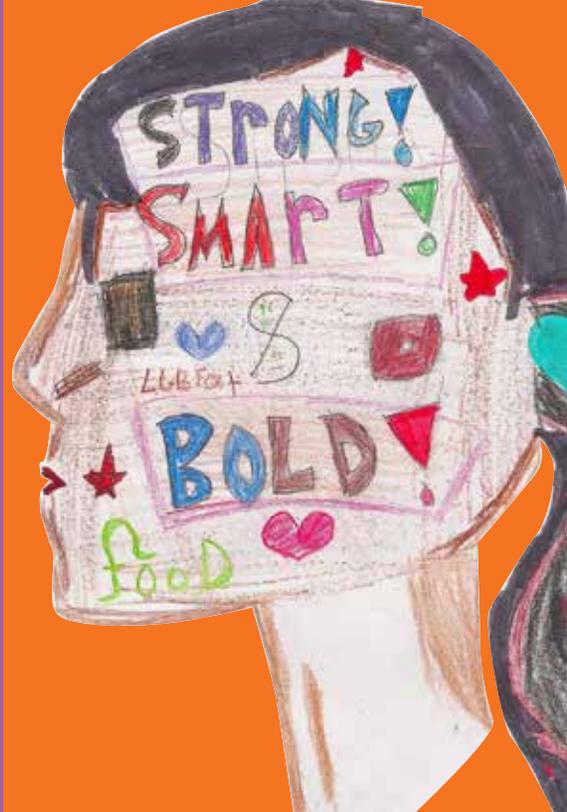




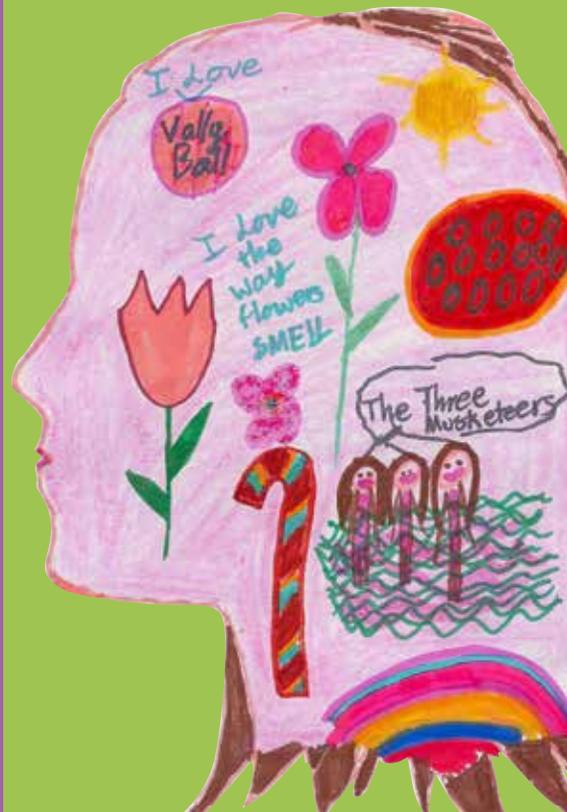
# Our Year in Profile



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2018 COMMUNITY REPORT



What if someone  
drew your profile and  
asked you to color it in  
showing who you are . . .  
your hopes and dreams, your  
favorite foods, your hobbies  
. . . what would it  
look like?

That's the question the Portland Children's Levy asked children and families this year when we visited six different programs we support.

The participants in our art project let us draw their profile and then colored it with images representing who they are – or who they hope to become.

They used imagination, creativity and some colored markers for their illustrations.

These colorful profiles reflect the empowering impact of PCL-funded programs.

Dear Portlander:

No doubt the past year has been a difficult one. Yet despite decisions being made at the national level, our community has responded with an outpouring of humanity, decency and compassion that has heartened our spirit and bolstered our resolve.

Rising to the challenge, organizations supported by the Portland Children's Levy continue to reach out to disenfranchised and historically underserved families. They empower immigrants, refugees and minorities so children can overcome institutional barriers and experience the full promise and potential of our city, state and country.

Levy-supported programs are working everyday throughout Portland: youngsters arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed; after-school programs keep students safe and stimulated in engaging classes; children in foster care receive nurturing and attention from mentors and other caring adults; and more families have access to nutritious and healthy food.

We remain firm in our commitment to stand together: united in our belief in equity for all, and knowing that the Portland Children's Levy continues to be a source of hope and opportunity for families.

Sincerely,

Dan Saltzman, Portland City Commissioner  
Chair, Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee  
dan@portlandoregon.gov



**Dan:** I like reading, blue grass music, the Oregon coast and getting to visit all of the wonderful Levy-supported programs throughout the city.



