



### **ANNUAL REPORT**

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### OUR MISSION & VISION

#### OUR MISSION

We spark youth activists and support them in becoming leaders who drive sustained local and global impact.

### OUR VISION

We envision a world where all young people can participate fully at all levels of decision-making.

## WHY YOUTH ADVOCACY?

Young people face the brunt of the world's problems today—and will continue to wrestle with them in the future when our current world leaders are long gone. So, why are these essential contributors still excluded from real-world decision-making?

We know that even though many young people are not old enough to vote, they still wield real influence with elected officials and other decision-makers. Our non-profit organization promotes youth-organized campaigns in the US and abroad that diagnose problems and propose solutions to their local decision makers and officials (like school board members), community elders, and elected officials.

# There is NO minimum age for leadership.

## OUR PROGRESS

"A lot of us now have a different view about how the government works and how we can generate support and make a change. I don't think I could replicate that."

Manuel, 17, Chelsea, MA

of teens report having increased levels of confidence since joining our program.

### CONFIDENCE AND ACTION INCREASE!

93%

say that they have

contributed to tangible sociopolitical change due to

their involvement in our

program.

We provide trainings, workshops and mentorship so that teens gain the skills and confidence needed take direct action!

"My experience being an activist with Youth Activism Project has given me leadership and public speaking skills which I will carry with me through my life as an activist." - Maya, 17, Teen Activist & Board Member, Chevy Chase, MD



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## SUCCESS: CAMPAIGN HIGLIGHTS



### ArchNova Mental Health

At the Washington House Education Committee, two students testified in support of a Youth Suicide Prevention bill they helped draft. \*Pictured Left\*

### Youth Up Health!

On June 5th, YUH! presented a five page proposal based on community surveys and environmental research to their school administration. Victory! The school approved the installation of several water bottle refill stations!

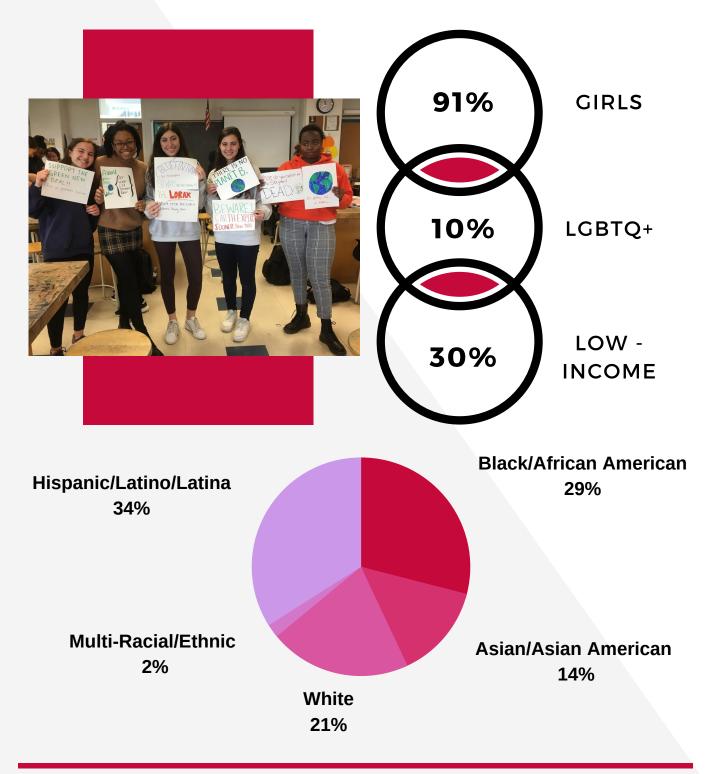
### **Outside Grad Movement**

Students from Chelsea High School, MA successfully petitioned their school board and local government *not only* to move their gradation to a larger outside venue, but for funding to do so as well! The City Council allocated \$170,000! Quite a victory for family inclusivity. Families of all sizes can now join students for the big day! \*Pictured Cover & Below\*



# WHOM DO WE SUPPORT?

We are dedicated to helping any and all teens #GetActivated, but we specifically aim to help those of marginalized and underserved communities.



# **QUICK STATS**

I'm so excited to be a virtual Ally. I'm participating in a 21stcentury program! I'm learning from this experience and it is helping my professional practice. - Robin, volunteer Adult Ally, Charlotte, NC

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#### NUMBER OF STATES

Although located in DC, our digital approach allows us to mentor, connect, and activate teens from any location in the USA.

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### NUMBER OF ALLIES

We believe an essential part of learning to be a teen leader is forming a partnership with a dedicated Adult Ally! All of our Adult Allies are Volunteers!

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#### NUMBER OF TEAMS

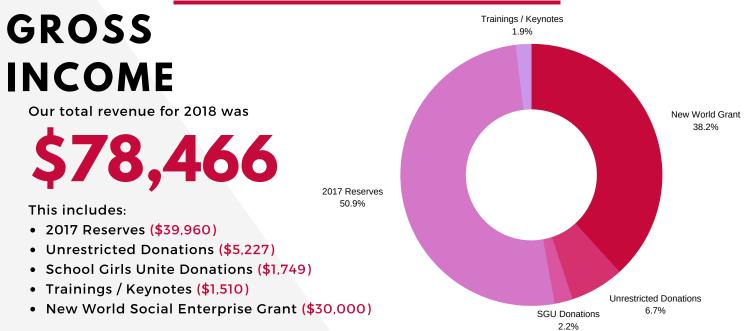
Through out 2018, 20 teen leaders signed up to receive activism training and mentorship. This process includes recruiting other teens and forming an advoacy campaign.

### **150** NUMBER OF TEENS

Due to our 20 teen leaders recruiting others, our impact extends to over 150 teens total!

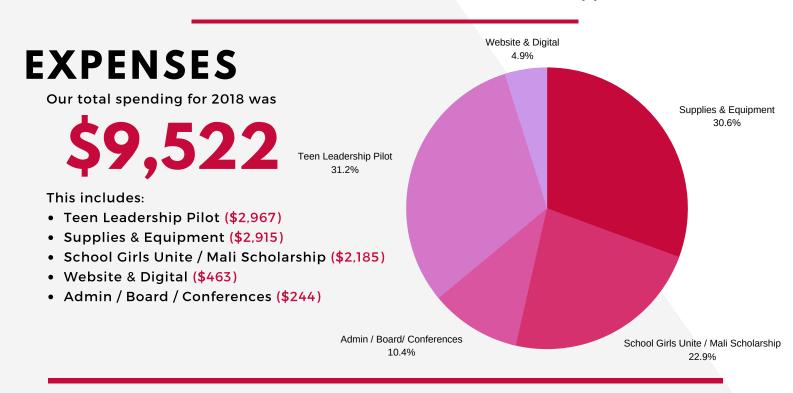


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