

2021



# CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

YOUTH  
CHALLENGE  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

# A NOTE FROM CHRIS & GREER

Dear Team YC,

Recently, a popular outdoor clothing company [Patagonia] prominently placed an understated ad inside the cover page of Outside magazine. With a plain white typeface on a black background, it simply reads: “It’s time to ditch growth for growth’s sake. Let’s make things that last longer. And do more with what we already have.” The ad goes on for six more sentences, but the point hit the mark in the first line. It resonated immediately because it is where we find ourselves at YC. We continue to grow – but our main focus is on something more than statistical benchmarks.

This Summer, we welcome a wildly diverse class of new mini campers (ages 4–8) who embark on their YC odyssey. It is their YC journey, surrounded by a loving community, that will give their growth profound meaning. At the same time, a vast array of alumni find themselves reunited with YC in a way that promotes their continued growth as tireless advocates for people with disabilities and leaders in their communities.

We are a community rooted in creating opportunity by mitigating and obliterating obstacles, both physical and social. We are a community founded on inclusion, embracing its power long before it was cool. We are a community focused on nurturing growth, from the four-year-olds on their first day of Mini Camp to the original cast of kids from the 70s and 80s who, proudly, still find in YC a space for connection, an opportunity to lead, and a home for support. We are a community of engaged and motivated teen volunteers, cultivating leadership through lived experience in social service, education, medicine, athletics, public policy, and advocacy.

As a community, we are grounded in the reality that our work supports the growth of the whole person. When we look inward, focusing on nurturing an amazingly robust YC family, we grow stronger. And when our community looks outward, disseminating YC’s culture, the power of our little non-profit isn’t so little anymore. We are unstoppable.

We remain humbled by your commitment to building, sustaining, and pushing Team YC ever upward.

In gratitude,

**Chris Garr, CEO**

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Greer Gibbons, Board President, and Chris Garr, CEO, help to feed participants and volunteers during an alumni program at Edgewater Park.

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# COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS

At the very core of the Youth Challenge mission are the relationships formed between participants with physical disabilities and teen volunteers. The adapted programs we provide allow Mia, Chris, and their peers to try new things, build new skills, and grow together. Participants grow in their self-confidence, independence and experience a sense of belonging. Volunteers grow in empathy and understanding of people with disabilities and learn creativity and problem-solving skills. Together, they create lifelong friendships and become family.



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**Front:** Krista Allison, Zaria Turton, Christopher Garr, Greer Gibbons, Matthew Lay, Judson Cummins. **Middle:** Andrew Johnson, Dante Marinucci, Patricia DelMonico, Jennifer Scavone, Katherine Serevitch, Jason Pence. **Back:** Mark Dvoroznak, Charles Koch, Daniel Douglas, Aubrey Christ, Matt Jacobs, Vincent O'Keefe, Meghdeep Mukherjee.

**Above:** Mia and Chris celebrate after taking a shot with a bow and arrow during an adapted archery program.

# OUR COMMUNITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**W**hen Harsha began volunteering at YC, the participants, other volunteers, and staff welcomed him into the YC community and made him feel like he belonged. As time went on, he began to notice other new volunteers who were feeling uncomfortable and needed a mentor to encourage them.

*“This is what YC is all about: It’s about community, being able to share in laughter and appreciate those little moments that you tend to overlook on a day-to-day basis.”*

Donors like you help YC empower teen volunteers like Harsha to make a difference in their community. Youth Challenge gratefully acknowledges the following donors for their financial contributions in 2022.

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**Above:** Deegan and Harsha roll and run together at a summer program.

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JAY'VEON + AIDEN work together on team posters for the YC Baseball Showdown.

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 Kristen Dimitris  
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James Free  
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Josh Frey  
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Jennifer Kibler  
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Kay Kindice  
Henry & Beth King  
Mao Chuan Ko  
Jennifer Koch  
Carol Kochalko  
Ms. Julianna Kontak  
Raun & Debbie Kopp  
Melissa Koss

**MEGAN + JAMES** take on the rock wall at a climbing program in Lorain County.





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 Viktoria Krislaty  
 JJ Kruis  
 Mark Ksiezyk  
 Barb Kuchta  
 Marianne Kucinski  
 Gerrit & Peg Kuechle  
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 Charles & Joyce Kullik  
 Dave & Amie LaBahn  
 Tarik Labib  
 David & Catherine Lamb  
 Michael Lambrosa  
 Mary LaPlante  
 Amy Lashutka  
 Jean Latkovic  
 Elizabeth LeDonne  
 Brent Leslie  
 Kate Leslie  
 Angela Lewis  
 Tammy Lilleberg  
 Theresa LoBue  
 Madison Loftis  
 Anne Loftus  
 Jacqueline Lohn  
 Michael & Lisa Lonsway  
 Bruce & Karen Loparich  
 Abraham Lopez  
 Elizabeth Lor  
 Alana Loria  
 Robert Lucarelli  
 Dan Mahoney  
 Michael & Melanie  
 Mailand  
 Larry Maistros  
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 Faye Maloof  
 Alexandra Martinez  
 Arthur Mason



**AARON + ROSIE** enjoy a sweet treat at Mini Camp.

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 Mastromonaco  
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 Marie Mathew  
 Ursula & Jeffrey Mauer  
 Jim Maul  
 Megan Mayle  
 Connie Mayle  
 Michael & Rosaleen  
 Mazanec  
 Drew Maziasz  
 Anthony & Gail Mazzella  
 Shiela McCall  
 John McCann  
 Raymond & Brittany  
 McCarthy  
 Kristen McDonald  
 Craig & Erin McDowell