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PCL STRONGLY BELIEVES in the inherent right of all children having educational and economic opportunities to thrive and prosper.

**OUR GOALS**

- Prepare children for school
- Support their success in and out of the classroom
- Reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their well-being and school success



Knowing that historical and institutional barriers, economic instability and systemic racism are key factors that explain disparities in our community, PCL supports:

- Positive early development
- School engagement and academic achievement
- High school graduation
- Family safety and stability

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Portland Children's Levy is overseen by a five-member Allocation Committee that meets publicly to make funding decisions. It is composed of a Portland City Commissioner, a Multnomah County Commissioner and three citizen members appointed by the City, County and the Portland Business Alliance.

The Levy has annual audits by an independent firm with results published on our website at [www.portlandchildrenslevy.org](http://www.portlandchildrenslevy.org). An administrative cap of 5 percent means that proven Levy programs receive 95 cents of every dollar. City homeowners support the Levy through a property tax of about \$60 a year for a home with an assessed value of \$150,000.

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CURRENT MEMBERS**

**Dan Saltzman**

Portland City Commissioner  
Allocation Committee Chair

**Deborah Kafoury**

Multnomah County Commission Chair

**Julie S. Young**

Youth advocate and community volunteer

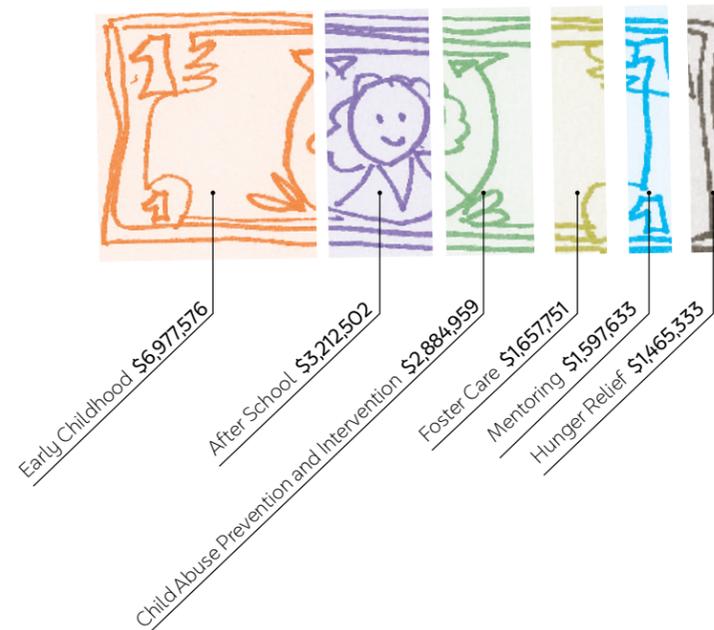
**Serena Stoudamire-Wesley**

Early childhood advocate and community volunteer

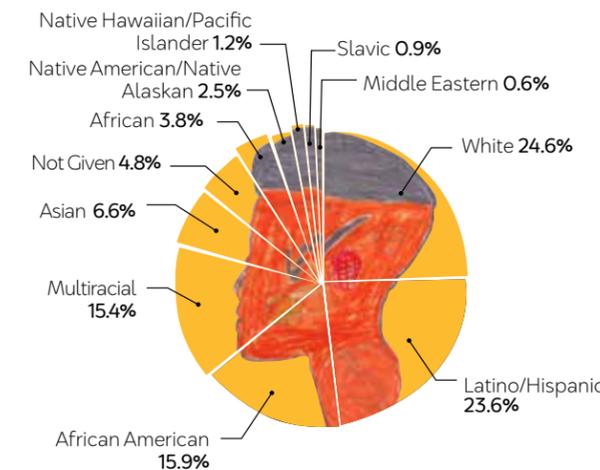
**Mitch Hornecker**

Principal, Modoc Consulting

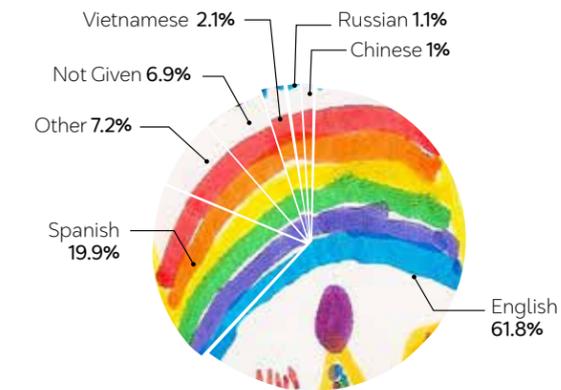
