

Annual Report FY 2020-2021







— Kyia

- 66 My Educational SEL Counselor is always there for me when I need it. He has motivated me throughout the years to go through school and taught me things that can help me throughout school and life.
  - Edward
- 6 Ultimately, I seek to make an impact on the world and shine my light on as many people as I possibly can. Working with Denver kids has helped me learn the importance of staying true to myself.
  - Ravyn

- **6** My dream is to become a robotics engineer. Denver Kids helps me work toward that goal by checking in on me and making sure I am on the right track.
  - Christian

### Dear supporters,

Denver Kids is excited to share our 2020–2021 Annual Report. The year brought many challenges as well as celebrations for our students, families, staff, and community.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, and Denver Public Schools transitioned to remote learning, Denver Kids was uniquely positioned to meet student needs. The long-term lines of communication and trust we had already established with students, families, and school staff allowed us to create vital connections and a virtual bridge between school and home.

As the pandemic continued and remote school persisted, Denver Kids ensured students had access to necessary technology in order to participate in remote learning. Denver Kids focused on assisting students with adapting to their new educational realities by helping students manage their schedules from home, providing oversight and accountability and providing social and emotional support to manage isolation, anxiety, loss, and more. Denver Kids also supported families in accessing emergency resources. We acknowledge the inequitable impact this pandemic has had on our communities, and are committed to adapting to the ever-changing needs of our students and families.

Despite these challenges, Denver Kids had a reason to celebrate: 2021 marked our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of walking alongside tens of thousands of Denver Public School students through opportunities and challenges that varied dramatically for each cohort and generation. This year, as always, we were attuned to the needs and dreams of the youth we serve, and successfully pivoted through dramatically changing times to best support our students and ensure they achieved success.

We were also proud to celebrate the grit and resilience of our students for making it through an incredibly tough school year. Our senior class of 2021 demonstrated their perseverance and achieved an on-time graduation rate of 85%. Even more impressive, 84% of our graduates are pursuing a post-secondary option.

From experience, we know that we cannot anticipate or predict how the world will continue to change, or how those changes will impact the young people we serve. What we do know is Denver Kids will support, encourage, and unlock our students' inherent potential at every step.

We can't do this important work without you. We are so grateful for the generous support of our community: funders, volunteers, staff, mentors, and partners, who believe in us every day.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Patrick Byrne, CEO

Stephanie McCoy, Board Chair

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Denver Kids empowers students to positively shape their lives, successfully complete high school, and pursue post-secondary options.









### 2020-2021 In Numbers

85%

of Denver Kids students graduated high school on-time, nearly 16 percentage points higher than the DPS on-time graduation rate for students experiencing poverty



116

students completed high school, 115 earned diplomas and one earned a GED



84%

of Denver Kids graduates are pursuing a post-secondary plan (college, apprenticeships, technical training, military training)



948

students served in 1st-12th grade as well as in the first year of transition into post-secondary



**66%** 

of our graduates are the first in their families to pursue post-secondary education, based on a three-year average



40%

of our graduates are the first in their families to complete high school, based on a three-year average



208

volunteer mentor matches with students



14,976

estimated number of volunteer hours provided by mentors

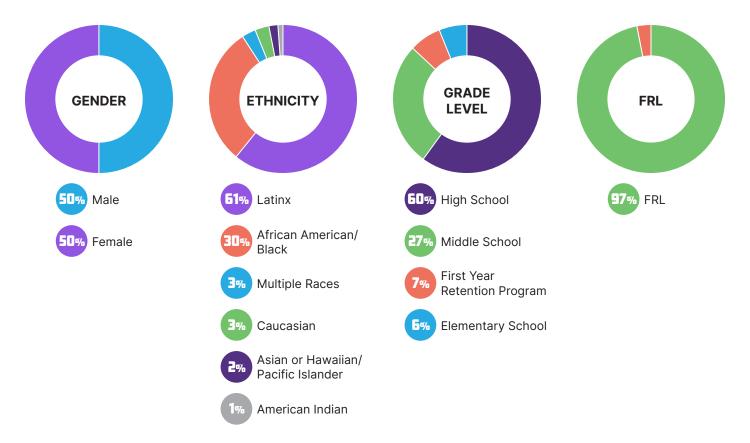


### Who We Serve

Of the 90,296 students enrolled in Denver Public Schools (DPS), **61.73 PERCENT** are Free/Reduced-Price Lunch Eligible (FRL), an indicator of poverty.

For young people who are experiencing the challenges of higher risk environments, outside factors often create roadblocks to their academic success and social-emotional wellbeing.

At Denver Kids, our model is a promising solution to counteract the challenges of poverty and the effects of stress and childhood trauma. In the 2020–2021 school year, Denver Kids provided wrap-around intervention supports to 948 STUDENTS AND GRADUATES IN 111 DISTRICT SCHOOLS.



### **Where We Work**

Denver Kids served students in 111 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS in 2020–2021.

