diagnosis is typically delayed by **3 years**

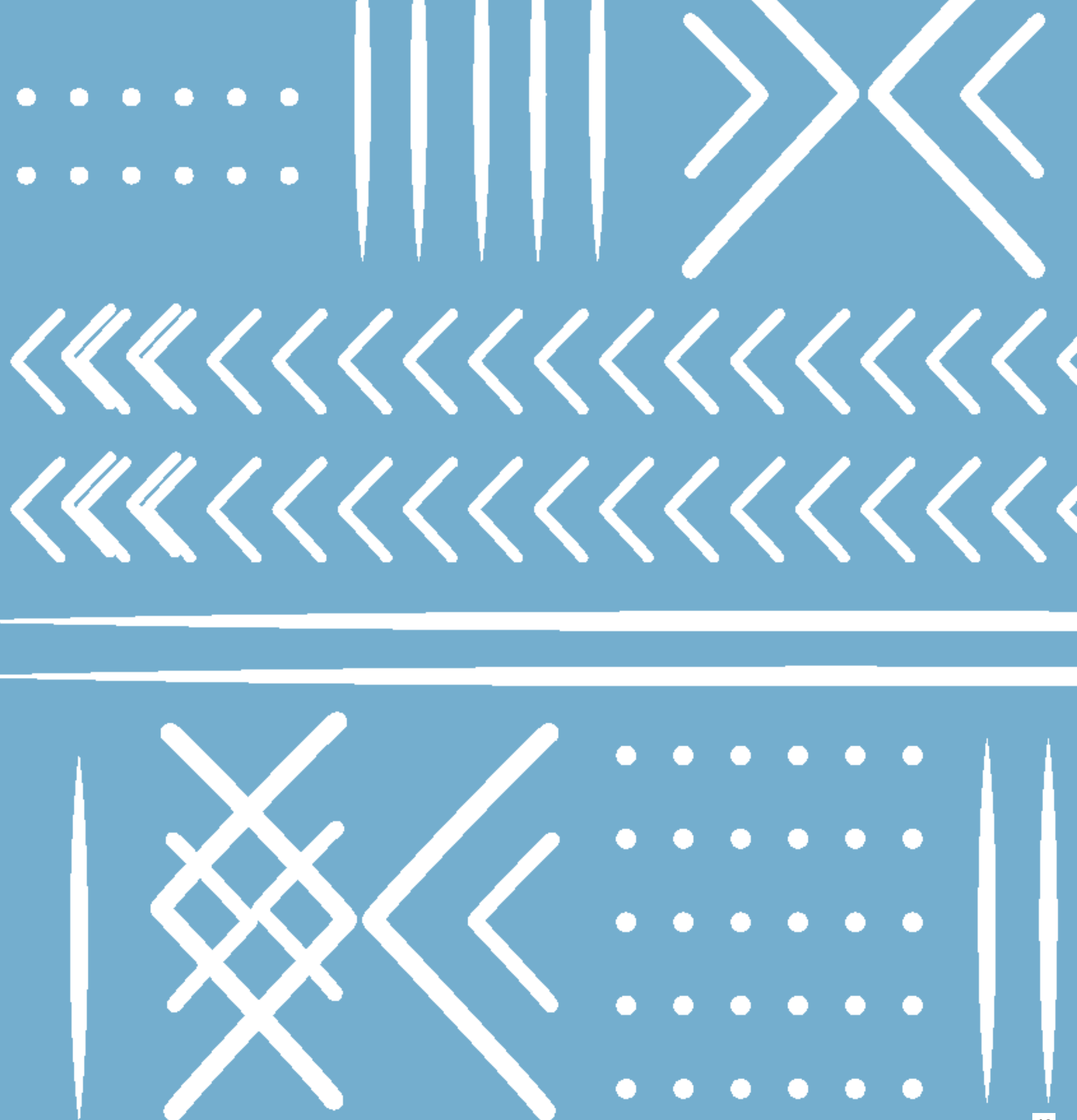
Statistics in Autism

VISION

OUR TRIBE STRIVES FOR A WORLD IN WHICH THE BLACK AUTISM COMMUNITY IS SEEN, VALUED, AND CELEBRATED FOR THE UNIQUE GIFT THEY ARE TO THE WORLD.

MISSION

BY BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND ACTION, OUR TRIBE INTENDS TO EMPOWER BLACK FAMILIES AND SHIFT SYSTEMS THAT DISRUPT EQUITY IN OUTCOMES FOR BLACK PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.





RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION



BUILDING COMMUNITY
AND EMPOWERING
FAMILIES



SHIFTING POLICY
AND SYSTEMS

Program Pillars

Since August 2021, Our Tribe

- Hosted **34 events and programs** for the Black Autism Community in which **230 members** were engaged, **90** of whom attended/participated more than once.
- Disseminated **\$300 mini-grants** to **19 families** to offset the costs of medical bills, therapies, childcare, and other items not covered by insurance.
- Secured critical partnerships with **Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center**, the **University of Cincinnati**, **Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services**, and the **UC Medical Center's Freeman Center**.

Secured \$160,711 for Programming and Operations

- bi3/ United Way Black Empowerment Works (\$75,000)
- Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training (\$11, 123)
- City of Cincinnati/Greater Cincinnati Foundation (25,000)
- Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation (\$24,588)
- United Way Black Empowerment Works Program (\$25,000)



Boots on the Ground (\$25,000)

- Increased Capacity
 - Program Coordinator
 - Research Assistant
- Increased Connections
 - Events/Engaged Community Members doubled
- Sharpened Vision

What's Next

- More Events and Programs
- Addressing Community Identified Need
 - Autism Doula Program
 - Roadmap
 - Mental Health
- New Office Hours:
 - United Way; 2400 Reading Road
 - Mondays 10 am - 2pm



Marquita, Ebony, Latonya, Gwen, and Andrea
Our Tribe Community Advisory Board

Not For Us, But By Us

We ARE the Black Autism Community. Together we seek equity and justice for our children, our families, and ourselves.



Thank You!!

Josselyn Okorodudu – Executive
Director/Co-Founder

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