**2018 PROGRAM INVESTMENTS**



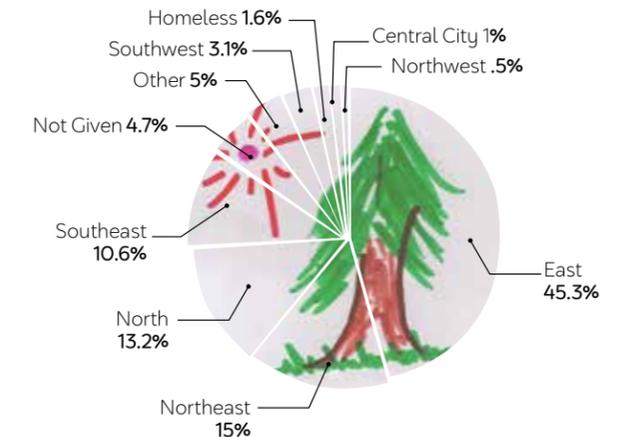
**ETHNICITY**



**PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME**



**PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD**



\*These pie charts represent the majority of Levy-funded programs which annually serve 11,500 children. They do not include Hunger Relief services that annually provide food to nearly 16,000 children, 57 percent who were children of color; 45 percent who spoke a first language other than English; and 70 percent who resided in East Portland.



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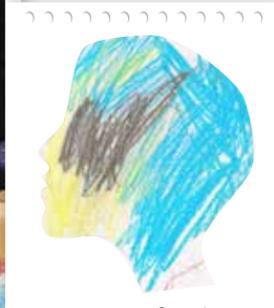
Helping children prepare for kindergarten.

Early childhood programs lead to better reasoning and language skills as well as healthy social and emotional development.

# Latino Network

Offers weekly preschool groups for children and parents, focused on Latino families.

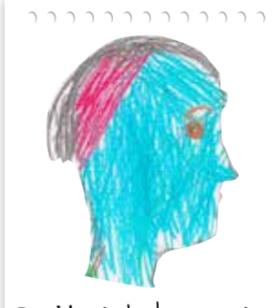
At Lent Elementary, parents and caregivers shared the strengths and skills their children have gained this year.



Emanuel is a fast learner and knows letter sounds and can count to 10.



Dayani is independent and picks out her own clothes before she comes to school.



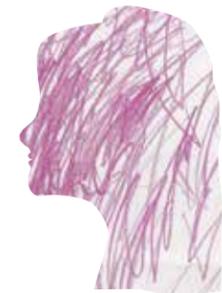
David cried when coming to school last year, but now he likes it and says he is a "big boy."



Tony likes trucks and to sing and hear stories.



School has helped Celeste to be less shy.



Isabella is happy and she loves to smile.



Keyla is smart and helpful and loves coming to school.



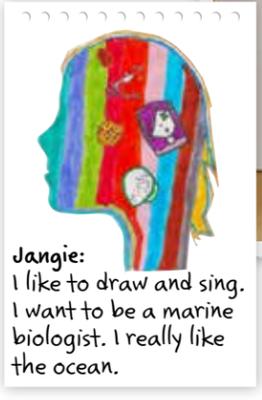
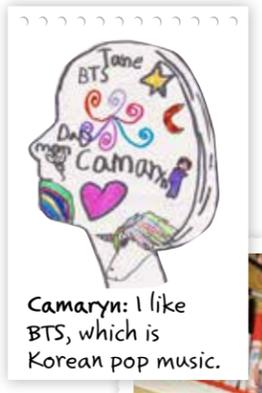
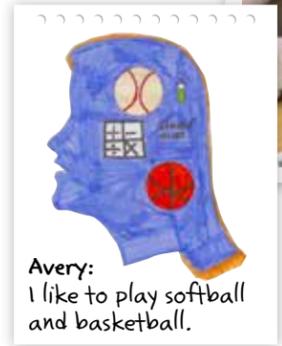
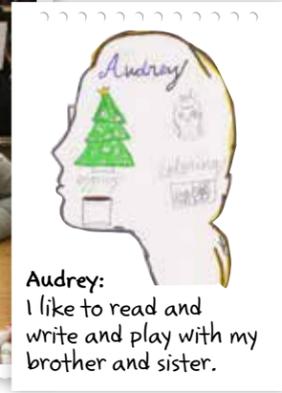
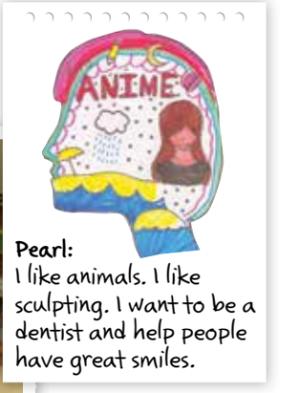
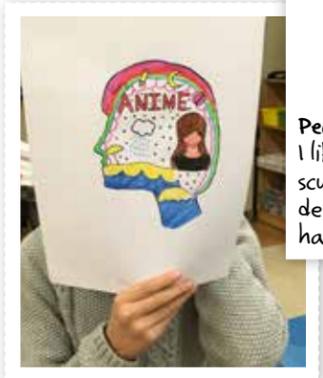


# AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

A safe place for students to learn and have fun.

