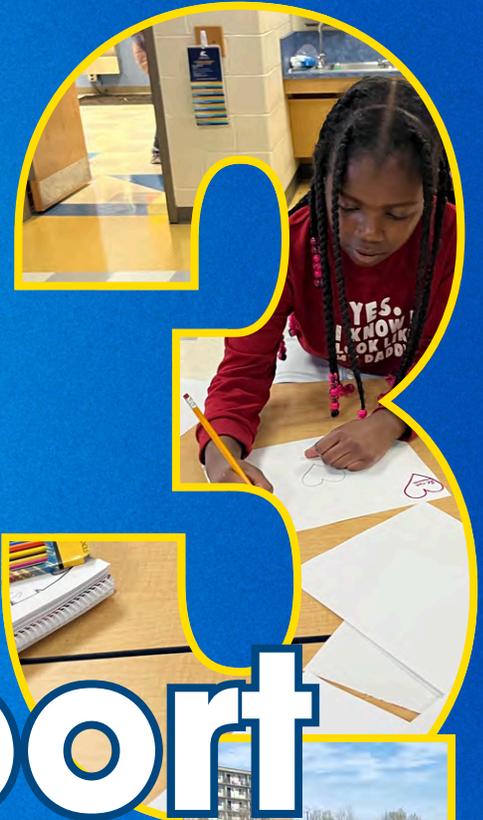




Annual Report



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reflect on the 2023-2024 school year, I am incredibly proud of all that America SCORES Cleveland accomplished. Our commitment to the Cleveland community remains steadfast, ensuring that youth have access to high-quality soccer, poetry, and service-learning programs that help them learn, grow, and thrive.

Our poet-athletes continue to be the best part of our day. Their energy, creativity, and resilience drive everything we do, reinforcing our mission to provide a transformative program.

This year, we saw firsthand how SCORES empowers youth, building confidence, leadership, and a sense of belonging. On the field and in the classroom, they found their voices, discovered their strengths, and created a foundation for future success.

As the afterschool landscape shifts, America SCORES Cleveland remains strong. Thanks to our dedicated board, staff, volunteers, and supporters, we are financially sound and positioned to sustain and expand our impact where it's needed most. Our partnerships with schools and community organizations continue to grow, ensuring we remain a trusted resource for Cleveland's youth and families.

To all who support this mission, THANK YOU. Your belief in our work makes everything possible. Together, we will continue to inspire, uplift, and empower Cleveland's youth.

With gratitude,

Alison A. Black

Alison Black
Executive Director, America SCORES Cleveland



HIGHLIGHTS | FALL 2023

Teamwork Leadership Commitment

are the three pillars that drive our program. Whether our students are in the classroom or on the field we work to ensure they are learning vital life skills.

During the Fall our poet-athletes worked hard to learn how to use poetry to give a voice to important issues in their lives. On the soccer field they worked on honing their skills for their weekly soccer games.

On November 14th, 18 teams and 10 individual students took the stage for SCORES' Annual Poetry SLAM at Cleveland State University's Waetjen Auditorium. They performed their original poems about being a leader, their love of soccer, their identities and much more. It was an inspirational night and the perfect way to finish our Fall season!



[Click here for our complete list of our 2023 Poetry SLAM Winners.](#)

Thank you to our 2023 Poetry SLAM! Partners:

**Watch our 2023 Poetry SLAM!
performances on YouTube**



HIGHLIGHTS | SPRING – SUMMER 2024

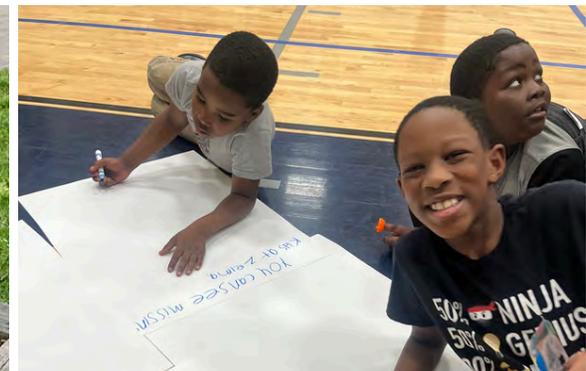
As soon as the weather warmed up our teams hit the ground running! They hopped back onto the soccer field and into the classrooms ready to put to use the skills they learned in the Fall.

