

Impact Report 2021/22



**TEEN
CENTER** 
TOGETHER, A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We promote opportunity for students through intentional after school programming that provides education, exposure, and mentorship.

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Message from our Director

I want to begin this letter with tremendous appreciation to our funders, donors, collaborators, supporters and staff.

The Teen Center has been able to pivot and adapt amidst another year of challenges and changes. The impact of the pandemic is still real and glaring for our students and families making the work we do that much more important and critical. As we grow into our own 501C3, the unwavering support and commitment is a testament to your dedication to the mission.

I am pleased to share that our board and staff have created a new strategic plan as we embark on year 16 of programming. In addition to the creation, we are moving effectively through much of it, including critical pieces of staff training, expansion and retention. We have evolved and grown beyond our wildest beliefs and we are excited to share with you where we hope to head in the future.

With surprise COVID relief funds, we were able to offer summer programming ranging from Driver's Education to at-home art kits to two Entrepreneur weeks. Our goals were to continue to support our students with overcoming barriers, engaging programming and inspiration for self-sufficiency.

Together, we have accomplished so much and we have so much left to do. Here's to another great year and another to come! Thank you for your continued love and support.


Abbey Jackson
Teen Center Director

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Thank you for your commitment to assist students at the Teen Center. I received a personal testimony from Nicholas Lockwood, who shared how you've had such a positive impact on his life. It is important to have the right people in place to make a difference. Please know that you are helping youth to reach their potential and it hasn't gone unnoticed.

Dr. Cheryl Logan
Superintendent, Omaha Public Schools



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Burke High School

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Legacy Dinner

Honorary Chairs: *Corey and Nancy Joekel*

Donor of the Year: *Cari and Joe Kenney*

Volunteer of the Year:
Barb Bradley and Sharon Anglemyer

Provider of the Year:
*Young Entrepreneurs of the Future -
Breann Hines and Ashley Mullins*

Teen Center Staff

Julie Butler, *Administrative Coordinator*

Abbey Jackson, *Director*

JaLisa Sanford, *Assistant Director*

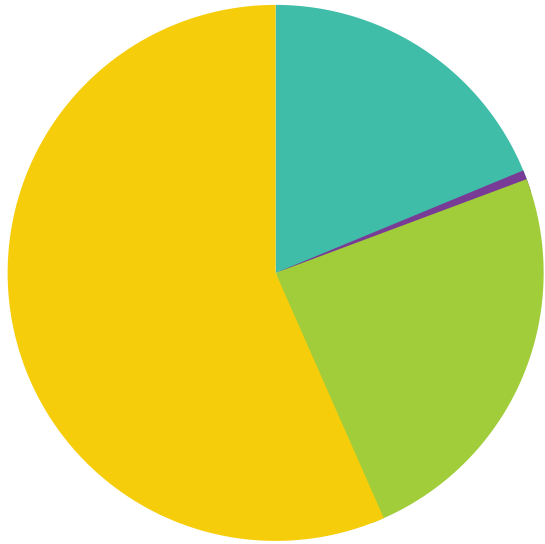
Upward Bound Staff

Tori Greenlee, *Project Coordinator*

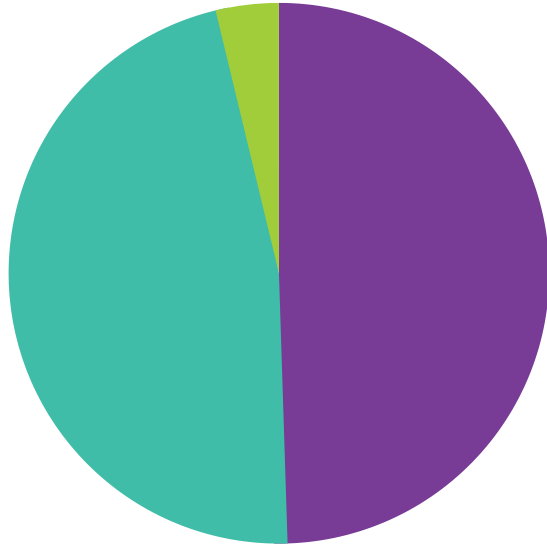
Jackie Lee, *Director*

LaTina Rencher, *Assistant Director*

2021/22 Financials



Private Contributors \$67,563
Operating Income \$211
Fundraiser Dinner \$86,724
Grants \$203,920
Total Revenue: \$306,131

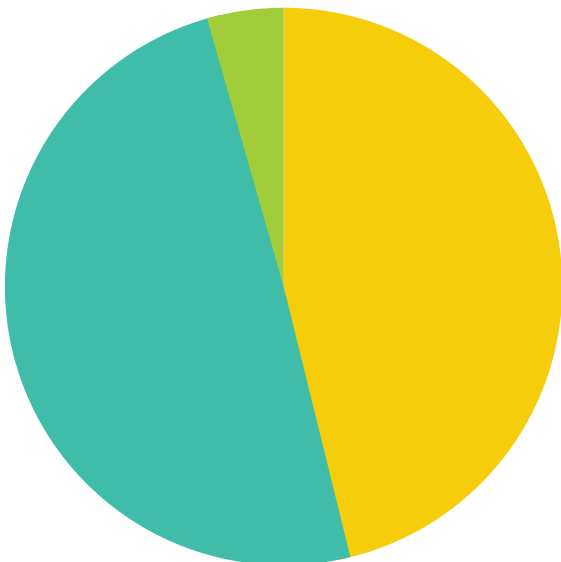


Management & General \$173,801
Programming \$186,097
Fundraising Dinner \$16,694
Total Expenses: \$376,592

