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Early Childhood Center

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A Special Thank You to Our Community

Like so many people across our country and the world, our families faced overwhelming obstacles due to the pandemic. Many of our families were left without jobs and without the means to provide the basic necessities for their children. With the help of local, state, and federal funding and generous partners in our community, we were able to offer

direct assistance funds and act as a lifeline for our SouthSide families. Our partners also helped us remain strong as an organization, keeping our team in tact to ensure the continuity and quality of our programs, no matter the delivery mode. We want to give an enormous, heartfelt thanks to our incredible donors and the following organizations for their contributions:

- Deaconess Foundation
- FLOURISH St. Louis/Generate Health
- Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis
- St. Louis Community Foundation
- The Mysun Charitable Foundation
- The Pettus Foundation
- Tracy Family Foundation
- United Way of Greater St. Louis
- YouthBridge Community Foundation



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Our Continued Legacy with the United Way



For almost one hundred years, the United Way of Greater St. Louis has partnered with local nonprofits to create a healthier, stronger, and more equitable region. SouthSide's partnership with the United Way began over fifty years ago when it was known as the Community Fund. Since then, the United Way has provided essential services and revenue, and ensured their commitment to investing in early childhood education. After a community needs assessment was completed, the United Way announced its new Safety Net Partner agencies to begin in 2021 for a three-year contract. Not only did SouthSide become a safety net partner agency, but the United Way also provided direct assistance COVID grants to our families for them to use to purchase food, diapers, and wipes and to help pay their rent. We are forever grateful to the United Way and are thrilled to continue our partnership with them!

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Our Vision for SouthSide

Beginning in 2020, SouthSide embarked on a new 5-year strategic plan. From now through 2025, we will pursue three priorities: centering equity, deepening infrastructure and scale, and ensuring sustainability. We will grow into this vision together with our community of children, parents, families, educators, partners, champions, and allies. Currently, Work Groups comprised of SouthSide team, board members, and parents are focused in the areas of HR, Thought Leadership & Advocacy, and Governance. These groups will drive both action and accountability. We are so excited about the seeds that have been planted and what has already begun to grow!

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Expanding our Impact



Throughout our 130+ year legacy, SouthSide has always been attuned to the needs of our families and our community. While we serve 140 children each year, we consistently have a waiting list of 150 children, in addition to families calling or visiting almost daily to enroll their children. This still leaves a large gap in high-quality early childhood slots for many children. In order to address the ongoing need, SouthSide began a partnership with the STL Pre-K Cooperative, an initiative that utilizes existing state pre-K funds and innovative and collaborative approaches with local charter schools and early childhood centers. **This August, 80 new preschool slots were created within 4 schools: KIPP Wonder Academy, Lafayette Preparatory Academy, Lift for Life Academy, and St. Louis Language Immersion School. These free, high-quality spots are an extension of SouthSide's existing program. We are excited to begin this new journey and remain committed to investing in affordable and quality early childhood programs for all of our region's families.**

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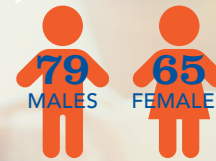
We served a total of

144

families during the 2019-20 school year.

Ethnic/Racial Groups Served

AFRICAN AMERICAN	28%
LATINO	24%
CAUCASIAN	22%
AFRICAN	19%
BI-RACIAL	3%
ASIAN	3%
MIDDLE-EASTERN	1%



Income Level of Families
96 of 144
 OF SOUTHSIDE FAMILIES ARE 100% OR BELOW FEDERAL POVERTY LINE
100 of 144
 ARE ENROLLED IN OUR EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START PROGRAM

Household Leadership
87
 2 PARENT HOUSEHOLDS
57
 1 PARENT HOUSEHOLDS

47% OF THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT SOUTHSIDE COME FROM IMMIGRANT FAMILIES.
Language Diversity
9 LANGUAGES

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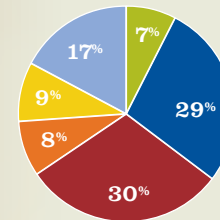
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Our Dollars at Work



Every child has potential, but not every child has opportunity. We are an early childhood center that creates equitable and inclusive learning opportunities and support services for all children and families. We work alongside families to eliminate bias and interrupt structural racism through our practices, programs, policies and platforms. We put our mission into action through our four pillars of education, health, connection, and advocacy.

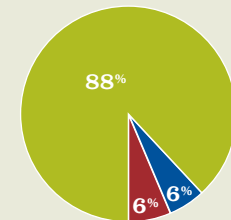
Income



GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$226,304
PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS & GRANTS	\$835,300
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$909,990
UNITED WAY	\$249,215
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$263,409
TUITION & PARENT FEES	\$510,956

\$2,995,174
TOTAL INCOME*

Expenses



PROGRAM SERVICES	\$2,885,237
FUNDRAISING	\$181,249
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$208,150

\$3,274,636
TOTAL EXPENSES

* Additional gain of \$1,096,785 from forgiveness of debt from New Market Tax Credit

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Southside Team*

Hawo Abud
Teacher
Diana Baker
Teacher
Meghan Birdsong
Teacher
Tasha Brantley
Teacher
Patty Budler
Little Curriculum and Disabilities Coordinator
Aura Burns
Teacher
Alyssa Carnes
Part time Teacher
Panacea Carter
Teacher
Leelavathi Chariyamane
Teacher
Anna Chong
Part time Teacher
Catherine Cole
Teacher
Sandy Eidel
Teacher
Lindsay Emert
Teacher
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Teacher
Emily Farrar
Teacher
Shelly Fleming
Teacher
Stania Flowers
Teacher
Krysta Grangeno
Family Partnership Director

Vicky Hickman
Part time Teacher
Catrina Hill
Part time Teacher
Morgan Hill
Teacher
Paris Holt
Teacher
Shayla Jackson
Part time Teacher
Karli Jacobs
Teacher
Loretha Jennings
Teacher
Monica Jestes
Office Manager
Rebecca Johnson
Part time Teacher
Hannah Kaufman
Part time Teacher
Keairra Kirkmon
Teacher
Janet Koch
Teacher
Noah Leiner
Teacher
Stephanie McKinney
Program Director
Amy Merzweiler
Teacher
Staneshia Morris
Teacher
Stacy Navarrete
Administrative Assistant
Lindsey Noblot
Project Director

Diana Ochoa
Parent Coach
Franklin Petty
Food Service Coordinator
Katie Rahn
Executive Director
Jamika Ransom
Teacher
Andrea Richardson
Teacher
Melissa Roberts
Teacher
Ashley Ross
Teacher
Keisha Russell
Teacher
Elizabeth Stonebarger
Teacher
Katie Sweeney
Teacher
Indego Thomas
Teacher
Ashley Warren
Teacher
Jackie Weaver
Area Director
Shakeitha Westley
Teacher
Adrienne Woods
Teacher
Kaela Young
Teacher
Cleo Zundel
Development Director

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