On May 15th at our annual Jamboree at the Brookside Reservation, our Poet-Athletes joined their families for an afternoon of soccer games, food and giveaways. Caregivers and community members also got to see all the hard work the students put into their service projects which included donation drives, clean-ups, kindness rocks, and planting flowers. It was an amazing way to end the Spring season.

Our oldest students wrapped up their season with the BLAST soccer tournament on May 16th at Michael Zone Rec Center, where Buhrer Dual Language Academy took home the trophy as the Spring 2025 Champions!

On April 13th corporate teams left the office and hit the field for our annual SCORES Cup tournament at Force Sports. A huge congrats to our winners PwC and Progressive.

We kicked off the summer with our inaugural fundraiser, One Night One Goal. Three of our amazing poet-athletes, Aryel, DeNyah and Jau'nyla performed their poems for all our guests. We honored our long-time coaches Joe Caroniiti and Theresa Ogbomo, and dedicated supporter Dr. Sridhar, Provost of Cleveland State University, with the 2024 Calliope Awards. We also honored Michele Ibarra, SCORES Board member and Buhrer Academy's principal with the Peter L. Galvin award. It was a wonderful night of inspiration celebrating all of SCORES accomplishments over the year.



2023-2024 AFTER-SCHOOL IMPACT SNAPSHOT



1,200+
Youth served annually

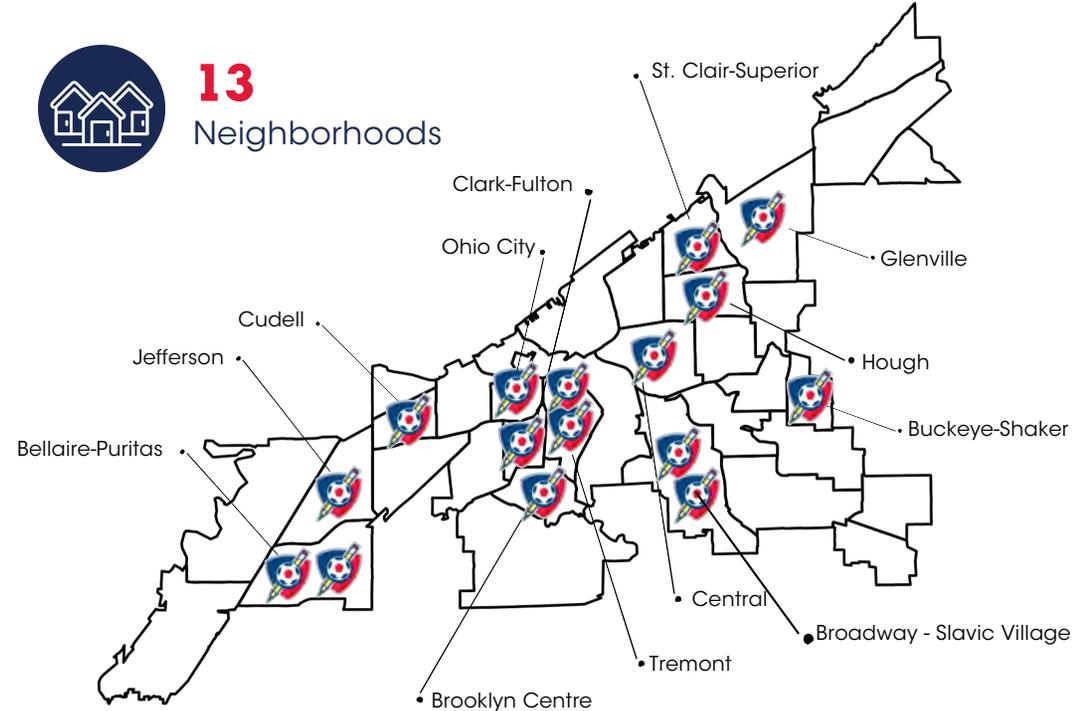


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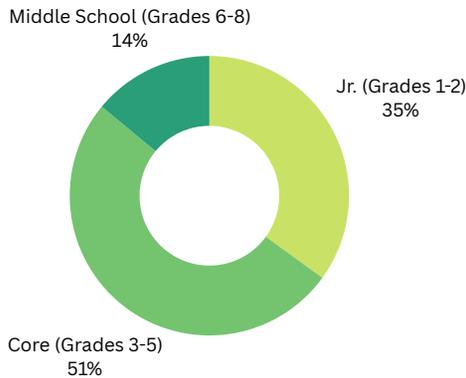


