



Annual Report

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LETTER FROM OUR CEO & BOARD CHAIR

For 18 years, Dallas Afterschool has stood as a steadfast advocate for equitable access to high-quality Out-of-School-Time (OST) programs, spaces where curiosity thrives, working parents find support, and children discover their potential beyond the school day. In 2025, our mission has felt more urgent than ever.

Across Texas and the nation, nonprofits like ours are navigating a changing landscape. Economic fluctuations, increased scrutiny of public funding, and shifting policy priorities have made it harder for many OST providers to sustain their work. These challenges come at a time when demand continues to grow, with more families seeking safe, enriching spaces for their children after school and during the summer months. Staffing shortages and rising operational costs remain persistent barriers, threatening both access and quality.

Despite these headwinds, Dallas Afterschool continues to lead with innovation and collaboration. This year, we supported over 200 programs serving more than 15,000 children, an impact made possible through strong partnerships, afterschool professionals, and generous community support. Together, we've advanced workforce development efforts, provided critical training to Direct Service Staff, and championed policies that strengthen the entire OST ecosystem in Dallas County.

Our work is a testament to what happens when a community invests in its future. Every child we reach represents a family supported, a dream nurtured, and a step toward a more equitable Dallas. As we look ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that quality afterschool and summer programs are not a privilege, but a promise, one that every child in our community deserves.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to open doors of opportunity, one afternoon at a time.

Marjorie Murat



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Chief Executive Officer

John Hill



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Board Chair

FROM CLOSING DOORS TO OPENING CAREER PATHWAYS

When Dr. Laquetta Shaw first stepped into the world of afterschool programming, she was handed a challenge: revitalize a nearly closed site with just three students enrolled. But with grit, vision, and **the support of Dallas Afterschool**, she transformed that challenge into a thriving program and a remarkable career.



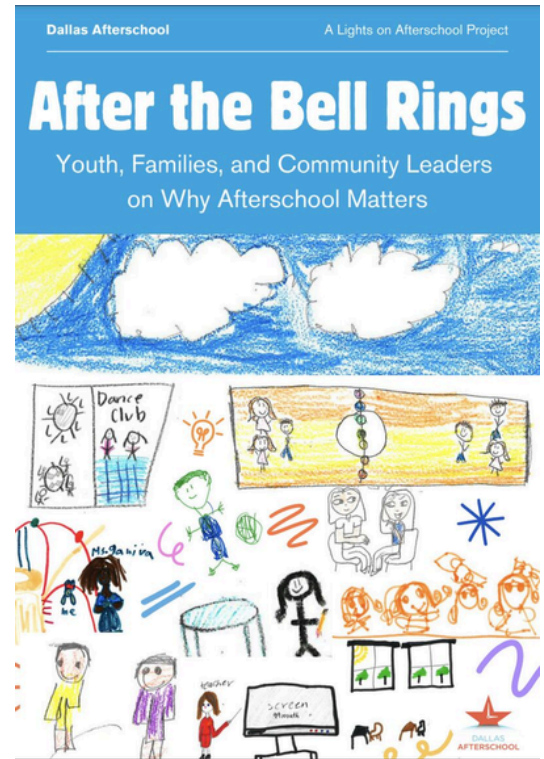
Dr. Shaw immersed herself in every opportunity Dallas Afterschool offered: coaching, professional development, innovative tools like Virtual Reality kits, and connections that sparked game-changing partnerships. One of those connections led to a groundbreaking collaboration with Compudopt, which provided families at her site with desktop computers, printers, and laptops for each child, closing the digital divide and unlocking new possibilities for learning. Because of Dallas Afterschool's training and resources, Dr. Shaw rose from Site Director to Director of Program Administration at Afterschool Opportunity Lab, with a clear trajectory toward Vice President. Along the way, she has led teams across North Texas, kept 15 sites staffed and thriving, and shared her passion with every new hire, including gifting them a mug that reads, "Welcome to my happy space."

In recognition of her extraordinary leadership, Dr. Shaw was honored this year with Dallas Afterschool's inaugural Outstanding Afterschool Professionals Award as part of National Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week.

Her story is not just a personal triumph. It's proof that investing in out-of-school time programs transforms the lives of children, of families, and of the leaders who serve them. By supporting Dallas Afterschool, you are uplifting the entire out-of-school time ecosystem.

