



C5 Texas is a five-year youth leadership program that takes 7th grade students and turns them into first generation college students. These students are often from a single parent household and they show potential but need a hand-up, not a hand-out. We work with these students to learn leadership skills, to become active in their school and community, and to prepare for, get into, and be successful in college. These future leaders learn about volunteerism and experience overall personal growth in this intensive 5 year program.

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE**

Dear C5 Friends,

As I look through our 2022-2023 impact report, I'm overwhelmed by what we were able to accomplish, despite still feeling the devastating impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, we are celebrating 20 years of changing the odds for high-potential youth. We graduated our first class of youth in 2008, and the legacy continues, as we graduated our 15<sup>th</sup> cohort of Leaders in April 2023. C5 Texas has held strong to our five C's, continuing to show Leaders how to be character driven, community focused, challenge ready, college bound and committed to a better future. And this year was no different. We ushered in 55 new Leaders into our program, our highest accepted Leaders since the pandemic. We increased the number of middle school partners, allowing us to receive over 200 applications from 7<sup>th</sup> graders across the Dallas- Fort Worth metroplex. Our Leaders engaged in exciting summer experiences, from tackling teen homelessness in Dallas County, to exploring universities and colleges across Texas and surrounding states and overcoming homesickness to become a Leader at summer camp, our C5 Leaders put in the work, and you'll read more about it in our impact report.

None of this would be possible without the hundreds of donors and volunteers who support us with monetary gifts, in-kind donations, and their time to make our impact possible for our young people. A special thank you to our largest donor, the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation and the Texas Rangers for choosing C5 Texas as one of five grant recipients as a part of their 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

The impact of COVID-19 still haunts us, but despite setbacks it was a productive year. Moving ahead, we can't wait to bring more youth into the C5 program, expand career exploration opportunities and college experiences that we present to our youth, while solidifying additional corporate, foundation and individual partners to change the odds for our Leaders.

The C5 Texas family appreciates our Leaders, alumni, volunteers, donor and board members for all you do and wish you all blessings and abundance. We are building the futures we wish to see, and it's all because of YOU!

In partnership for youth,

Daneshe "Dani" Bethune
Executive Director
C5 Texas



# **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the **C5 Texas** is to change the odds for high potential youth inspiring them to pursue personal success and preparing them for leadership roles in college, work, and their communities.

# **OUR PILLARS**



**YEAR 1 - FLINT** 

Camp Leadership U

Learning to lead

ourselves 8TH GRADE



**YEAR 2 - LANTERN** 

Camp Leadership U

Learning to lead

others
9TH GRADE



**YEAR 3 - HAMMER** 

**Bridges Trek** 

Expanding our horizons

**10TH GRADE** 



**YEAR 4 - COMPASS** 

Road to College

Exploring our future

11TH GRADE



#### **YEAR 5 - MEDALLION**

Actively Changing Tomorrow Now Summit (ACT Now)

Engaging our communities

12TH GRADE



## **OUR IMPACT**



100%

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION** 

Compared to the DFW rate of 83% and state-wide of 90%. Our leaders receive the skills and resources needed through our year-round and summer programming to complete high school and prepare for a successful post-secondary path.



POSTSECONDARY

Leaders matriculate to schools all across the country including community colleges, private universities, trade schools, certification programs, the armed forces and more!

**COMPLETED FASFA** 

Compared to the state average of 57%. Financial aid received from FASFA assist in the college enrollment decisions of our Leaders.

3060 HOURS OF CHECK-INS

To ensure Leaders stay on track during their High School years and provide support.

10,000+

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** 

C5 Leaders impact in their communities prepares them to be champions for the world.

200

**HOURS OF FINANCIAL** LITERACY PROVIDED

Thanks to Development Committee Chair Mike Land and Karen Hunt. Frost Bank Market President-Coppell, C5 Texas partnered with Frost Bank. Through this relationship, Frost Bank employees, Jaylon Deveraux and Roseann Yanez teach our Leaders how to make sound financial decisions that will carry them into adulthood as financially responsible adults. Thank you Frost Bank!