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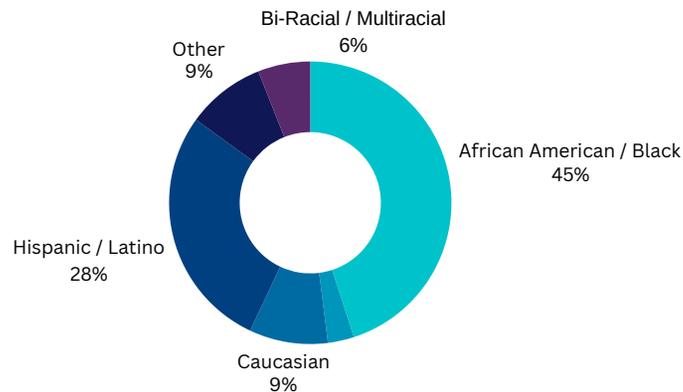
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- A. B. Hart School
- Buhrer Dual Language Academy
- Dike School of the Arts
- Denison School
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy
- Garfield School
- Marion C. Seltzer School
- Natividad Pagan Intl. Newcomers Academy
- Orchard S.T.E.M.
- Robinson G. Jones School
- Scranton School
- Sunbeam School
- Warner Girls' Leadership Academy
- Wade Park School
- Willson School



Program Age Group



Race/Ethnicity



Gender



For our complete 2023-24 impact, see our [Program Outcomes Report](#)

WHAT OUR POET-ATHLETES ARE SAYING

SCORES has given me a team and companionship!

Kamryn is a 5th grader from Wade Park School and has been part of the SCORES team for 2 and half years! He initially joined because he was looking for something new & exciting to try.

One of his favorite memories is when he performed as an individual poet at the 2023 Poetry SLAM. His poem, "Don't Judge Me!," is all about not making snap judgements about him or other people.

When he grows up he wants to be a doctor.



Aryel is a 3rd grader at Sunbeam School and has been part of the SCORES team from the very beginning!

Aryel has always loved soccer and joined because she wanted to get better! She loves that she gets to play against other teams and is able to challenge herself.

One of her favorite memories is her team winning 1st place at their very first Poetry SLAM!

Aryel wants people to know that she is more than a soccer player. she is also a singer, poet, and is intelligent.

SCORES is a happy and fun way to spend time afterschool!

POETRY HIGHLIGHTS

THINK ABOUT HOW WORDS MAKE YOU FEEL

5th Grader, Buhler Dual Language Academy

Think about how words make you feel
Funny, smart, pretty, strong
My heart is glowing
The words stay in your heart for so long.

Think about how words make you feel
You can't do hard things, you're ugly,
you're lame.
My heart is crumbling
Soon my heart will go out like a flame.

Think about how words make you feel
Motivated, excited, thrilled, happy
My heart is burning
The excitement of the day makes my
heart snappy.

Think about how words make you feel
Helpful, caring, generous, kind
My heart is beaming
As I leave you,
keep these words in your mind.



THERE ONCE WAS A BUNNY

1st-2nd Grade Team, Artemus Ward

There once was a bunny
His name was Mister Beast
He was very funny
Salad with carrots was his feast

He fell into a hole
A million carrots all around him
He wanted to roll
With his best friend Tim

They ate all the carrots
Then went home to sleep
They woke up to pet their ferret
Who didn't make a peep



FROM THE COACH CORNER

Ms. Takiyah Williams has been a SCORES' coach for the last 3 years and was an instrumental figure in starting the program at Orchard S.T.E.M. School. Her and Ms. Swarm's hard work has grown the school's teams from 1 Core team in 2021 to 5 teams from grades 1st - 8th.