"WE ARE BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU"

When Christi Giles-Reed thinks about what makes a great afterschool program, it's not just the activities or the schedule — it's the feeling of belonging. As Service Area Manager for the Dallas Park and Recreation Department's Out-of-School Time Division, she sees firsthand the difference it makes when kids feel safe, supported, and truly seen. "At the core of our mission is a desire to create spaces where children not only feel safe, but seen," Giles-Reed shares. **"That kind of environment doesn't just happen, it's built. And our partnership with Dallas Afterschool has helped us build something truly special."**



With the help of Dallas Afterschool's rigorous Afterschool Quality Advancement tool, the Park and Recreation team has embraced higher standards of quality, not as a burden, but as a tool for growth. "It's not just a checklist," says Giles-Reed. "It's a guide, a mirror, and a motivator. It helps us reflect, improve, and celebrate how far we've come." Their commitment to that process has paid off. Today, Dallas Park & Recreation operates more afterschool sites certified as high quality than any other partner agency in our network. But the partnership goes beyond assessments.

"Dallas Afterschool pours into our staff with ongoing training and support. They've helped turn our passion into practice and our intention into impact. The results speak for themselves: staff feel more confident and kids are flourishing. "We've seen shy students step into leadership roles, and part-time staff transform into powerful mentors," says Giles-Reed. "When our staff thrive, our kids thrive."

"Thank you for being part of our journey, for lifting us higher, and for making our work not only possible but powerful. We are better because of you. And that means Dallas is better, too."
- Christi Giles-Reed



A LEGACY OF LEARNING AT AMERICAN CARE ACADEMY

This year, Dallas Afterschool expanded its network to include early childhood providers as well as traditional afterschool programs. American Care Academy (ACA) was just one of these programs that was able to use a \$10,000 grant from Dallas Afterschool to provide high-quality early childhood education to 93 children in Dallas' Tenth Street Historic District—most from low-income, single mother households.

This grant was part of a larger two-year partnership between Dallas Afterschool and the City of Dallas, which provided critical classroom supplies and emergency funding to 24 out-of-school time and early childhood programs across the city. These strategic investments helped strengthen the nonprofit landscape during a pivotal time of recovery and transition.

At ACA, the grant stabilized staff wages, funded essential classroom upgrades, and reignited community outreach. As a result, ACA saw a 27% increase in enrollment and restored trust among families who had previously felt displaced. *"The grant and resources did more than support a program—it helped sustain a legacy,"* shared Patricia Adams-Williams, CEO of ACA.

In a neighborhood where affordability and access are increasingly threatened, your support helped ACA remain rooted, resilient, and responsive.



FROM AFTERSCHOOL STUDENT TO FULL-TIME TEACHER

Mariela Cervantes Muniz knows firsthand the life-changing power of afterschool programs, because she grew up in one. “I’ve been at Jubilee Park Community Center since I was in first grade,” she says. “It was my safe place, my community. I fell in love with every part of it.” That early connection to Jubilee’s afterschool and summer programs set Mariela on a path of service. As a teen, she volunteered through AmeriCorps. As a young adult, she became a summer staffer at Jubilee. Today, she’s a college graduate, a lead teacher at Trinity Basin Prep, and a beacon of hope for the next generation.



Still, Mariela continues to return to Jubilee each summer to work in their teen program. She and her fellow educators credit Dallas Afterschool with helping them:

- Gain confidence through hands-on trainings in behavior management and social-emotional learning
- Receive on-site coaching and guidance during the AQuA Quality Assessment process
- Attend team-wide summer workshops that made professional development fun and accessible

Mariela’s story reminds us that investing in afterschool isn’t just about the kids, but also about the mentors and educators they become. Her journey is also a powerful example of how giving to a systems-building organization like Dallas Afterschool creates a ripple effect across our community.



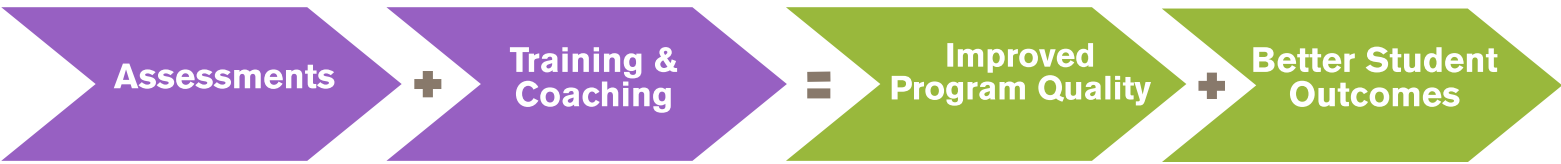
Dallas Afterschool

2024-25 Impact Report



Our Theory of Change for Student Impact

By combining assessments with technical supports, we improve program quality and student outcomes.



In addition to training for educators, we offer a library of enrichment and academic resources for students.