Our work helped improve attendance, respond to critical student needs, reduce discipline referrals, and increase graduation rates.



### **Our Approach**

Denver Kids believes it takes academic support, enrichment, social-emotional tools and future planning to unlock full, lifelong success for every student.

Simply offering ONE or SOME of these elements isn't enough. Our students need—and deserve—the aggregate power of ALL of these supports.

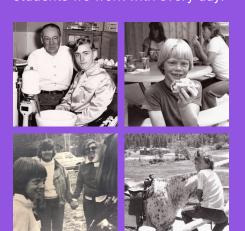
Our model, proven for 75 years, is differentiated by strategically creating, and constantly evolving and improving, a holistic experience that supports our students as individuals, students and future leaders.



### Celebrating **75 Years in 2021**

For the last 75 years, Denver Kids has walked alongside tens of thousands of students, through opportunities and challenges that varied dramatically for each cohort and each generation. From the impact of war, to the ever-changing landscape of civil rights and social challenges, to a global pandemic—Denver Kids has always been attuned to the needs and dreams of the youth we serve, and has successfully pivoted through dramatically changing times to best support our students and ensure they achieve success.

Even as we look back at our 75-year legacy, we're preparing for what's next. We're constantly evolving how to strengthen our program to best meet the needs of the determined, brilliant students we work with every day.



# Our approach to positive youth outcomes is rooted in:



EDUCATIONAL SEL COUNSELING

Relationship-driven support provided by long-term, trusted, expert counselors



SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL
AND ACADEMIC
LEARNING (SEAL) TOOLS

Infused throughout everything we do, with benchmarks and measures to ensure efficacy and continued improvement



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Helping students explore a myriad of opportunities after high school, including college, technical training and career exploration



ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES

Connecting students to opportunities



**MENTORSHIP** 

Volunteer mentors serve as another role model and cheerleader as students reach for their future goals

### **Our Vision**

Every student graduates. Every student is prepared with life skills, equipped with a greater understanding of self, and empowered to pursue their meaningful pathway post-graduation.









### **Our Values**

**INTEGRITY** 

We are truthful, equitable, and accountable in words and actions—even when it is hard.

**LEARNING** 

We foster an environment of continuous learning with a growth mindset and train staff to be their very best.

**EXCELLENCE** 

We focus on evaluating and strengthening our impact to be a center of excellence.

**LEADERSHIP** 

We actively listen with curiosity, welcome feedback, practice empathy and hold each other accountable to bring out the best in others and ourselves.

**DIVERSITY**, **EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVITY**  We develop respectful relationships by embracing all individuals with their unique backgrounds and contributions on our path towards equity.

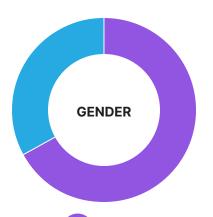




## Our Mentor Program

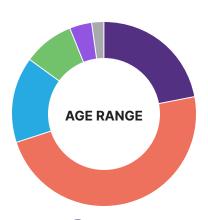
Denver Kids pairs qualifying students in our program with adult volunteer mentors for a minimum of one year. Mentors work closely with a student's Educational Counselor to position the student for success by addressing their unique goals and challenges.

**208 VOLUNTEER MENTOR MATCHES**, with mentors spending an estimated **14,976 HOURS** with our students.











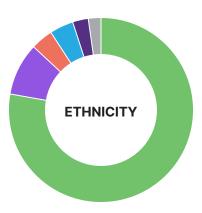


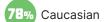


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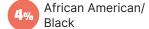
**4**‰ 60–69

2% 70+









Other race/ ethnicity

Asian or Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander

2% Multiple Races











### **Financials**

Thank you to every individual, corporation, foundation, trust, and estate that made a gift in FY 2020-2021. The generosity of nearly 1,300 DONORS contributed more than \$3.5 MILLION to Denver Kids. Additional revenue from the Paycheck Protection Program and investment income resulted in a surplus that will fund Denver Kids' financial reserve.



- Foundation & **Government Grants**
- Sponsoring Organizations
- Investment Income
- Individuals
- Paycheck Protection Program Income
- In-Kind
- **Events**
- Corporations



- Programs
- Fundraising
- Administrative









### **Our Supporters**

#### SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Our sponsoring organizations support our agency with significant annual financing backing and leadership. They are vital partners in helping unlock full, lifelong success for every student.







#### **CHAMPIONS**

The Denver Kids Champions program builds off our long-term relationship model and invites donors to invest in our students and program by making a minimum annual contribution of \$5,000 for five years. We thank the following individuals and organizations for their engaged philanthropy and for making a five-year pledge of support.

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We extend special gratitude to members of the Investing in Our Future Giving Circle, who have made a minimum two-to-five-year major gift pledge in support of the growth and sustained impact of Denver Kids.

#### **EMPOWERING CIRCLE** \$50,000 - \$124,999 PLEDGE

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