Students gain self-esteem, confidence and leadership skills in a safe haven with caring adults who provide academic support and fun activities.

**Girls Inc.**  
 OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
 Offers after-school program for girls focused on youth development at Portland schools for students ages 8-14.  
 Arleta Elementary students filled their profiles with drawings of their favorite rock bands, sports, hobbies and food.  
 They have big dreams for their future.

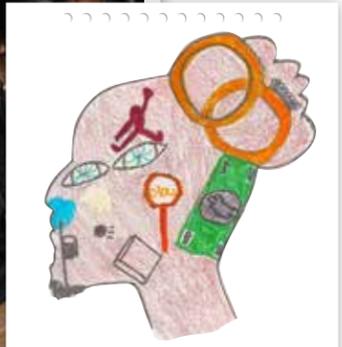
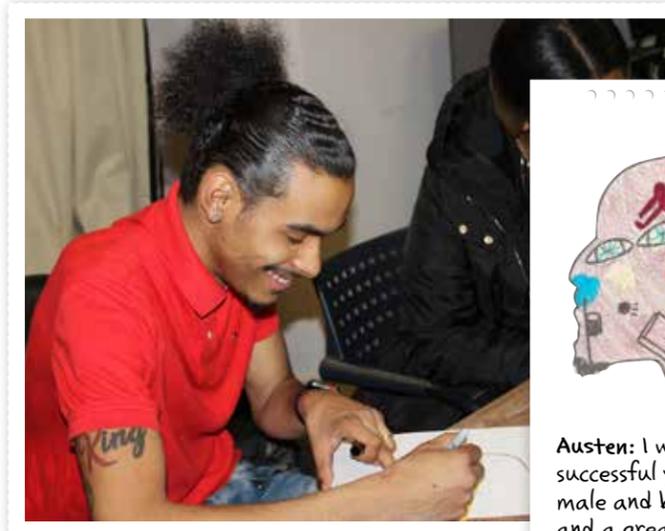




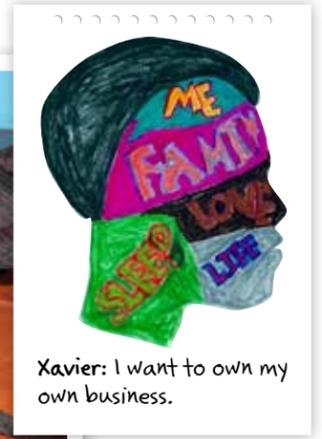
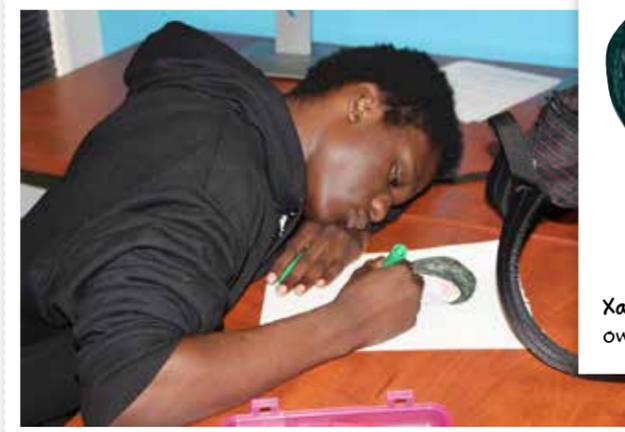
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

Empowering the development of strong families. Children thrive when parents gain parenting skills and are supported in their role of parent.

**POIC+RAHS**  
 Provides in-home and classroom parenting education and support focusing on African American families. As they colored their profiles, students talked about hopes and dreams for their children and their goals to be empowered and involved parents.



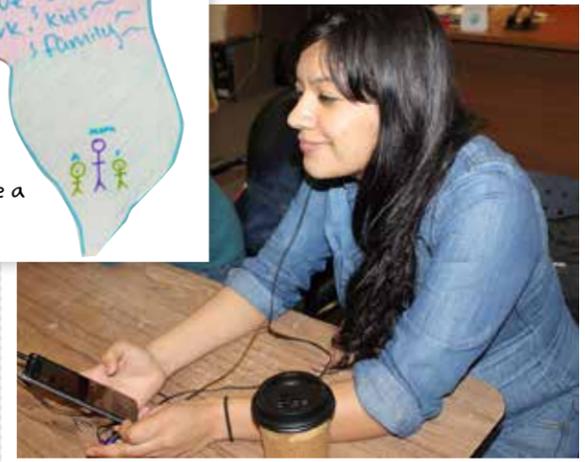
Austen: I want to be a successful young black male and be a great father and a great leader.



