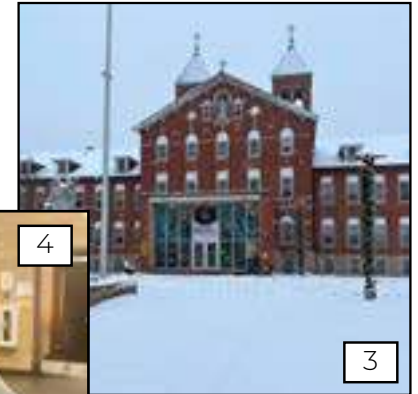




# welcome

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(1) Volunteers pose for a photo in the Chapel after wrapping Christmas gifts for youth. (2) Members of the Normandy Kiwanis pose with their donation of Exit Kits for youth moving from our Transitional Living Program (TLP) into scattered-site housing. (3) The Core Collective in the snow at Christmas. (4) A youth from our TLP casts her vote for the Youth Council election. (5) Latosha Fowlkes, former President & CEO, poses with local representatives from Jack in the Box to accept a grant from The Jack in the Box Foundation. (6) Staff of The Core Collective pose in Halloween costumes. (7) A barber provides a back to school haircut at our Back-to-School Bash sponsored by the St. Louis Mental Health Board and the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission. (8) Members of Core Collective staff pose for a photo at the second Assessment Center Convening in May 2025.

# dear friends and supporters-

2025 was a milestone year for The Core Collective at Saint Vincent. We honored the long history of our organization and looked forward to a future made better by the youth we serve.

In August, we proudly celebrated 175 years of caring for children and families in the St. Louis region with a magnificent fireworks display over the Mississippi River at Kookin' for Kids. As the fireworks sprung to life, we were reminded of our organization's founding not far from the site of our celebration and marveled at the tenacity of our founders and the legacy left behind. Originally founded as the German St. Vincent Orphanage Association to serve a community devastated by two crises - a cholera epidemic and riverfront fire, little did these community members know that 175 years later their work would continue to impact youth and families in St. Louis.

This year also saw our organization continue its commitment to local youth and families as we hosted two large convenings with more than 70 agencies to dream about what a Youth Assessment Center on the campus of The Core Collective could accomplish. We are incredibly grateful to each partner that has signed on for this effort and to the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund (CSF) for providing a grant of \$202,000 for the planning phase of this project. Later in this report, you can learn more about this project, its progress, and how you can help.

Finally, this year marked a leadership transition. We are tremendously grateful to Latosha Fowlkes for her leadership of The Core Collective as President and CEO for five years. Latosha's leadership has transformed The CC into a thriving community leader focused on making well-being the standard for St. Louis by expanding services, strengthening supports for youth and families, and advancing a bold, healing-centered vision for St. Louis. We also wish to express our gratitude to retiring Chair of our Board of Trustees, Mary Ellen Ponder. Her leadership has been an instrumental part of guiding us through one of the most transformative periods in our recent history, and we thank her for her time and service.

While the landscape of need has changed since our founding in 1850, our purpose has not. We look forward to the many opportunities ahead of The Core Collective to make well-being the standard for St. Louis and to continue to invest in the transformational power of youth. We are grounded in 175 years of impact and inspired by what is possible when a community comes together.

Thank you for being part of this enduring work and for helping us ensure every child and family has the opportunity to thrive.

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Ratliff".

**Gloria Ratliff**  
Interim President &  
Chief Development Officer



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne Worley".

**Dwayne Worley**  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## our mission

We are on a mission to make **well-being** the standard for St. Louis. We improve healthcare for families, advance socioeconomic equity, and activate conscious leaders.

## our vision

We are a **thriving community** invested in the transformational power of youth.



# our impact

## TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

The Core Collective at Saint Vincent (The CC) offers a Transitional Living Program (TLP) that welcomes youth ages 16-22 to live on The CC's campus for up to 24 months. While enrolled in the program, youth access housing, therapy, life-skills education, and other supportive services that empower them to transition to independence. These resources guide, support, and inspire youth on their journey to adulthood. After completing the TLP, youth may receive up to six months of continued counseling and case management services to ensure they are well-prepared for their next adventure in independence.

**In 2025, approximately 90% of TLP youth maintained or improved their level of functioning.**

## COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

The Community-Based Services (CBS) Program is dedicated to the growth and happiness of youth ages 6-19, whether on The CC's campus or in our neighborhoods. Youth enrolled in this program have access to trauma-informed counseling, expert case management, and supportive services that nurture social and emotional well-being.

**97% of youth in The CC's Community-Based Services program experienced fewer emotional and/or behavioral symptoms in 2025.**

## THE HUB & STREET OUTREACH

Unhoused youth or youth at risk of housing instability come together at The Hub to discover opportunities and unlock their potential. The Hub welcomes youth every Monday - Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Individuals can visit The Hub for case management, recreation activities, laundry facilities, snacks, life skills classes, and community resources. In connection with The Hub, The CC offers a Street Outreach Program (SOP) that brings staff to areas around St. Louis City and St. Louis County with high concentrations of runaway, unhoused, or at-risk youth. As they engage with youth, staff provide them with basic needs support, educate them on staying safe, and seek to connect them to shelter.