<b>47</b> %	MALE
<b>53</b> %	FEMALE
60%	HISPANIC
10%	ASIAN/PACIFIC
10%	WHITE
20%	AFRICAN-AMERICAN

# **C5 TEXAS FLINT & LANTERN CLASS:**

BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!



or the second summer in a row, C5 Texas hosted our rising 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders with three weeks of leadership learnings, book clubs, camp activities and other development opportunities. The pandemic hindered our ability to recruit the class of 2025.

A special thanks to Klint Guerry, Sewell, Mini BMW of Plano for teaching our Leaders how to use a journal and providing each one with Klint's unique journal concept that he uses on a daily basis.

#### **ROAD TO COLLEGE**

NINE SCHOOLS IN EIGHT DAYS, OH MY!







alk about a road trip,
C5 Texas rising juniors
(Compass) created their
own Road to College tour this past
summer visiting the University of
North Texas, University of Oklahoma,
University of Texas-Austin, Texas
State University, Texas A&M-College
Station, Texas A&M Corpus Christi,
Rice University, Prairie View A&M
University and Southern Methodist
University. Our youth were
provided a budget, and through
that managed their lodging,

educational sessions. As a part of the trip, C5 Leaders completed community service cleaning up beaches in Corpus Christi. They also participated in sessions focused on financial aid, healthy relationships, and the college application process.

Many thanks to our college partners, UNT and Texas A&M College Station for providing our youth with distinctive college experiences.

#### **ACTIVELY CHANGING TOMORROW**

A.C.T. NOW SUMMIT

**TEEN HOMELESSNESS** is a change C5 Leaders want to see.



ising C5 seniors (Medallions) spent a week researching teen homelessness in Dallas County. They visited Fannie C. Harris Youth Center and Promise House, two teen homeless shelters, as well as an affordable housing community in the south Dallas area. Youth assembled close to 100 power packs to be used for teen homeless outreach, and donated food and snacks to both shelters from what

the teens collected throughout their school year. They presented on two root causes of teen homelessness, mental health and abuse/neglect during a Facebook LIVE presentation on the C5 Texas Facebook page.

Thank you to Aimbridge Hospitality for serving as our lodging sponsor!

Our youth had a great time living in the middle of downtown Dallas for a week.

#### LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AND GRADUATION



C5 Texas hosted our annual Leadership
Summit and Graduation at North Lake
College, with guest speakers, Christa Slejko,
North Lake College president, Darren
Woodson, C5 Texas spokesperson, who
started our Leaders with a welcome and
encouraging speech. The day consisted
of sessions provided by AAA, Walmart,
Frost Bank, Elevated Co, UT Dallas, focused
on driving safety, professional etiquette,
resume writing and interviewing, financial
literacy, mental health and college access.

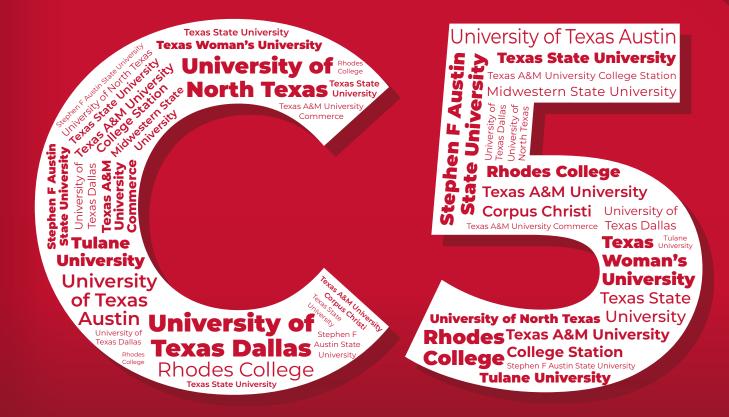
The C5 Texas Leadership Summit and Graduation is a culmination event to wrap up our program year. C5 Leaders participate in a full-day professional development

conference focused on topics related to college, career, community service, personal development and social awareness. During the lunch period, C5 Leaders met with professionals from careers such as forensic science, wealth management, project management, broadcasting, player development and fashion. C5 Leaders had opportunities to dig deep into their work and career paths.

Frost Bank served as our
Graduation Ceremony sponsor
which featured Jaxson Turner
with Never Too Young Too
Care, and Graduation speaker,
Rod Washington, Frost
Dallas Regional President.
The evening ended with
a beautiful graduation
ceremony and a cotton
candy toast!

Congratulations to the class of 2023!

