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# YouthBuild McLean County

## 2023

# Annual Report

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## Letter from our Executive Directive

Dear Community Partner:

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment that would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible community.

As the Executive Director of YouthBuild McLean County, it is my distinct pleasure to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who has played a crucial role in supporting our mission. Whether you volunteered your time, donated resources, or simply offered words of encouragement, your contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of the young individuals we serve.

This year's annual report is a testament to the collective efforts of our community in fostering positive change. With your support, YouthBuild McLean County has been able to empower young people, providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to build brighter futures. Together, we have created a ripple effect of positive transformation that extends beyond the walls of our organization and into the heart of our community.

The progress we have achieved together is truly remarkable. Our participants have not only acquired valuable vocational skills but have also developed a strong sense of community, leadership, and self-confidence. These achievements would not have been possible without your belief in the potential of every young person and your commitment to investing in their success.

As we celebrate our collective achievements, we also look forward to the future with optimism and determination. Your continued support remains essential as we strive to expand our impact, reach more young individuals, and create even greater positive change in McLean County.

On behalf of the entire YouthBuild McLean County team, please accept our deepest gratitude. We are honored to have such a dedicated and supportive community standing by our side, and we look forward to achieving even greater heights together.

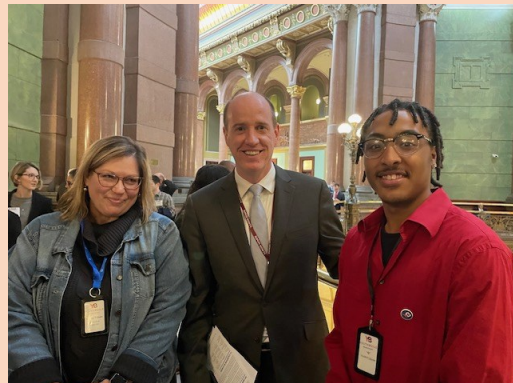
Thank you for making a difference.

Sincerely,

Tracey Polson

Executive Director

YouthBuild McLean County





## OUR MISSION

**It is YouthBuild McLean County's mission to build, develop, inspire and challenge educationally and economically disadvantaged students to make the**

## OUR VISION

**We cultivate a community learning environment that creates opportunities and transforms lives of youth into future professionals, leading and contributing to their community and instilling hope for a better tomorrow.**





## 2023 Highlights

- **January 10th YBMC and Ryan Dowell, Facilities Director, were recognized by the Salvation Army for our partnership in helping with the facilitation of the McLean County Toys for Tots toys and food distribution.**
- **January 12th– YBMC was a recognized mentoring program for National mentoring Month by the McLean County Board.**
- **January 16th-YBMC participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr National Day of Service. Youth, staff and volunteers completed service projects in the community.**
- **March 7-8th-YBMC student leaders and staff attended the Youth Leadership Day in Springfield, IL hosted by the Illinois YouthBuild Coalition. One hundred youth and staff from YB programs across Illinois met and completed community service building benches, picnic tables and planter boxes for non-profits in Springfield. Youth had the opportunity to meet State Representatives and discuss how YB has helped improve their lives.**
- **March 24th-YBMC hosted our annual AmeriCorps Service Ball celebrating the completion of 24,438 hours of service to the community.**
- **March 30th-Worked with the McLean County Chamber’s Leaders on Loan to craft a marketing strategy for YouthBuild!**
- **April 28th-YBMC is the host of three Heartland Community College classes, Wood Turning, Dog Obedience Training and Yoga classes.**
- **June 2nd-YBMC hosted a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross.**
- **June 22nd-Sherman’s donated a refrigerator for the Glenn Project House.**
- **July 21st-YBMC visited YouthBuild Waukegan to participate in Service Exchange trip. Students worked on a community alley project and learned about the YB Waukegan program.**







## 2023 Highlights (Continued)

- July 29th-YBMC hosted the WITT Corporation's Community Clothing giveaway. Over 240 families were assisted with new and gently used clothing, back packs and shoes.
- August 12th- YouthBuild GRADUATION! Thirty four youth completed requirements to earn a high school diploma.
- August 15th-YBMC meets AmeriCorps enrollment goal at 100%.
- September 28th-YBMC was gifted \$1500 as the benefactors to a fundraiser at the PASS Pub. & Grill.
- October-YBMC students and staff decorated a bra for Ft. Jesse Imaging Center to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness month and generate funds to assist women with screenings.
- October 7th-YBMC Hosted the WBRP's Bed Blitz and helped craft 100 beds for children in the community.
- October 9th-YBMC was awarded \$400,000 from the Illinois YouthBuild Coalition to provide YouthBuild Services to eligible youth.
- October 11th-YB Graduate Malik was awarded \$1000 Illinois State Credit Union that was designated to a YouthBuild Graduate.
- October 18th-YB was gifted \$2000 from TenTac's Truck or Treat.
- October 23rd-27th-Jeremiah Brandt and Katie Smith attended the AmeriCorps Conference of Young Leaders in Washington DC representing YBMC.
- October 31st-YBMC staff and students gathered over 4500 pairs of socks in conjunction with the Illinois State University Center for Civic Engagement.
- November-YBMC received a \$10,000 grant from Meijer and a \$10,000 grant from Normal Township helping meet the \$20,000 goal for the creation of a sensory room at YB.
- November-YBMC received a donation of materials from Lowe's Home Improvement and Thrivent to remodel the training center vestibule.
- November-YBMC sold the Glenn House to an income qualifying family.
- November-YBMC students and graduates received Thanksgiving boxes from the Vineyard Church.
- November 15th-YBMC staff toured the Laborer's Training School in Stanford, IL.
- December-YBMC hosted the WITT Corporation's Holiday Giveaway. Over 350 families were assisted with household items, toys and clothing.
- December-YBMC hosted the Holiday Spectacular while they constructed additional stage props.
- December-YBMC is the host for the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots toy distribution.