**97% of youth in the Street Outreach Program had their immediate basic needs met in 2025.**



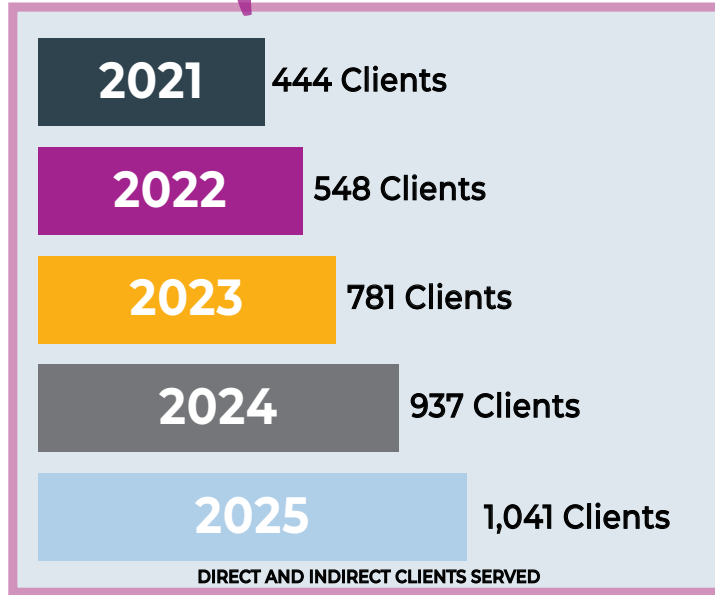
*"I've learned that I am very strong ... If I want to do it, I know I can do it. I am going to do it."*  
- Elissa



# demographics



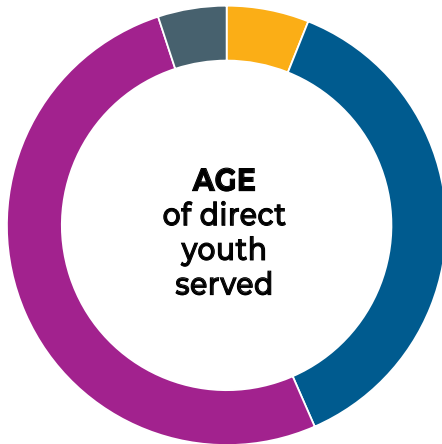
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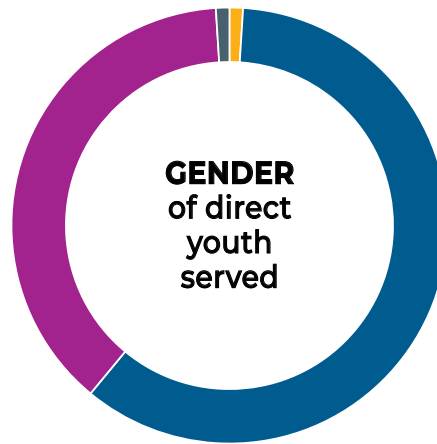
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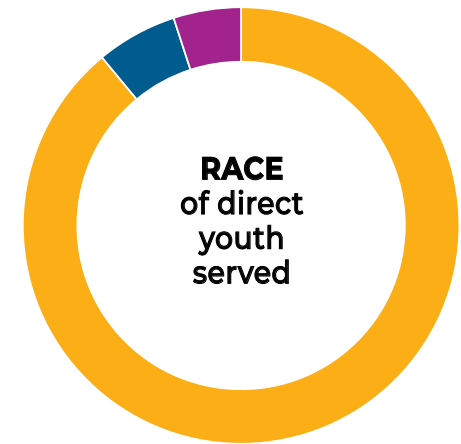
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- Ages 6-9 ..... 6%
- Ages 10-14 ..... 37%
- Ages 15-19 ..... 51%
- Ages 20-34 ..... 5%



- Female ..... 38%
- Male ..... 61%
- Non-binary ..... 0.5%
- Transgender ..... 0.5%



- African-American ..... 89%
- Caucasian ..... 6%
- Other Races ..... 5%

# Last fiscal year\*

Public Support and Revenues	
<b>Public Support</b>	
Contributions and grants	\$2,403,484
Fundraising	\$132,955
United Way of Greater St. Louis	\$63,150
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$2,599,589</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Fee for services	\$1,245,116
Investment Gain	\$18,155
Miscellaneous	\$49,439
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,912,299</b>
<b>Total Public Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$6,511,888</b>

Expenses	
Program Services	\$2,754,739
Management and General	\$529,408
Development	\$351,071
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,635,218</b>
Changes in Net Assets	\$207,595
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$4,797,548
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$5,005,143</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	\$137,085
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,005,143</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,142,228</b>

\*2025 unaudited

# highlights

## **Kookin' for Kids**

The 34th Annual Kookin' for Kids with a Taste of New York was held on Friday, August 8, 2025, at The Four Seasons - St. Louis. The event raised nearly \$120,000 to support The Core Collective at Saint Vincent's programs.

The evening included a silent auction, raffles, live entertainment, delicious culinary offerings, and a live fireworks display, all in celebration of The Core Collective's 175th anniversary.