### **CLASS OF 2022 | COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**



# **CONGRATULATIONS**

to our first C5 Texas scholarship recipients!

his year, C5 Texas through the help of partners who believe in our Leaders provided scholarship opportunities for their college education. Congratulations to Ngyuen Phan on receiving a \$1,500 Darren Woodson Medallion Scholarship!



Thanks to Allison Kohler, who sponsored two C5 Leaders with a \$1,500 scholarship towards their semester tuition each year until graduation as long as they maintain a 3.2 GPA.

Congratulations to Cally Bocanegra and Leslie Solis!

# **WELCOME THE CLASS OF 2028**

C5 Texas received applications from 21 middle schools in the following school districts; Dallas ISD, Mesquite ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Arlington ISD, Grapevine ISD, Colleyville ISD, and Mansfield ISD. From these applications we accepted 55 new Leaders from the class of 2028! We're excited to see what the future holds for them!

#### Congratulations and welcome to the C5 Texas community!





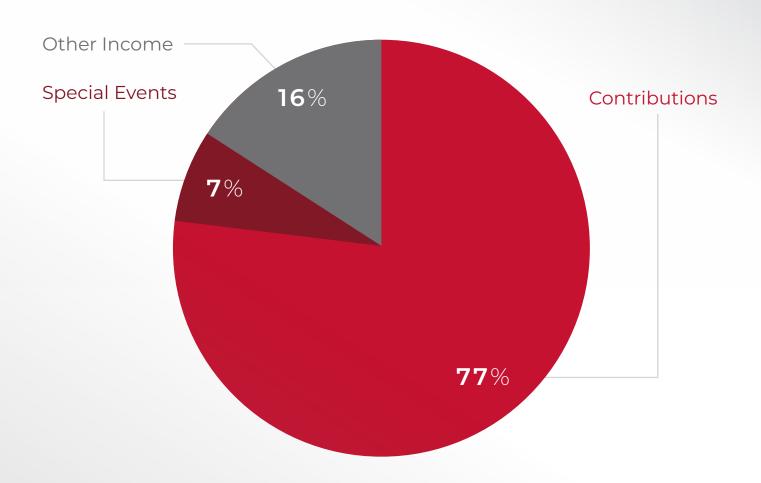
# **TEXAS RANGERS**

C5 Texas won big with the Texas Rangers and the Texas Rangers Foundation receiving \$100,000 as part of the Texas Rangers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Grant Program. C5 was selected as one of five Legacy Grant recipients that share a similar mission to improve the lives of those in the community, especially children, military, first responders and their families through innovative programming and partnerships.



## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIALS\***





Contributions \$494,653

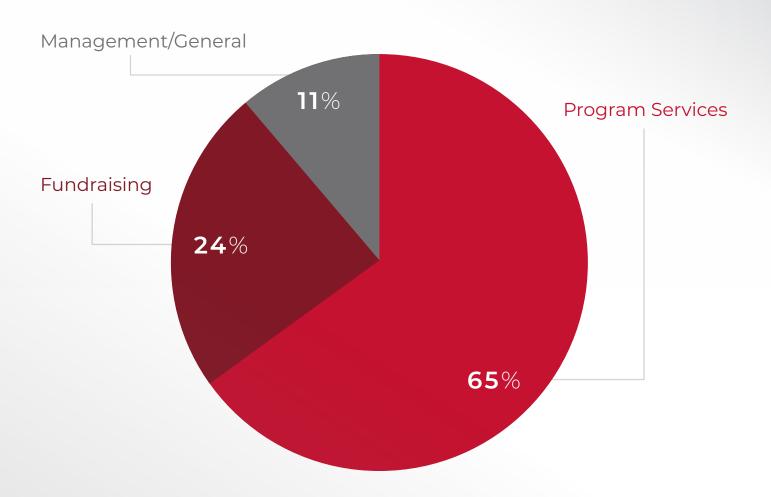
Special Events \$40,692

Other Income \$102,925

Total Income / Revenue \$638,270

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIALS\* (Cont.)





Program Services \$358,630

Fundraising **\$132,417** 

Management/General \$60,127

Total Expenses \$551,174

\*2022 Audited Financials



# **CONTAC US**

We love to share our story and involve the community! To contact us for more information about our programs, volunteering or becoming a donor, please send an email to contactus@c5texas.org







https://www.c5texas.org/