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**WONDER KIT
STEM ACTIVITIES
DISTRIBUTED**

91%

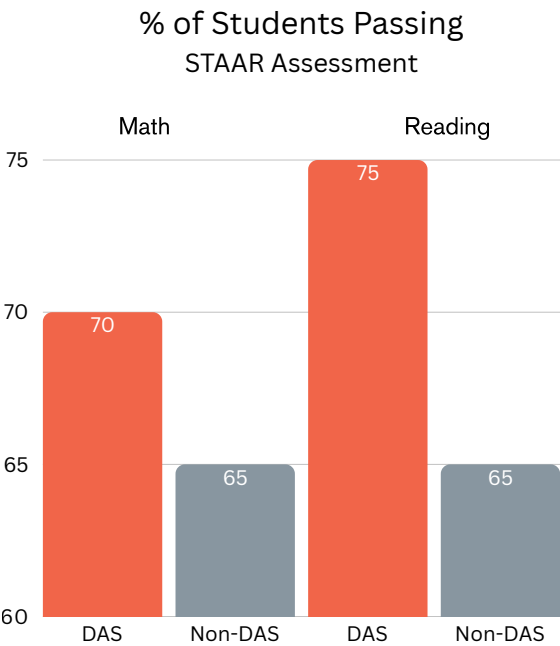
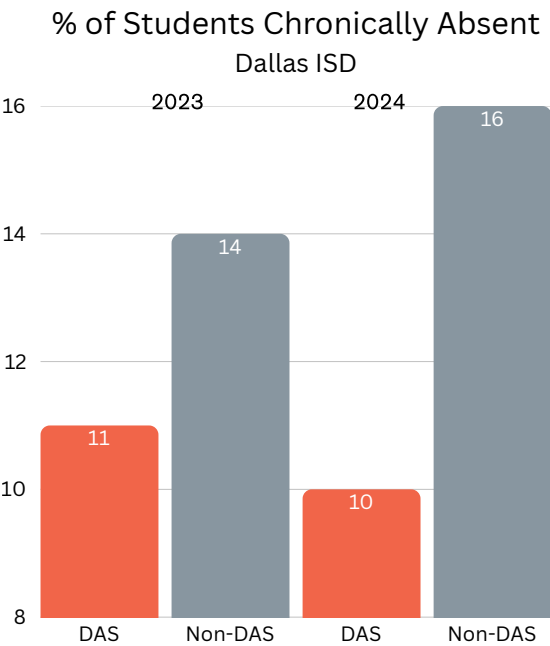
**STUDENTS
IMPROVED SOCIAL
SKILLS**

1,500

**CHILDREN IN HIGH
QUALITY
PROGRAMS**

This year, we partnered with SMU's *Center on Research and Evaluation* to examine the impact of quality afterschool on student success. **The results prove our theory of change.**

Our Students Outperform Their Peers on School Attendance and Academics



DAS = Dallas Afterschool



We **A.L.M.** to Build a Better Afterschool System for Working Families

Amplify the Afterschool Workforce

Total Afterschool Professionals Trained	1,300
Hours of Individual Coaching for Afterschool Professionals	550
Partner Satisfaction Rate in Program Offerings	95%

Inform Data & Quality Practices

Afterschool Programs Certified to Quality	21
Safety Assessments Conducted	102
Study Linking Quality Programs with Student Outcomes	1

Mobilize Partnerships to Expand Access

Locations Supported	200
In Microgrants to 24 Providers	\$250,000
Investment in Afterschool by the Texas Legislature	\$500,000



