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Annual Report



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Special Thanks to Hope and Kim

Hope and Kim have been about as integral to Doors to Dream as anyone else has over the past few years. The organization started as a simple idea between a group of friends who wanted to make a difference in this world and give every child a fair shot at success. Fast forward four years later and we are at four schools, have over 100 students in our network, and are at the forefront of some of the most innovative programs in the city.

None of what you will read over the next few pages would be possible without these two powerhouse women who drove this organization from the very beginning. Both Kim and Hope are hanging up the gloves and moving on from our board, which we are of course super sad about, but also thankful to know that they left it much better than they left it. We are incredibly thankful for the time, talent, and treasures they have so generously donated to the growth of Doors to Dream and the students we serve.

As we continue to grow and establish ourselves in Charleston, we know we have a strong foundation that will hold us up, largely because of Hope and Kim. Thank you both so much for your dedication, passion, and generosity and for all that you did for Doors to Dream.



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Letter from the Executive Director

What an absolute stunner of the year! After three years of being in operation, we can finally boast that we completed one full year of programming without any global pandemic interruptions. It was an absolute relief and unbelievable joy to get to see what our program, staff, and volunteers are able to accomplish in a normal, Covid-less setting. We have been in full force with four schools, operating three unique programs, and extending our reach to over 120 students. Now that we have a taste for what Doors to Dream can do at full capacity, we are incredibly excited about what 2023 has in store. We want to bolster our programs, increase our staff, and deepen our relationships with our community partners.

Our goal remains the same to help develop college- and career-ready students through intentional relationships, the act of serving others, and life-altering mentorship so that every student who works with us leaves high school ready and prepared to live an inspired and purposeful life. We are so blessed to have the support of each of our schools, Burke High, North Charleston High, Morningside Middle, and Simmons-Pinckney Middle, and we aim to work together with faculty and staff to ensure that all students have an opportunity to succeed. With our feeder school set up, with each of our middle schools graduating students to the high schools, we will be able to provide 7 years of invaluable programming and mentorship. 2023 is upon us and it is time to put on our boots and get to work.



Sam Clements

Facts and Figures



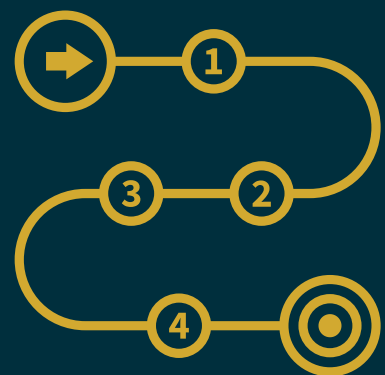
123 students are in our network between our four schools



25 seniors will achieve career-readiness before graduation



Students completed 745 hours of service in 2023 to those who need it most



83% of students feel more prepared for their future



92% of students believe DTD has helped them find their purpose



Our New Friends

Angelica joined the team in April 2022 as our new Director of Programs. She has quickly become an integral part of the team as she takes over as lead for the programming at each of our schools. Her innate ability to form relationships with each school's staff and students is incredible and will allow our organization to continue to grow to more schools and students. She took her job in stride and is able to immediately connect with everyone she meets. We are so excited about what she will be able to accomplish in her first full year in her role and see how many students are impacted by her tangible energy!

Angelica Frontz



Ashlyn joined our team for a brief five months but packed a punch when she was with us. She chose our organization and our work in promoting service among youth as the subject of her CAPSTONE project in her last year of Occupational Therapy residency. Her drive and willingness to take on any challenge helped us overcome the plateau that we had hit due to Covid and accelerate out of the pandemic in full force. She played such an important role in helping us grow and we owe her a sincere debt of gratitude for her efforts in helping our students grow and mature!

Ashlyn Shealy



Charleston Hope Collab and Hygiene Kits

You are Loved!!



Anti-Violence Week

Students are tired of being labeled as violent or "bad" kids. The news headlines tend to cover fights at North Charleston High School rather than the good work that goes into making their school and community a better place. Our students changed that. They organized a week of panelist discussions, Cougar Chats for students to use their words and not their fists, and a basketball tournament to raise money for Turn90. Through their efforts, their peers became more aware of anti-violence efforts and how healthy relationships can both solve and prevent violence.



