



## Teen Center Experience

Balanced Meal

Tutoring

Mentoring

Driver's Education

ACT Prep

College Visits

Career Exploration

Scholarships

STEAM

Cooking

Fitness Classes

Family Support

Alumni Support

Leadership Opportunities

## Success Stories

By the Numbers

**65%** of our students are eligible for free or reduced lunch

**100%** of Teen Center parents indicated that after school staff care about their child.

**OVER \$12K** of St. Luke sponsored scholarships were available for Teen Center seniors.

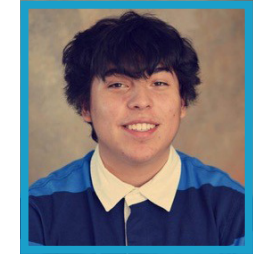
**100%** of our parents indicated that the Teen Center is a benefit to their Child.

**94%** of students share that they feel proud to be part of the Teen Center.

**92%** of students share that getting a college education is important to them.

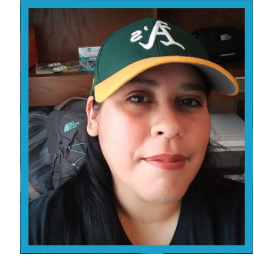
**97%** of students shared that they fit in at the Teen Center.

**87%** of graduating seniors are enrolled in a post-secondary institution.



**Justin**

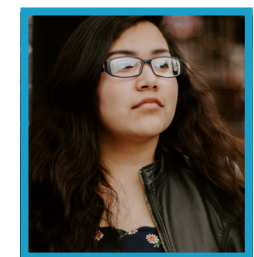
Arriving at the Teen Center as a sophomore, Justin had only nine credits from his freshman year. After a brush with the court system, Justin thought the Teen Center might be a good place to hang with his friends and play basketball. When approached about academics and graduating high school, the conversation was met with a shrug. On the basketball court, Justin connected with a mentor – Mr. Howard. Justin described Howard as ‘all business’. “He ensured that I put in my time academically before hitting the court.” Justin shared that he gained respect for Howard and soon that focus on academics became a habit. “I felt like I made a 180; matured a lot and gained focus at the Teen Center.” Justin graduated on time and is enrolled at Iowa Western Community College to study Construction Technology.



**Becky**

Becky was born and raised in Northern California by a single mother. Working for Head Start, her mother understood the importance of education. She worked long hours and in spite of her mom’s great example, Becky choose a different lifestyle. Becky dropped out of high school and found herself engaged in gang activity, a cycle of abuse and drug use. She had her first 3 children by the age of 21. The hardest moment in her life was when her mom gave her an ultimatum ‘Becky, you call CPS, or I will’. Becky’s brother, who lived in Omaha, bought her a ticket in hopes of beginning a new life. She moved to Omaha and got her feet on the ground and soon sent for her children. Working at St. Luke Child Development Center, she heard there was an incredible Teen Center downstairs.

All three of her children attended Burke High School, have been active members at the Teen Center and are all currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Becky shared, “My expectations of the Teen center were far exceeded. The word that comes to mind is family. I feel like my kids are deeply loved and valued as individuals. I feel I am respected as a mother. They communicate with me and explain things if I don’t understand. They love my family. They love all and they serve all.”



**Yvonna**

Growing up in a low-income, single parent household, Yvonna didn’t have a lot of opportunities that others were afforded. She knew from a young age that in order to build a future for herself, she had to develop an intense focus on her education. Being a first generation Latina, she shared that going to college was something she needed to do and had dreamed about. Her parents did not know a lot about college thus could not assist with the process. Yvonna shared, “ I felt fortunate to find myself at the Teen Center. I found an immense sense of belonging and the help I needed.” She is currently attending Creighton University studying psychology and studio art; and highly involved on campus, specifically in areas of diversity and inclusion.

## The Value of Collaboration

**INCOME**

<b>St Luke:</b>	
Contributions	\$44,821
Operating Revenue	\$ 2,011
Community Contributions/Grants:	\$142,852
Legacy Dinner	\$66,625
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$256,309</b>
<b>Burke High School:</b>	<b>\$95,450*</b>
<b>Upward Bound:</b>	<b>\$50,000*</b>
<b>Food Bank of the Heartland:</b>	<b>\$16,691</b>

\*Estimates

**EXPENSE**

<b>St Luke:</b>	
Administrative	\$142,586
Programming	\$42,631
Facility	\$69,733
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$254,950</b>



In April, the St Luke Teen Center was honored as the 2019 Can Do Future Award recipient at the Can Do Luncheon sponsored by Kids Can. The award is sponsored by Wells Fargo and recognizes organizations that strive to create opportunities for a brighter future for the most underserved members of our community. “St. Luke Teen Center provides hope to teens and their families by helping ensure our youth are prepared for the next phase of their lives,” said Kirk Kellner, Wells Fargo region bank president.