Xavier: I want to own my own business.



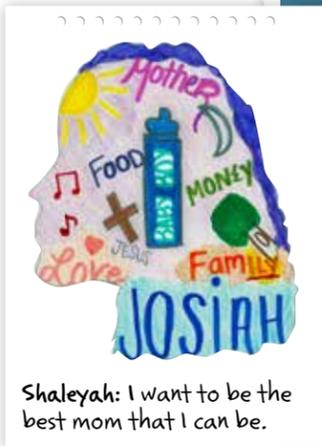
Fabiola: I'm going to college to become a nurse.



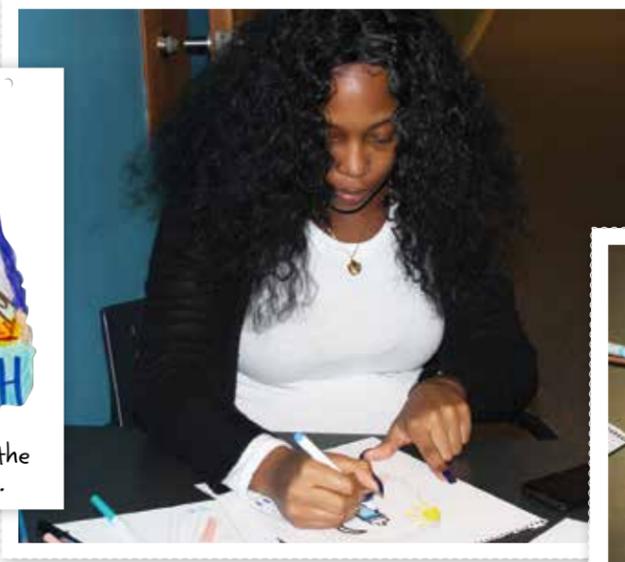
Alashe: I want to be a good mom and always try my best and to never give up.



Lynn (teacher): My hope for these students is that they would be nurturing, loving and compassionate parents.



Shaleyah: I want to be the best mom that I can be.





**M E N T O R I N G P R O G R A M S**

One-to-one help to support academic and social skills.

Positive, caring, consistent adult role models support students' engagement in school and help them realize their academic and life goals.

**IRCO**  
**IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**  
 Offers community-based mentoring program for high school immigrant and refugee youth. High school students in the Refugee and Immigrant Mentoring program illustrated what they enjoy about their new lives in Portland. They plan to go away to college, with many wanting to return to Portland to make a difference in their community.

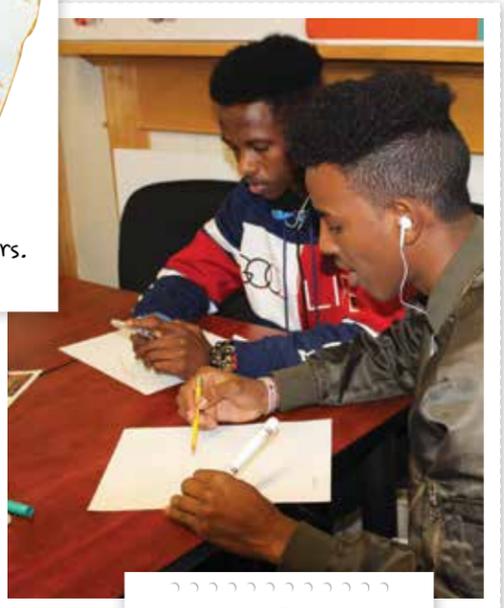


**Kushal:** I like airplanes and I want to figure out how to build a plane. Nepal

**Faisal:** I want to be a policeman to help kids and their families when they have problems. Somalia



**Eid:** I like computers. Ethiopia



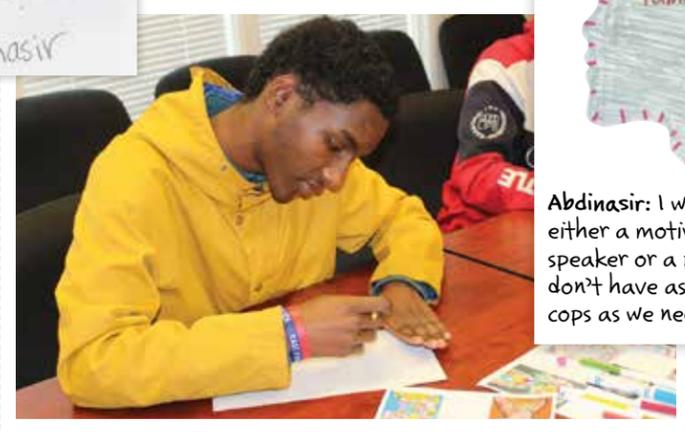
**Amin:** I want to build things. Somalia