Graduation and Class of 2022

In the class of 2022, seven DTD seniors graduated and are on to bigger and better endeavors. We are so proud of these seven and all that they were able to accomplish. They battled Covid for the majority of their high school career and never allowed their spirits to be diminished. They loved to help their neighbors, make each other laugh, and push each other to be better inside and outside the classroom. We are so proud of these now alumni and cannot wait to hear about all of the amazing accomplishments that are certainly in their future.



Malaysia Legare



Antwann Hughes



Kitana Clinton



Kalaya Nelson



Renee-Sheia Green



Janera Richardson



Jamera Richardson



Pathways to Leadership is an effort to prepare middle school students for all the opportunities that high school provides. We teach the skills and knowledge that students need to know to ensure that they enter high school with a purpose, a plan, and the confidence to attack all of the obstacles and issues that come with such a weird time of life. Our goal is for students to be confident in who they are, where they are, and where they are heading. By teaching communication, self-awareness, and conflict management skills among others, we aim to have all of our students accomplish the three goals listed above!

Through the creation of PTL, we will be involved with students from sixth grade until they graduate from high school! The consistency will lead to great outcomes of career- and college-readiness, graduation rates, and social-emotional maturity.

Pathways to Leadership



Mentorship Program Kickoff!

Seniors were paired with professionals in the community to learn the necessary business etiquette skills to succeed after graduation. They also took "Awareness Trips" to job sites across the city to learn about the plethora of opportunities in their own backyard.



Mental Health Week at Burke High School

Monday



Trivia to educate and address misconceptions!

Tuesday



Yoga for body control and self-awareness & "I am" cards to promote positive self-talk

Wednesday



Panelists talk about the real issues of mental health & a gratitude challenge for a positive mindset

Thursday



Students engage in some (phoneless) self-care and take home self-care bags!

Burke Bulldog Bowl

All Bulldogs completed a series of activities to practice skills that help with their mental health! From communication to healthy exercise to teamwork, our Bulldogs were ready for anything!



Day of Caring 2022



Students at North Charleston recruited the ROTC, Beta Club, and North Charleston Elementary to help them address the issue of hunger. Together, they donated a hot biscuit, canned goods, educational activities for kids, and a cookbook of healthy, cheap recipes to over 150 families!





Our organization recently realized how disconnected we felt from those who read the newsletters, donate to our students, and are spreading the word about the good work our students are doing. So to address that, we started a new initiative to create a space for all of our supporters to come together, meet each other and us, and get to hear from our students. We have only met twice, but we are excited about what the Key Holders Club can look like in 2023 as we bring more people into our DTD family.