Congratulations to Chef Ro Buck & Sweet N' Spice Catering who were once again voted Best Chef by guests!

Thank you to our event sponsors!

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### **Thank you to all participating restaurants and chefs!**

- ◆ Cake Snob ◆ Case & Bucks Grub Pub, Super Smokers BBQ & Cajun, and Papa's Diner ◆ Chef Ro Buck and Sweet N' Spice Catering ◆ Clara B's Kitchen Table ◆ Doggie Mac's ◆
- ◆ Four Seasons St. Louis ◆ FUFU N SAUCE ◆ STL Toasted ◆ T's Kitchen ◆



# ADVANCING WELL-BEING: A YEAR OF ACTION

The Core Collective continued laying groundwork for a planned Youth Assessment Center (YAC) by hosting two convenings for providers and partners in 2025.

March's Provider Round Table hosted more than 70 community partners to discuss the project's strategic vision. May's session featured guest speaker Joshua Campbell from the Louisiana



Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) who shared his experience building and operating an Assessment Center.

The Core Collective is grateful to St. Louis County Juvenile Office, St. Louis County Children's Service Fund (CSF), Normandy Schools Collaborative, the North County Police Cooperative, and The Rome Group. Each of these organizations has been instrumental in early conversations and visioning. CSF has also granted \$202,000 for the project planning phase.

Planning will continue in 2026 and include committee formation, committee meetings, and general convenings. If you are interested in learning, please contact the Development Office at [developmentoffice@thecrstl.org](mailto:developmentoffice@thecrstl.org).

## What is a Youth Assessment Center?

The Core Collective envisions a Youth Assessment Center housing multiple coordinated agencies providing supportive services to the community under a single roof. This ambitious project aims to disrupt the foster care-to-prison pipeline and create clearer pathways to stability for youth and families through early intervention and holistic support. The Assessment Center model is a proactive approach to addressing problem behaviors and family crises before they escalate into deeper system involvement.



# HONORING LATOSHA FOWLKES



The Core Collective at Saint Vincent thanks Latosha Fowlkes, former President & CEO, for five years of dedicated service.

Latosha is responsible for the organization that exists today. Under her leadership, The Core Collective completed a strategic re-branding and visioning to set the organization's future path. This path to make well-being the standard for St. Louis by investing in the transformational power of youth is at the heart of her efforts.

Staff, volunteers, and partners were always eager to support the projects Latosha championed, and youth often sought her guidance and friendship. Her leadership can be seen in the culture of community, compassion, well-being, trust, and healing.

Perhaps most important in her achievements is the convening of more than 70 partners in 2025 to establish a Youth Assessment Center on the campus of The Core Collective.

We are deeply grateful to Latosha for her extraordinary impact and unwavering dedication.

# TAB'S STORY



When Tab arrived at The Core Collective in April 2024, she was seeking safety and a chance to build a life. She came to The CC having experienced isolation from peers and being routinely criticized and punished for expressing herself. She struggled with deep depression and was hospitalized for suicidal ideation.

Staff share that they quickly saw a different and lighter side of Tab emerge. Surrounded by supportive adults and peers, she quickly became social, motivated, and engaged. She attended school regularly, formed meaningful friendships, and embraced opportunities to grow. She particularly enjoyed the Monday night cooking classes offered at The Hub by Anthony Lynch of Table for Lou. Through these classes, she earned her ServSafe certification and was hired by Anthony to work his booth at the Tower Grove Farmers Market.

In early 2025, she moved into a scattered-site residence and secured a job at a local restaurant. In May 2025, Tab attended Senior Prom (at left) and graduated from Hazelwood High School. She spent the summer of 2025 living on campus and participating in the University of Missouri's summer bridge program. Today, Tab is pursuing a degree in the medical field, driven by a desire to help others the way she was helped. She recently returned to visit friends at the Monday cooking class and share stories from her first semester at Mizzou.

## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the many funders who invested in The Core Collective at Saint Vincent in 2025! We reflect on a few that have allowed us to make improvements to our campus.

**THE BUDDY FUND** donated \$56,000 to refresh our outdoor basketball court with a new playing surface and hoops, repair the court fencing, and offer pickleball to our youth. Final improvements are in progress, and we look forward to hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony the spring of 2026.



Support from the **ST. LOUIS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY** allowed The Core Collective to make necessary technology updates on campus in 2025. With their support, we

opened a community computer lab, installed wi-fi in our Transitional Living Program (TLP) apartments, and added outdoor security cameras.



A \$10,000 investment from GATEWAY TO INNOVATION allowed us to develop our Tech for Life-Launchpad. The Tech-for-Life Launchpad will offer shared access to innovative technology to help youth in our TLP gain critical life and career skills in a fun, engaging, and trauma-sensitive environment.





Staff of The Core Collective pose for a team photo at an event celebrating former President & CEO Latosha Fowlkes.

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Supporters like you are the driving force behind life-changing support for the youth and families we serve. The impact in this report is a testament to what we can accomplish together.

Join us on our journey to make **well-being** the standard for St. Louis. Donate today and help transform lives.

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