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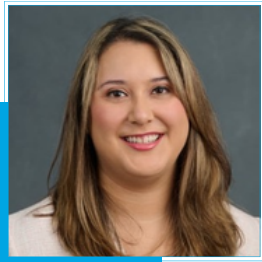
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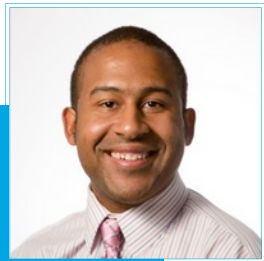
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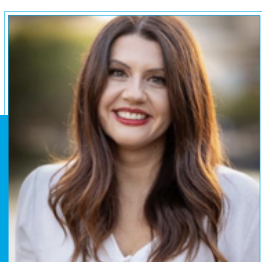
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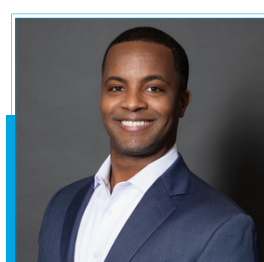
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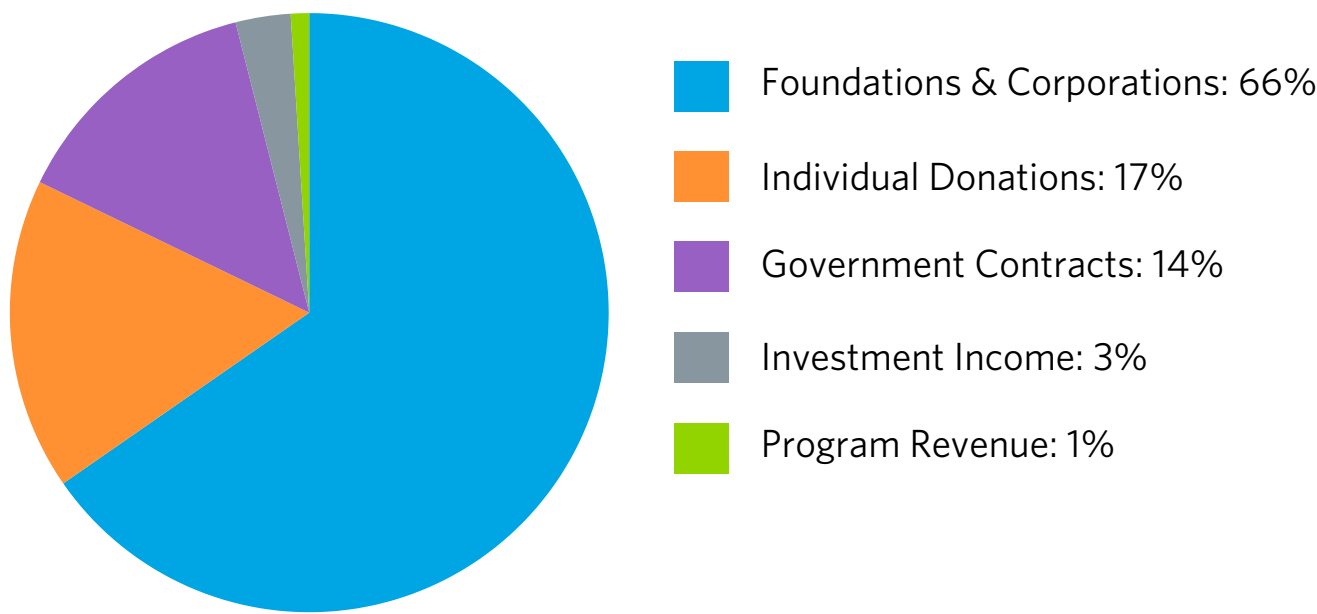
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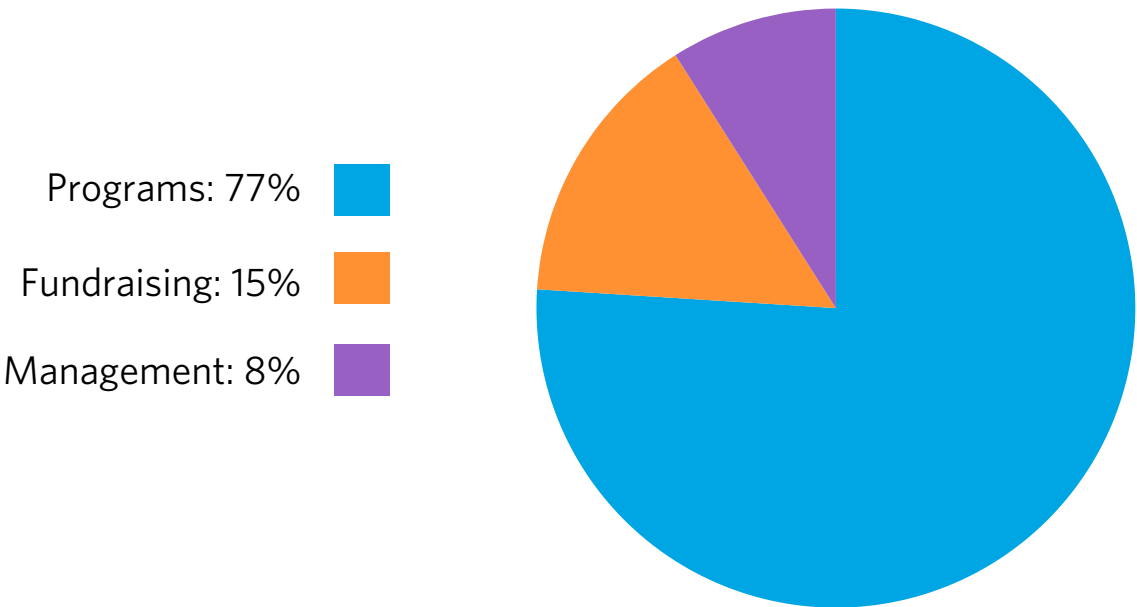
TOTAL REVENUES

\$1,736,663



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$2,262,312



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2 Inspire Peace	Frazier Revitalization, Inc.
After-School All-Stars	Girls Inc.
Afterschool Opportunity Lab	Girlstart North Texas
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Big Thought	Jubilee Park and Community Center
Bridge Builders	Let the Beat Build
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