**Sevak:** I want to be an engineer to change the world for the positive. Nepal



"I once wanted to change the world so I changed myself"  
**Abdinasir**



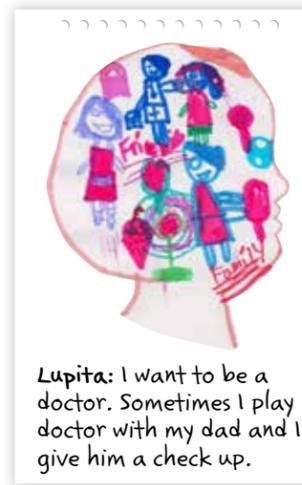
**Abdinasir:** I want to be either a motivational speaker or a policeman. We don't have as many Somali cops as we need. Somalia

**Hassan:** I want to be a policeman so other Somalis can see me. Somalia

# Oregon Food Bank

Provides food for school-based pantries, produce distribution at summer food sites, nutrition education, and classes in cooking and budgeting for families.

While their families shopped for fresh fruit and vegetables, grains, canned goods and dairy products at the Earl Boyles Elementary School food pantry, children focused on what makes them happy - now and in the future - as they colored in their profiles.



Lupita: I want to be a doctor. Sometimes I play doctor with my dad and I give him a check up.



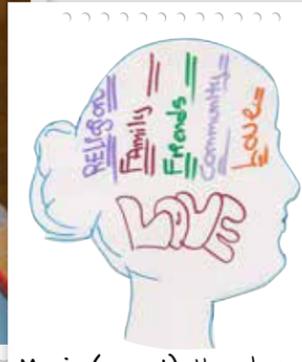
Porsche: I want to be an artist. I love to draw.



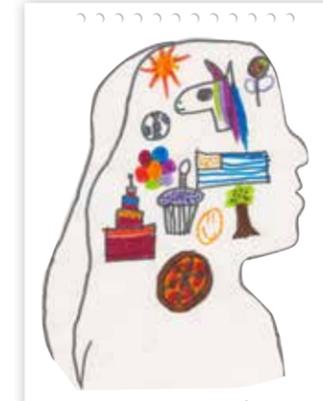
Lyuda: I like to help out and make people happy.



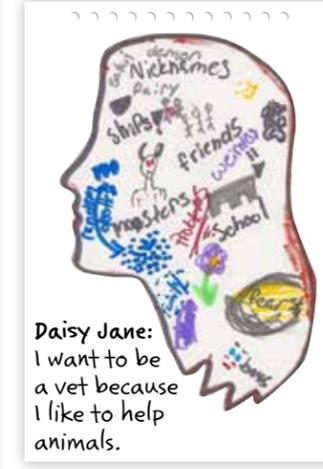
Enbao: I want to be a teacher because my teachers are nice.



Maria (parent): It makes me feel good to volunteer. It's very positive to help our school community and be a model for my two daughters.



Anais: I want to make cupcakes and I love unicorns.



Daisy Jane: I want to be a vet because I like to help animals.





F O S T E R C A R E

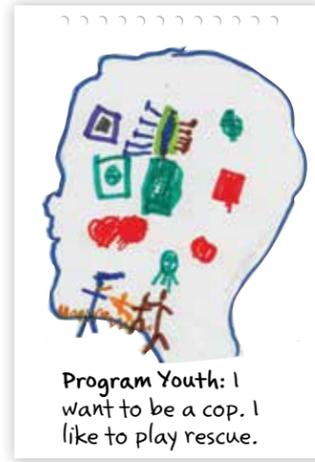
Supporting the well-being and development of children and youth in foster care.

Programs work with children and youth to strengthen academic and life skills and assure the presence of caring adults.

# Friends of the Children

Provides intensive year-round, long-term mentoring services for children in foster care beginning in kindergarten and lasting through high school.

Professional mentors and the youth enjoy weekly time together which includes a variety of academic and enrichment activities such as having fun together coloring in their profiles at Friends' Rockwood facility.



Program Youth: I want to be a cop. I like to play rescue.



Professional Mentor: We have a lot of adventures together. She's really compassionate, is independent and has a wonderful sense of humor.



Program Youth: I can be myself around her, no one judges me. I like how we mess around and tell jokes.



Program Youth: I love my three dogs: Blue, Cocoa and Momita.



Professional Mentor: I love giving back to youth. I feel that everyone in this world needs somebody.



## OUR INVESTMENTS

### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

**Albina Early Head Start** ☀️ Four Early Head Start classrooms and home-based Early Head Start services; N, NE & SE Portland.