Key Holders Club



Our Donors

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100 Women Who Care

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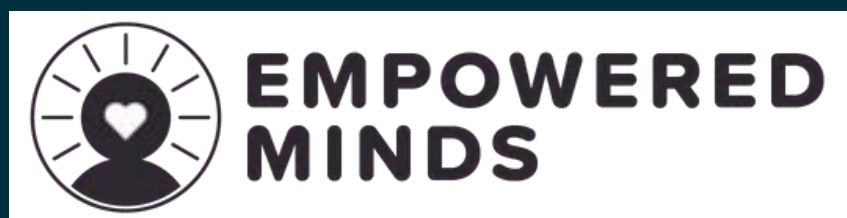
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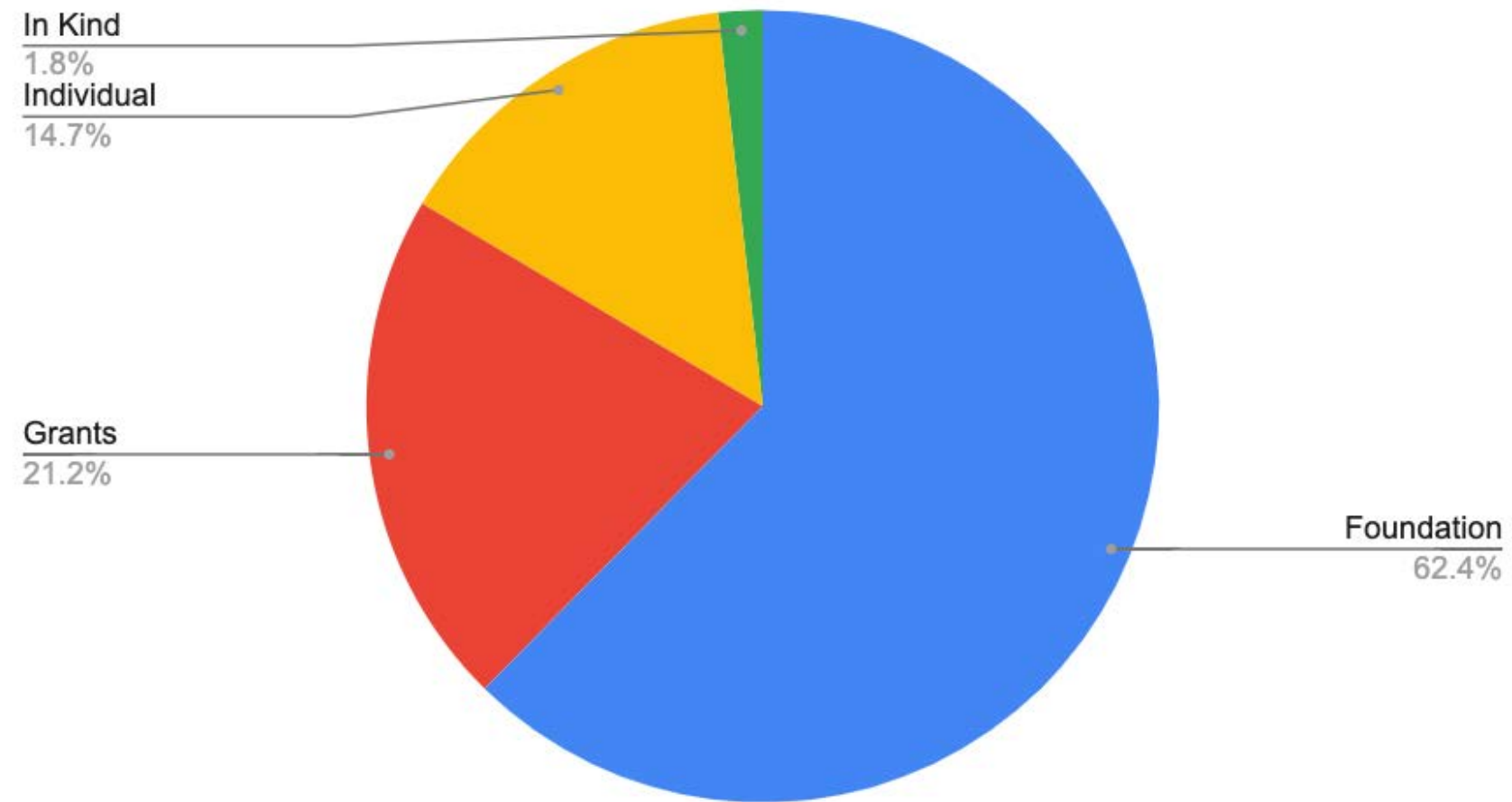