Burke High School: \$90,000*
Upward Bound \$85,000*

Food Bank of the Heartland \$6,851*

*In-kind estimates



Alumni Highlight

Sydney Roseby

University: Nebraska Methodist College

Major: Nursing

Minor: Health Care Spanish

Currently working at Methodist Women's Hospital

I always heard my sister talk about the Teen Center. I adore my sister and value her opinion highly. So, when it was my turn to attend Burke, I was ready for 'my turn' at the Teen Center. This place was a home away from home. Even though I was CeCe's sister, I knew I could make it my own. I was treated and loved as the individual I am. It was an after school program filled with a million other moms and big sisters. I built friendships with people who had similar goals and mentor relationships with women who looked like me. Graduation time came. I made my choice and off I went – a liberal arts college and I was to play basketball. It was not the right fit for me and I was miserable. Two staff came to my last game of the season and surrounded me with love, support and advocacy. Teen Center has a tight relationship with Nebraska Methodist College, so I knew a little bit about the school but once I learned more, I was sold. I am currently studying Nursing with a Minor in Health Care Spanish. I have less than 2 years to go with the move. I feel connected on campus – whether that is through the Ambassadors Program that allows me to connect with prospective students or chatting with Dr. Carlson. In addition, I work at the St. Luke Child Development Center which shares a building with the Teen Center, so I get to see my mentors on a regular basis, even if it's for a quick hug. I know they will always be in my corner ready to advocate and love me.



Hard work and rising to a challenge has never phased Syd. She's a powerhouse.
Abbey Jackson, Director at Teen Center



Sydney is one of those students who has a natural drive to work hard and prioritizes her academics. I was glad to be able to support her through scholarship applications, job searches, and the transition to college as a minority student at a primarily white institution. She is currently thriving at NMC and I am excited to continue to support her as she starts her career in nursing! - **JaLisa Sanford, Assistant Director at Teen Center**

Day in the Life

3:05PM



Walk across the street

We had over 100 active students enrolled at the Teen Center during the 2021-2022 school year.

Hot/balanced meal

Over 1800 meals were provided at the Teen Center through our collaboration with Food Bank for the Heartland.



3:10PM

3:30PM



Mentorship and Connect with staff

All students are assigned a case management mentor

Academic Assistance

On site, students have access to an expansive array of technology, printing capabilities, school supplies and Burke High School tutors.



4:00PM

4:00PM



Electives

Daily classes range from Cooking to ACT Prep to Entrepreneurship.

Transportation

30% of our students are eligible for busing to and from school and upon completion of the after school program.



5:20PM

Ann DeGray Spirit Award:

This award is given to underclassmen who encourage authentic relationships and interactions within the Teen Center community. One who lifts others up and treats them with respect while exhibiting a humble and compassionate spirit.

Kylie Johnson (11)

Oghenetejiri (T.J.) Omadevuae (11)

Big Red Keno Science & Math Grant:

In conjunction with Collective for Youth, the Teen Center was awarded the Big Red Keno Science and Math grant to support the education and exploration in the area of STEAM. With the generous support, the program was able to purchase additional iPads, a 3D Printer and virtual reality systems.



Scholarship Winners:

Golden Barfield

Attending University Nebraska at Lincoln
Majoring in Psychology

Lili San

Attending University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Majoring in Biology and Pre-Nursing

Sadiyah Hasan

Attending University of Nebraska Omaha
Majoring in Pre- Nursing

Jacob Kirui

Attending University of Nebraska Omaha
Majoring in Aviation

Susan Rivera Perez

Attending University of Nebraska Omaha
Majoring in Pre- Nursing

Assata Loftin

Attending University of Nebraska Omaha
Majoring in Psychology

Scholarships:

**Ann and Oliver
DeGray Memorial
Scholarship**

**Dean Hughes
Memorial
Scholarship**

**Justin Estrada
Memorial
Scholarship**

**Lasting Legacy
Scholarship**

**\$17,000 of
scholarships**
are distributed through the
Teen Center annually



I get to see students in an environment other than my classroom or the hallways of Burke. I see their passions, hobbies, and friends. I know that I am part of a bigger support system lead by Teen Center staff who deeply care about their students. Burke really has something special going on with the Teen Center, and I love being a part of it.

Claire Wilson, Burke High School Teacher and Tutor



I choose to support the Teen Center financially and with my time because I believe that all kids deserve a shot at making good lives for themselves. And I believe that education is the key to finding that path. The support and encouragement provided by the Teen Center staff, the Burke teachers who help the kids at Teen Center, and the volunteers provide a stable and nurturing environment that allows the kids to grow and learn, and become supporters and encouragers themselves. Giving the tools to kids in my community to become happy, productive adults is the best way I can think of to invest in the future of my hometown.

Becky Reilly
Volunteer



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