

Empowering Youth. Building Futures.

Youth Development and Employment: A Path to the Future



For 30 years, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) has been dedicated to advancing the social and economic well-being of women and families in our community.

Through strategic grantmaking, WFGM invests in local nonprofit organizations serving families in five key areas: case management and wraparound services; job skills, employment, and entrepreneurship; early childhood development; youth development and employment; and financial education and asset building.

In the current fiscal year, WFGM is investing \$1.8 million in 38 nonprofit partners delivering life-changing programs across these focus areas. More than \$410,000 of that funding supports youth-focused organizations that are helping the next generation build competence, confidence, and character.

Because when we invest in youth, we invest in the future of our city for generations to come.

Youth Development and Employment Grantee Partners

A Step Ahead Foundation

Booker T. Washington

Middle and High School

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis

Emmanuel Center

Girl Scouts Heart of the South

Girls Inc. of Memphis

Junior Achievement of Memphis

JIFF Mentoring

Kids N Technology

Memphis Black Arts Alliance

Memphis Inner City Rugby

Mustard Seed, Inc.

New Ballet Ensemble & School

STREETS Ministries

University of Memphis Research

Foundation-Herff

Vance Avenue Youth Development Center

6,403 youth

participated in development and leadership programs since 2020



70%+

of STEM N Schools students now perform at/above grade level

95%

of Girls Experiencing Engineering participants attend post-secondary education

100%

graduation rate at Booker T. Washington Middle and High School with students in the Lady Warrior Exposure Program



100%

of participants in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis' Technical Training Center secured jobs or college placements



91%

of Girls Inc. of Memphis participants report As and Bs in Language Arts



Through the support of WFGM, local nonprofit partners are creating life-changing opportunities for young people, equipping them with confidence, character, and a path to success. Here are a few impact highlights from WFGM's Youth Development and Employment Grantee Partners:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER MEMPHIS

At the Technical Training Center, students receive job readiness training and certifications in fields like Culinary Arts, Logistics, STEM, and more.

Last school year, 100% of participants secured employment or college placements, bridging the gap between education and the workforce.



GEE provides hands-on STEM and leadership experiences for girls in underserved communities.

A former participant shared, "GEE helped me discover engineering—and now it's my major!"

- 95% of participants attend college
- 58% pursue STEM fields
- 28% major in engineering



Girls gain confidence through the Lady Warriors Exposure Program at Booker T. Washington Middle and High School through sports, travel, and college exposure. 98% of graduates transition to post-secondary education, the Armed Forces, or the workforce. Alumni Chrusia W. and LaQuaris H. received scholarships and now serve as teachers and coaches, inspiring the next generation of Lady Warriors.



Scan the QR code to explore the incredible local nonprofits advancing economic and social mobility for women and families in Memphis. Learn about their work, impact, and how you can support them!

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