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## **Board of Directors**

David Stanczak– Board President

Paula Evans-*YouthBuild Alumni*

Mark Toon

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## YouthBuild McLean County by the Numbers

Total Number of Students Served (January 1, 2023-November 30, 2023)

**94**

Total Number of High School Graduates (August 16, 2023)

**34**

Total Service Hours (January 1, 2023-November 30, 2023)

**46,234**

Total Number of Homes Remodeled

**1 (316 Glenn Ave, Normal, IL)**

Total Number of Apartments Maintained or Weatherized

**10**

Total Number of Students Employed

**14**

Total Number of Students Entering Post Secondary Education

**11**

Total Number of Youth Receiving Access to Mental Health Services

**94**

**YouthBuild McLean County and Subsidiary  
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2022**

**ASSETS**

Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 584,865
Restricted cash	120,084
Accounts receivable	1,211,074
Construction projects held for sale	71,006
Prepaid expenses	40,021
Prepaid income tax	<u>94</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,027,144</u>
Property and equipment, at cost:	
Land	269,229
Buildings	2,128,810
Vehicles and equipment	107,992
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(825,836)</u>
Total property and equipment	<u>1,680,195</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,707,339</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 47,975
Line of credit	-
Income tax payable	-
Current maturities – notes payable	74,409
Accrued and other liabilities	93,654
Deferred revenue	<u>1,013,091</u>
Total current liabilities	1,229,129
Long-term liabilities:	
Notes payable – long-term	<u>1,366,001</u>
Total liabilities	2,595,130
Net assets – without donor restrictions	<u>1,112,209</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 3,707,339</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**YouthBuild McLean County and Subsidiary  
Consolidated Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Support and revenues:	
Contributions	\$ 63,852
Contributions – in-kind	12,500
Rental revenue	184,389
Grants – federal	1,105,581
Grants – state and local	479,661
Program revenue – charter school	305,604
Construction income (loss)	(9,517)
Miscellaneous	<u>20,189</u>
Total support and revenues	<u>2,162,259</u>
Expenses:	
Program services:	
Education and training	548,953
Counseling, leadership and outreach	370,922
Job placement and follow-up	210,879
Construction training	195,548
Affordable housing	<u>278,477</u>
Total program services	<u>1,604,779</u>
Supporting services:	
Management and general	<u>428,908</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,033,687</u>
Change in net assets	128,572
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>983,637</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,112,209</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.



## MEET OUR STAFF

<b>Tracey Polson</b>	Executive Director
<b>Michelle Klatt</b>	Chief Finance Officer
<b>Julie Ohler</b>	Fiscal Assistant
<b>Kersten Wilson</b>	Development Specialist
<b>Stacy Van</b>	Registrar and Data Manager
<b>Gabi Thoennes</b>	Receptionist and Program Assistant
<b>Ryan Dowell</b>	Facilities & Maintenance Director *YouthBuild Graduate
<b>Kathie McCain</b>	Facilities & Maintenance Assistant

### Supportive Services Staff

<b>Robin King</b>	Supportive Services Director
<b>Bertram Givan</b>	Lead Case manager *YouthBuild Graduate
<b>Nichelle Collins</b>	Case manager School Based Social Worker
<b>Victoria Weston</b>	Post Secondary Education Coordinator
<b>David Lewis</b>	Career Coordinator
<b>Rebecca Lynn</b>	Mental Health Counselor
<b>Nadia Curry</b>	AmeriCorps VISTA
<b>Emme Olsen</b>	ISU Social Work Intern

### Education Staff

<b>Kevin Bradley</b>	Education Director
<b>Eduardo Pimentel</b>	Teacher & Information Technology Job Site Instructor
<b>Mary Gura</b>	Teacher
<b>Dr. Ryan Edel</b>	Teacher
<b>Dana Crutcher</b>	Construction Job Site Instructor
<b>Stephanie Bridges</b>	Healthcare Job Site Instructor
<b>Nuusa Faamoe</b>	Education Assistant

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## MCLEAN COUNTY