Our Community Partners

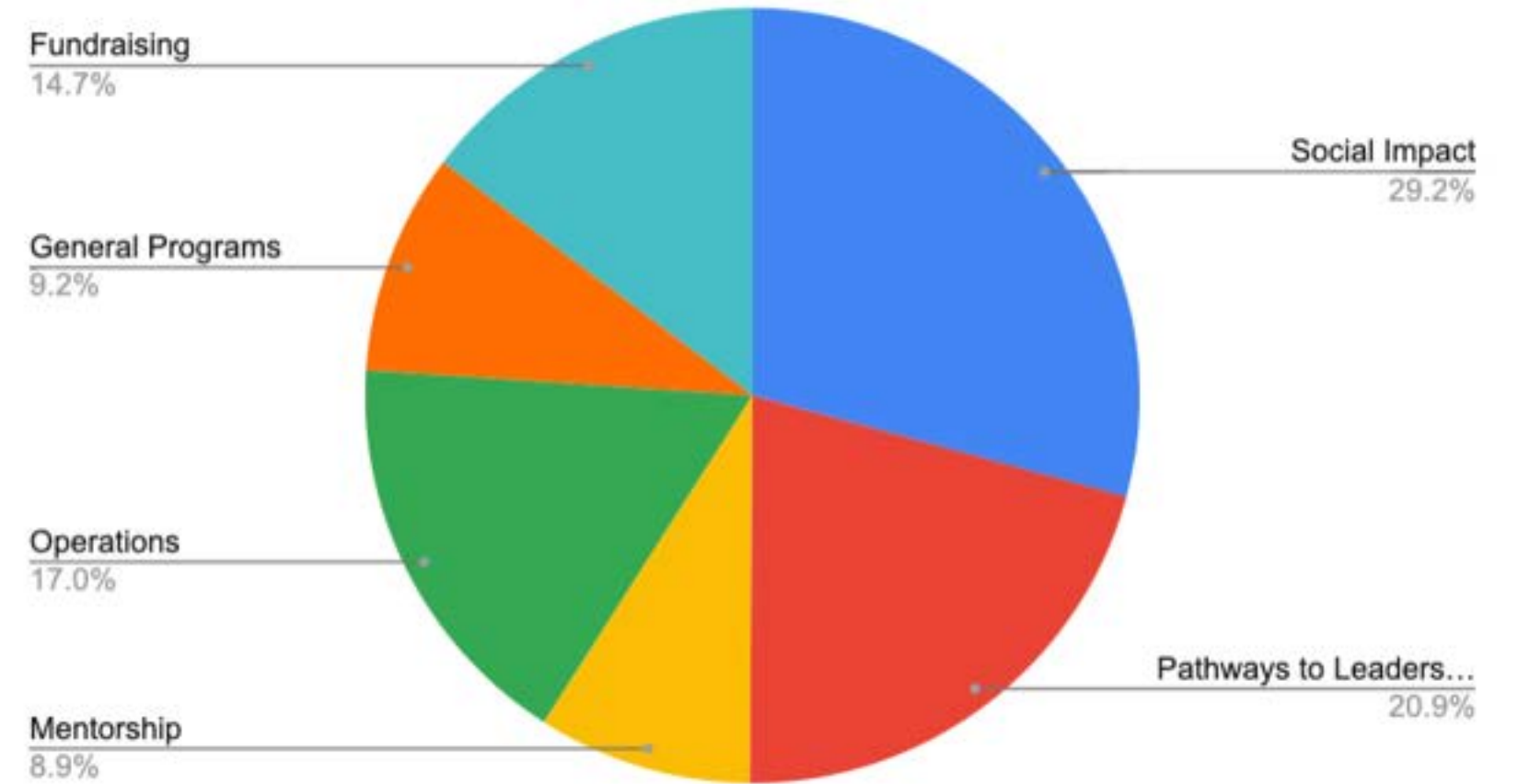


2022 Revenues & Expenses

Revenue Percentages



Expenses Percentages



2023 Goals



Hire another program director and deepen our roots at our schools

200

Expand our reach to 200 students across the four schools



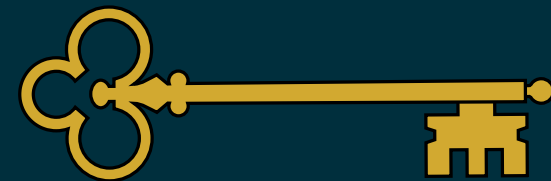
Grow our budget to 180K to become eligible for larger grants



Host two fundraising events to grow our community support



Reach over 3000 people through our acts of service



Build a family of Key Holders who support students and their mission

100%

Have all of our students with mentors be career- or college-ready