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### 2018 Gala

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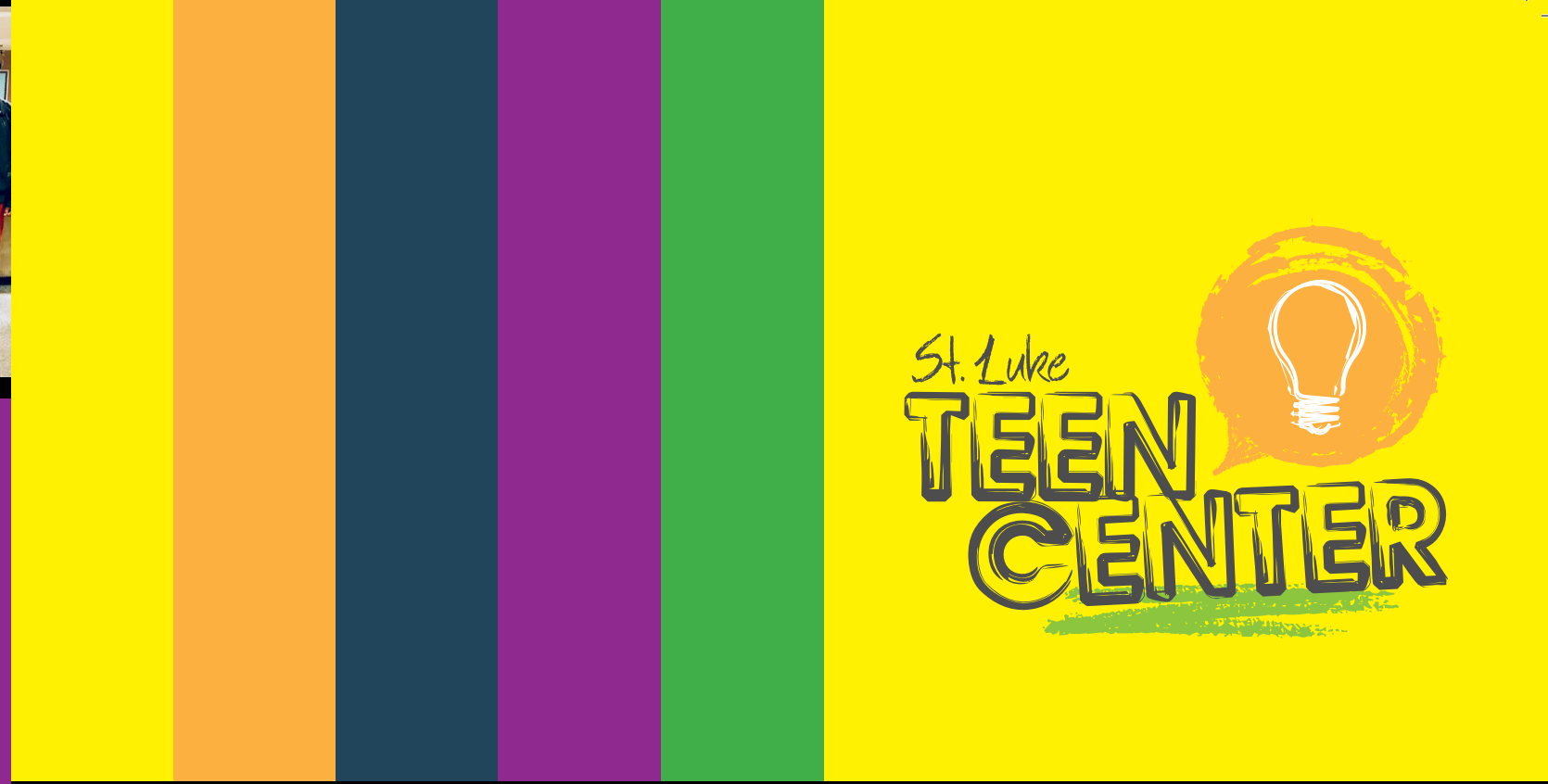
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### Teen Center Mission

To maximize the potential of youth within our community through the development of positive relationships, motivation for academic success, and safe environments.

### Teen Center Vision

The Teen Center is a collaborative effort of St Luke, the schools and the community, where teens discover and pursue their potential while working towards self-sufficiency.

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LIVE who they are and embrace who they can become; GROW in academic, leadership and relationship skills; SERVE others to create a better tomorrow.

Our programming is goal-oriented and student focused. We work to address the whole student and set a foundation for their future.