Ms. Williams is all about teamwork and school pride! It is not uncommon to see her and her fellow coaches decked out in their bedazzled SCORES shirts cheering on the students at soccer games or the Poetry SLAM. Ms. Williams ensures all her players feel pride to be part of the Orchard team.

Ms. Williams does not only want her poet-athletes to learn how to play soccer to the best of their ability but she is always encouraging them to try new things and work hard at all aspects of programming.

She embodies our three pillars, teamwork, leadership & commitment, frequently talking to the kids about the importance of showing up and working hard, respecting each other, and learning how to be true leaders.

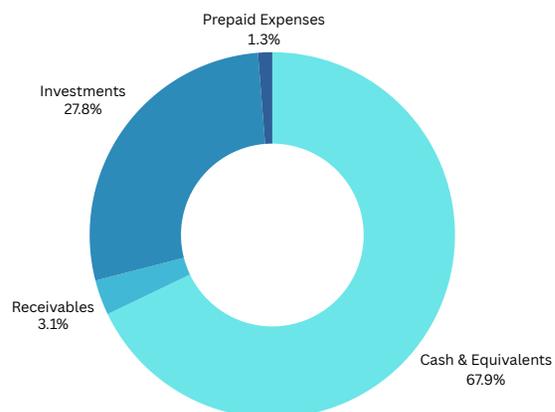


“[SCORES] has that sense of community, and that’s what we need nowadays. Not only a school community but a family community as well.”

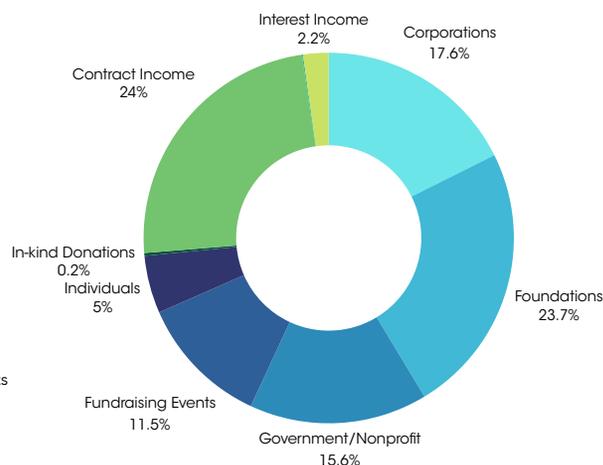


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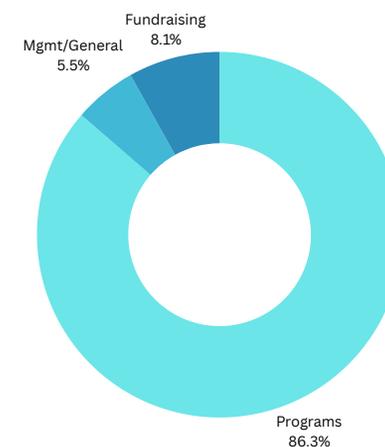
ASSETS



REVENUE



EXPENSES



Financial Position

ASSETS

Current Assets

	2024	2023
Cash & Equivalents	\$587,610	\$523,536
Receivables	\$26,924	\$12,236
Prepaid Expenses	\$10,877	-

Other Assets

investments	\$240,273	\$210,008
Fixed Assets, Net	-	\$5,842

Total Assets	\$865,684	\$751,622
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$12,469	\$10,971
Accrued Compensation	\$15,696	\$20,455

Total Liabilities	\$28,165	\$31,426
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Net Assets	\$837,519	\$720,196
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$865,684	\$751,622
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Activities

REVENUE

	2024	2023
Foundations	\$188,044	\$167,659
Corporations	\$139,699	\$133,450
Government/Nonprofit	\$123,396	\$103,417
Special Events, Net	\$91,279	\$72,137
Individuals	\$39,890	\$44,790
Donated Services & Material	\$1,966	\$2,174
Contract Income	\$190,128	\$225,107
Interest Income	\$17,582	\$4,373
Other Income	\$717	-

Total Revenue	\$792,701	\$753,107
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EXPENSES

Programs	\$607,733	\$554,100
Management & General	\$39,023	\$40,025
Fundraising	\$57,051	\$46,984

Total Expenses	\$641,109	\$641,109
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