Brian & Alli McGarry  
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 Thomas & Holly McGowan  
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 James & Amy McMahon  
 Jeff McSweeney  
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 Eric Pressey  
 Jason Pretnar  
 Alex Price  
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 Christine Prouty  
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 Kristine Schreiber  
 Caitlin Schriner  
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 Nicole Sebek  
 Todd Semroc





**DEONTE + JAROD** vie for the jump ball during a playoff game at the Crosstown Showdown.

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 Dylan Setta  
 Olivia Setta  
 Scott & Colleen Setta  
 Vanessa Setta  
 Mimi Shaughnessy  
 Kevin & Nancy Sheehan  
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 Catherine & Zachary Shields  
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 Ruth Simonis  
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 Natalie Spence  
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 Theresa Sullivan  
 Anette Sullivan  
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Maria Flynn

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## **Marlette Shimko**

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 Natalie Ata  
 Walter & Laura Avdey  
 Brown-Forman  
 By KatieK  
 Rachael Cahill  
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 Nancy Hammond  
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 George Heath  
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 Holiday Valley Resort  
 Hot Chicken Takeover  
 Matt & Tina Jacobs  
 Andrew Johnson  
 Kelsey Elizabeth Cakes  
 Allen & Darcy Kitchen  
 Charles & Barbara Koch  
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 Becky & John Nagy  
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**MARCUS + ASHWIN** take aim at the target during an adapted archery program.

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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## PROMOTING PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

**G**abby has been a part of the YC family for over 20 years. During that time, she has been a participant in numerous programs, volunteered to help other participants, and now serves as a staff member planning programs for alumni participants to connect with one another.

“YC was there when I needed it the most, by always being a source of joy, laughter, love, and support through the good times and most challenging times in my life. YC is like a second home to me, and I’m truly thankful to be a part of it. Without YC, I wouldn’t be me!”



**Above:** Gabby hits the trail during an alumni program in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

## PARTICIPANTS + VOLUNTEERS

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

138

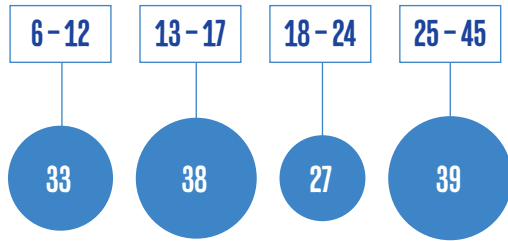
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

318

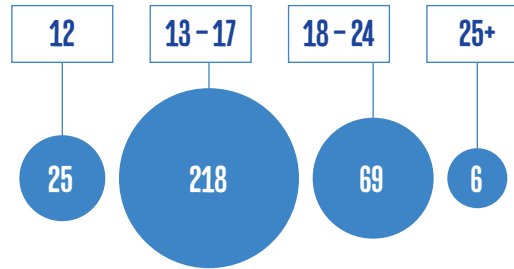
TOTAL NUMBER OF TEEN VOLUNTEER HOURS

3,788

PARTICIPANTS BY AGE



VOLUNTEERS BY AGE



## FINANCIALS

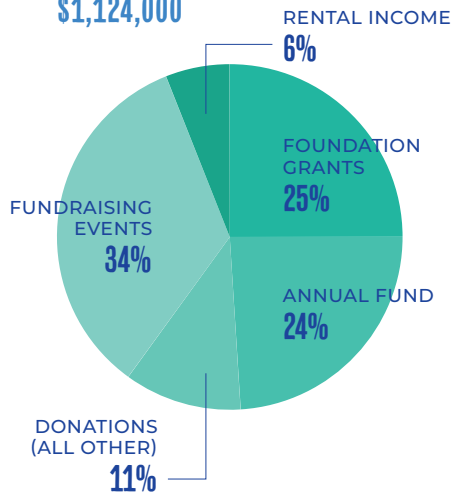
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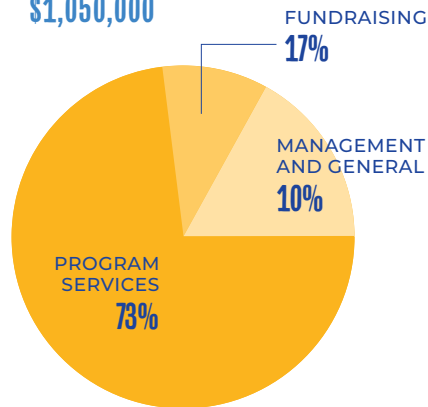
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\*\*Excludes depreciation

OPERATING REVENUE\*  
\$1,124,000



OPERATING EXPENSES\*\*  
\$1,050,000



## PROGRAMS

350

TOTAL PROGRAMS

6,470

TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE, OFFERED YEAR-ROUND, FREE OF CHARGE

## TRANSPORTATION

3,590

NUMBER OF RIDES PROVIDED

95%

OF PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED YC TRANSPORTATION

## YC GEOGRAPHY

YC SERVES PARTICIPANTS FROM SIX COUNTIES.

CUYAHOGA  
LORAIN  
MEDINA

LAKE  
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**S**amari is just beginning her Youth Challenge journey. With your support, we can ensure that she, along with other young people with physical disabilities, can participate in our adapted activities and be a part of our community. The planned giving initiative provides a permanent source of support for the organization. Your contribution will allow us to continue our extraordinary work, leaving a lasting impact for generations to come.

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**Above:** Jada and Samari enjoy a spring handcycling program.



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