**Albina Head Start** ☀️ Three full-day Head Start preschool classrooms; N, NE & SE Portland.

**Friendly House Preschool** ☀️ Full-day preschool for children from low-income families; NW Portland.

**Hacienda CDC** ☀️ Home-visiting, parent/child groups with Latino families in Hacienda and Cully neighborhood; N & NE Portland.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ☀️ Home-visiting, parent/child groups with immigrant and refugee families; citywide.

**Impact Northwest** ☀️ Home-visiting, parent/child groups, and kindergarten transition support; NE & SE Portland.

**Latino Network** ☀️ Weekly parent/child preschool groups for Latino, Spanish-speaking families; N, NE & E Portland.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ☀️ Weekly parent/child preschool groups for families in Wood Elementary area; E Portland.

**Morrison Child & Family Services** ☀️ Early childhood and general mental health consultation, parenting education with childcare sites, preschools, and home visiting programs; citywide.

**Morrison Child & Family Services Listos Para Aprender** ☀️ Home-visiting, parent/child groups, parenting groups with Latino families; E Portland.

**Mt. Hood Community College Early Head Start** ☀️ Early Head Start classroom, home-based Early Head Start services; E Portland.

**Mt. Hood Community College Head Start** ☀️ Two extended day Head Start preschool classrooms; E Portland.

**Mt. Hood Community College Childcare Initiative** ☀️ Childcare financial assistance for low-income families; quality support for culturally specific in-home childcare; citywide.

**NAYA Family Center** ☀️ Home visiting, parent/child groups for Native American/Alaska Native families; citywide.

**Neighborhood House Early Oregon Pre-Kindergarten** ☀️ Home-based early Oregon Pre-kindergarten services (home visits and parent/child groups); SW Portland.

**Neighborhood House - Peninsula Children's Learning Center** ☀️ Preschool for children from low-income families; N & NE Portland.

**Portland Public Schools Head Start** ☀️ Four extended-day Head Start classrooms; E Portland.

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area** ☀️ After-school and summer academic support and enrichment at Margaret Scott Elementary; NE Portland.

**Bravo Youth Orchestra** ☀️ After-school youth orchestra program for youth in grades 2-5; N & NE Portland.

**El Programa Hispano Católico** ☀️ Intensive academic support and cultural enrichment program for K-5 students at Wilkes Elementary; NE Portland.

**Ethos Music Center** ☀️ After-school music education program at 13 schools for students in grades 2-8; N & NE Portland.

**Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest** ☀️ After-school program for girls focused on youth development at nine schools, for students in grades 4-8; citywide.

**Hacienda CDC** ☀️ After-school/summer program providing homework support and enrichment activities for children in grades K-8 at Hacienda properties; N & NE Portland.

**Human Solutions** ☀️ LearnLinks after-school program providing intensive academic support and enrichment activities for children in grades K-8 at low-income housing developments; NE & SE Portland.

**Human Solutions** ☀️ Family Shelter after-school enrichment program for youth experiencing homelessness; SE Portland.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ☀️ Intensive academic support and family engagement for immigrant/refugee students in grades 4-9 at 9 schools; NE & SE Portland.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ☀️ SUN community school program at Parkrose Middle School and Ventura Park Elementary School; NE & SE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ☀️ Urban Opportunities after-school program focused on job readiness training for high school students; N & NE Portland.

**Impact Northwest** ☀️ After-school science program offered to youth in grades K-8 at SUN Community Schools; citywide.

**Kairos PDX** ☀️ After-school enrichment program for youth in grades K-4; N Portland.

**Latino Network** ☀️ After-school enrichment program for youth in grades K-3 at Rigler, Kelly and Cesar Chavez schools; NE & SE Portland.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ☀️ SUN Community School program at Cherry Park and West Powellhurst elementary schools; E Portland.

**NAYA Family Center** ☀️ After-school, summer and school break enrichment activities for Native American/Native Alaskan children aged 5-18; citywide.

**Neighborhood House** ☀️ After-school and summer intensive academic support services; SW Portland.

**Open School** ☀️ Intensive academic support, coaching and mentoring for high school students at three schools; N, NE & SE Portland.

**Pathfinders of Oregon** ☀️ Bounce Back after-school program focused on supporting youth with incarcerated parents in grades 3-5; SE Portland.

**Playworks** ☀️ After-school leadership program for children in grades 4 - 5 at nine schools; N, NE & SE Portland.

**REAP, Inc.** ☀️ Intensive academic support and leadership development for youth in grades 4-6 attending Oliver and Parklane elementary schools; SE Portland.

**Saturday Academy** ☀️ After-school enrichment program taught by professionals in the field at 20 schools for students in grades 1 - 8; N, NE & SE Portland.

