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## MISSION

Building long-term, life-changing relationships with Indianapolis urban youth, equipping them to thrive and contribute to their community.



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2021

annual report

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**IMPACT** 

2021 annual report



Dear Elevate Supporters and Partners,

It's with great anticipation that we all begin a New Year and look to renewed hope for what blessings might come with it in our families, city, state, and country. It's with great appreciation for your generous support and partnership, along with the work of our board and incredible staff, that we share our Annual Report about the impact made throughout 2021.

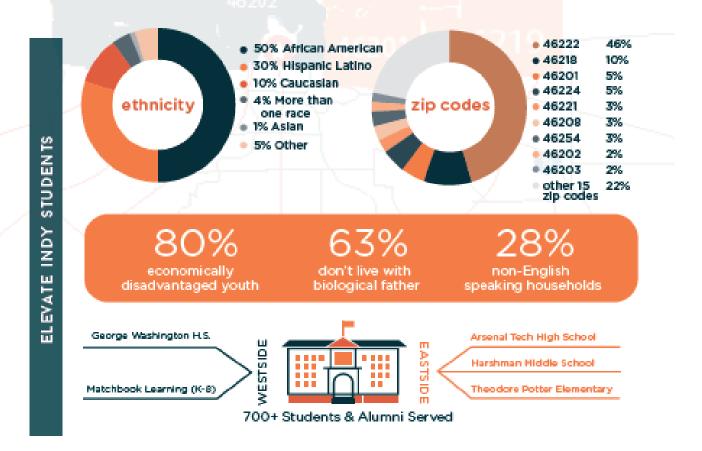
It's energizing to reflect on the resolve and creative efforts shown by countless schools, agencies, and non-profits in our community towards young people and their families. We are grateful to be counted among student-first, impact-driven organizations in our city, thanks to your continued partnership.

As you review our Elevate Annual Report and have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to connect with me or one of the Elevate staff to learn more.

Serving with you,



Aaron Story, Elevate Indianapolis, President & CEO



## ELEVATE'S THRIVING YOUTH SCORECARD

**OUTCO MES** PROGRAM



64% communicate monthly with Teacher-Mentor



45% serve people regularly because Teacher-Mentor



do not get in trouble at school



Report deep relationship with Teach or Manhan



32% say Elevate is why they pass classes



41% do afterschool activities



78% help struggling



73% are not afraid to try new things

Each fall and spring, our high school students take a pre and post assessment called the "Thriving Youth Survey," a third-party administered evaluation that gauges our relative Impact from year to year and compares it to the 14 other Elevate affiliates across the US. The results from 2020-2021 are attached. Last year, many of our students struggled during COVID-19 restrictions; some were hesitant to interact in person, and school was largely online, resulting in many social challenges. Those struggles are reflected in the data, indicating less engagement from students in many areas than is typical. However, we were pleased to have kept pace in all four measured areas of impact (Education, Community, Social-Emotional, & Character) with other Elevate affiliates!

24-7 IMPACT OUTCOMES

GRADUATION RATE

Class of 2021

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2021 SENIO RS 11 of top 30

@ ATHS 1st Four **GWHS** grads

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IMPACT & METRICS

Scan our Impact & Matrice Site **GR Code** 

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE LAUNCHED OUR NEW IMPACT & METRICS SITE.

We are thrilled to have launched our new Impact & Metrics site. We encourage you to check it out by scanning the QR Code above. On the site, you will see "A Day in the Life" of Teacher-Mentors Ms. Kara Simmons and Mr. Josh Mendoza. This site will be updated with metrics and statistics on a quarterly basis. Please share this site with your friends, family, and other networks. We are really proud of the hard work our program staff does, and we want the community to see the evidence of their investment in urban youth.

MAKE A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT



Projected 700+ students served in 2021-2022 program year

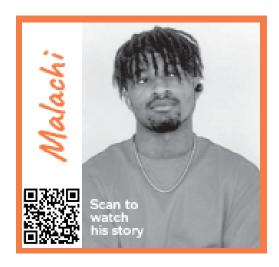
Current annual budget of

2016 -2021 Graduation Rate

To serve an Elevate student for one year

lives changed

## ONCE IN ELEVATE, ALWAYS IN ELEVATE



"Elevate is really there for you, in school and out of school. They are not only going to be in your life, they are going to care about you...to help keep you on the right path in life. Elevate is the way to go--it's a great break between the stress of normal school, but it's also a great guide to help you figure out where you want to go in life. We talk about major topics here...a lot of people don't get that from their parents at home, and Elevate gives them a chance to find that."

Malachi, George Washington High School Senior Class of '22



"I've been in Elevate for almost four years. Elevate is always there for you and is always willing to help. They are just a great group to be around and will always help you and always get you motivated. It's a big family, so you get a lot of love and support and everything you would want in a family. Without Elevate, I would have to say that I would be struggling a lot, mentally, physically, and emotionally. [Elevate] has helped me a lot to be myself and to be the teacher that I want to be. [They] show me what I can do and show me to never set boundaries that limit me."

Mariana, Arsenal Technical High School Senior Class of '22



"Elevate has helped me academically by exposing me to internships, scholarships, and colleges. They helped me set goals for my future, and now I'm sitting where I've always wanted to be. I would say I am a thriving contributor in the way that I spread awareness to serious topics like race, mental health, and others. I find ways to educate my peers and come together to fight against these serious things."

Stephanie, Class of '21 Alumni & Freshman at Taylor University

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Our Sports & Adventure Program exists to facilitate growth through challenges with Indy youth. Students spend quality time with Teacher-Mentors and experience micro successes and failures in a safe environment, learn to lean on teams, and discover how to have a posture toward life that is essential for future success. This platform for programming builds life-changing relationships.

SPORTS & ADVENTURE MENTORING	since January 1, 2021		
	100+ students	2300+ hours	23.13 avg hours per participant

"Under this umbrella of Sports & Adventure, we have the opportunity to open many more doors for our students than ever before to challenge and engage them and to dive into deeper conversations that help them grow in character and social-emotional awareness. The sky is their limit!"

Josh Mendoza, Teacher-Mentor



As we expand Sports & Adventure programming, building new community partnerships and volunteer opportunities is our priority. There are numerous ways you can help us make an impact through Sports & Adventure programming, providing a unique framework for addressing trauma and helping Indianapolis youth build skills that translate to other areas of their lives. Join in our Hope & Hoops spring basketball tournament, or volunteer at our 2022 Juneteenth Fellowship on the Fairways Golf Scramble at Douglass Park! If you are interested in sponsoring or engaging with Sports & Adventure programming, email us at info@elevateindy.org.



Thanks to our partners who made 2021 programming a success!





























