



A symbol of
hope.

20 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUTH IN GREATER NEW ORLEANS



Because of you, YEP has become a leading force in empowering young people and their families in Greater New Orleans. **Today, YEP annually reaches over 1,000 individuals from 13 parishes through four key programs across five locations, all at no cost to participants.**

YEP MENTORS Est. 2004

Mentoring and advocacy for young people ages 8-21.

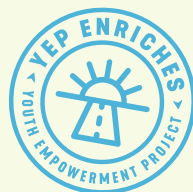


ALIEK, 17 With the support of YEP Mentors, Aliek is thriving in high school, is a member of ROTC, runs track on his high school team and thanks to generous donors joined other kids on a Wilderness Adventures camping trip to Wyoming this summer. YEP Mentors changes the trajectory of young people's lives with dedicated mentoring and care that incorporates the entire family, school visits, assistance with basic needs and help setting and achieving personal goals with

INTEGRITY. "YEP is like a family," Aliek said, "It's a symbol of hope and peace."

YEP ENRICHES Est. 2009

Out-of-school time enrichment for youth ages 7-16.



HAILEY, 9 Since she was 7 years old, Hailey has joined her two older brothers at YEP Enriches. She regularly arrives eager to tackle homework alongside a caring adult before turning to art, gardening or other fun experiences. YEP Enriches' out-of-school program, summer camps and field trips offer young people access to supportive services and opportunities to expand their life experiences and community engagement through activities including art, sports,

drumline and dance team. "I feel grateful for the people at YEP. They've taught me so much," said Hailey. "Everyone is so KIND."

YEP EDUCATES Est. 2006

Adult education and high school equivalency prep for anyone 16+.



CONSTANCE, 37 Constance earned her high school equivalency diploma through YEP Educates in 2014. She is now an intern in the program, gaining experience and empowering others like herself as she works towards her Bachelor of Social Work degree. YEP Educates equips anyone with the resources they need to earn their high school equivalency through classes and on-site testing in English and Spanish. Constance attributes her ongoing **PROGRESS** to YEP's support.

"Once you have someone who is there for you, who RESPECTS you and believes in you, that makes you want to succeed even more."

YEP WORKS Est. 2012

Work-based learning and workforce development for youth ages 16-24.



KE'DARYL, 18 Ke'Daryl plans to own a welding business, so while a senior in high school, he joined YEP Works to help him prepare for his future. He is now enrolled in a welding program. YEP Works transforms lives by providing young people with practical skills and opportunities for growth. Our bike shop and thrift store offer hands-on training, allowing participants to earn stipends while developing essential social and emotional skills. **"I learned a lot of things about business,**

including the importance of responsibility and ACCOUNTABILITY," said Ke'Daryl, **"but the best thing I learned is that I have a shot at anything I want to do."**

OUR IMPACT

YEP has positively impacted the lives of **10,000**
New Orleanians during two decades of service to the community.

Through YEP, **689** individuals have earned their HiSET diploma,
increasing their earning potential, educational options and hope for
the future.

YEP has paired **2,600** young people with an adult mentor,
empowering them to reach their potential.

YEP'S CORE VALUES
are accountability, respect, progress,
integrity and kindness.

YEP's mission is to engage underserved young
people through community-based education, mentoring,
enrichment, and employment readiness programs to
help them develop skills and strengthen ties to family
and community.

Learn more about YEP's programs at youthempowermentproject.org/programs



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