**Self Enhancement, Inc.** ☀️ Intensive academic support and enrichment services for students in grades 6-8, focused on African American youth; N & NE Portland.

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### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

**Bradley Angle House** ☀️ Parenting support for African American families, with children 0-16, who have experienced domestic violence; citywide.

**El Programa Hispano Católico** ☀️ Parenting support and therapy for Latino families, with children 0-12, who have experienced domestic violence; citywide.

**Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization** ☀️ In-home parenting education and support for immigrant/refugee families, with children ages 0-18; citywide.

**Impact Northwest** ☀️ Parenting education and support for families with children ages 0-12, who have experienced domestic violence; citywide.

**Janus Youth Programs/Insights** ☀️ In-home parenting education and support for teen parents, ages 15-21, and their young children; citywide.

**Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center/CARES Northwest** ☀️ Assessment and therapeutic services for children ages 0-18 with child abuse concerns; citywide.

**LifeWorks NW, Children's Relief Nursery** ☀️ Classroom-based therapeutic care for children ages 0-5, home visits, parenting education and respite care; N & NE Portland.

**LifeWorks NW** ☀️ In-home parenting education and support for families with children ages 0-18 who are at risk for child abuse and neglect; citywide.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ☀️ In-home parenting education and support for families with children ages 0-11 who are at risk for abuse or neglect; E Portland.

**Pathfinders of Oregon** ☀️ Parenting classes and in-home parenting education and support for families with criminal justice system involvement, with children 0-18; citywide.

**POIC+RAHS** ☀️ In-home and classroom parenting education and support focusing on African American families; citywide.

**Salvation Army/West Women's and Children's Shelter** ☀️ Parenting for families with children 0-12, who have experienced domestic violence; citywide.

**Self Enhancement, Inc.** ☀️ In-home and classroom parenting support education and support for African American families enrolled in SEI's school program; N & NE Portland.

**Volunteers of America** ☀️ Drop-in child care for children, ages 6 weeks to 10 years, while parents access services through the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services; citywide.

**Volunteers of America** ☀️ Classroom-based therapeutic care for children ages 0-5, home visits, parenting education and respite care; Inner SE and E Portland.

### MENTORING PROGRAMS

**Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council** ☀️ After-school mentoring program for middle school youth at three schools; N & SE Portland.

**College Possible** ☀️ After-school mentoring program to help low-income high school students prepare, apply for, enter, and graduate college; SE & E Portland.

**Friends of the Children** ☀️ Long-term, community-based, mentoring program for children grades K-12; citywide.

**Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization** ☀️ Community based one-to-one and group mentoring program for immigrant and refugee youth in high school; NE and SE Portland.

**NAYA Family Center** ☀️ Community-based mentoring supporting Native American/Alaska Native high school students' college and career pursuits; citywide.

**POIC+RAHS** ☀️ School-based mentoring program for students at Rosemary Anderson Alternative High School; N & E Portland.

### HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAMS

**Immigrant & Refugees Community Organization** ☀️ Outreach for food donation and access to school-based hunger relief services; nutrition education; NE & SE Portland.

**Janus Youth Programs** ☀️ Summer lunch, gardening for vegetable production and food discounts at Village Market; N Portland.

**Meals on Wheels** ☀️ Home meal delivery for children and caregivers with barriers to accessing other sources of emergency food; citywide.

**Metropolitan Family Service** ☀️ Outreach for food donation and access to school-based hunger relief services; nutrition education; NE & SE Portland.

**Oregon Food Bank** ☀️ Food provision to school food pantries and summer food sites; nutrition education; NE & SE Portland.

### FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS

**Boys & Girls Aid** ☀️ Services to support youth in foster care, ages 10 and older, prepare for permanency; citywide.

**Friends of the Children** ☀️ Intensive, long-term, one-to-one mentoring services for children in foster care, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through 12th grade; citywide.

**Impact Northwest** ☀️ Intensive home visiting services for children in foster care, ages 0-8; support for birth & foster parents; focus on reunification; citywide.

**Janus Youth Programs/Insights** ☀️ Case management and in-home parent education for parents ages 14 and older, and their children, where either the parent and/or the child is in foster care; citywide.

**NAYA Family Center** ☀️ Case management, advocacy and cultural enrichment services for Native American youth in foster care, ages birth-24; citywide.

**New Avenues for Youth** ☀️ College preparatory workshops, leadership development, and college housing support & case management; citywide.

**Self Enhancement, Inc.** ☀️ Case management, enrichment activities & academic support for African American youth, ages 7-19, who are in foster care; N & NE Portland.

**Youth Rights & Justice: Attorneys at Law** ☀️ Legal representation, advocacy and case management focusing on educational needs of youth in foster care, ages 4-21; citywide.



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