

YOUTH SPEAK OUT INTERNATIONAL

“EMPOWERING CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES”



2024 Impact Report

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the children served through Youth Speak Out International's programs, I want to offer my sincere thanks for your support as we worked together in 2024 moving forward through these rapidly changing technological times. Together, we impacted lives and transformed the future for children as we upheld our mission to empower youth and families within culturally diverse communities to use their voice for global change by teaching digital media literacy, strengthening communication skills, fostering face-to-face collaboration, and providing a platform for the creative use and effective management of screen technology. Due to our enduring compassion for the community for the past 17 years, Youth Speak Out International has grown into a reputable, non-profit organization reaching more than 18,876 children, youth, afterschool practitioners and families.

We strive to do more, as we add new digital citizenship and AI literacy programs to reach more young people annually. Most importantly, we continue to open the doors of opportunity for our youth to walk through and thrive. Youth Speak Out International is defined by the character and integrity of our dedicated staff, community partners and funders who work every day to strengthen the lives of the children and families we proudly serve. We are a team of caring individuals who are genuinely proud of the work we do today and excited about the opportunities tomorrow brings. Next year and the years to come, we will continue to make a difference, one youth, one family, one community at a time.

On behalf of the children, youth and families we serve, we sincerely thank you for your support.

With warm regards and appreciation,



William King
President / CEO



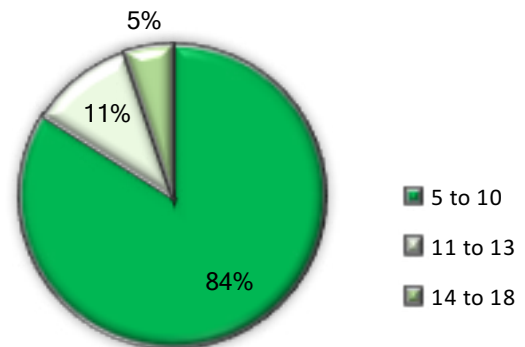
OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower youth and families within culturally diverse communities to use their voice for global change by teaching media literacy, cultural competency, strengthening communication skills, fostering face-to-face collaboration, and providing a platform for the creative use and effective management of screen technology.

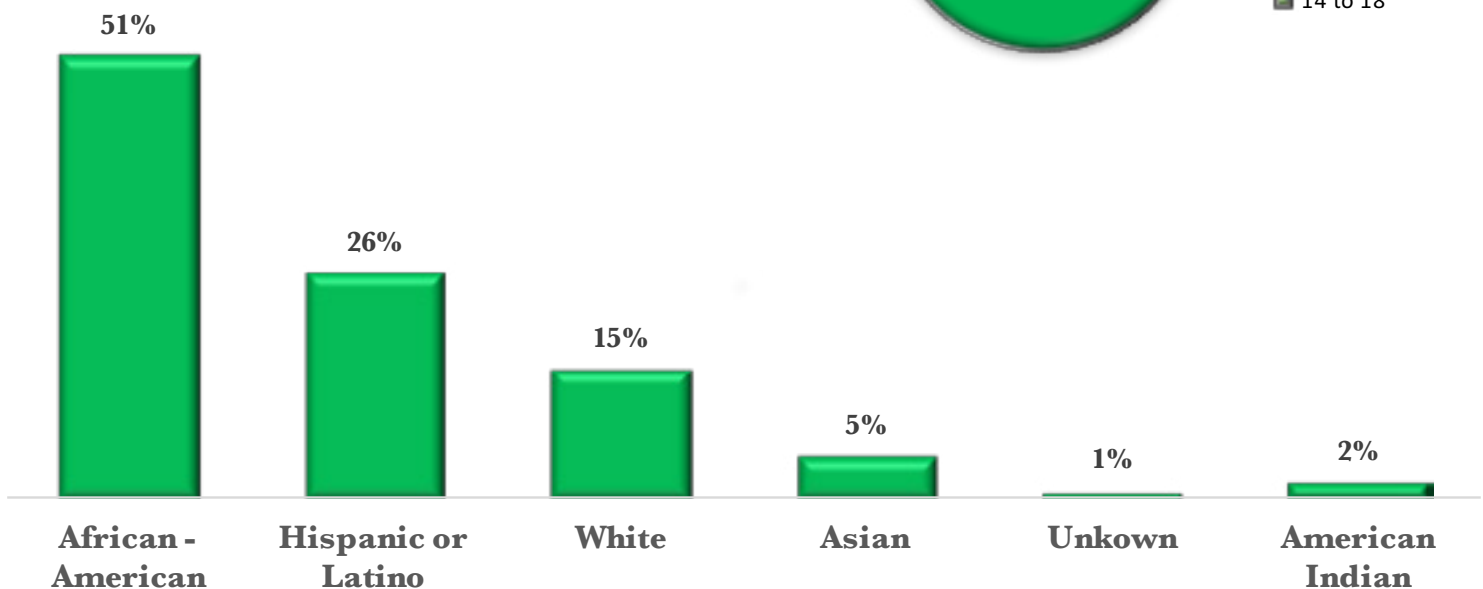
 **2234** 
**Children and Youth
Served**

13,572
Youth Experiences

AGES



ETHNICITY



YOUTH SPEAK OUT INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF MEMBERS

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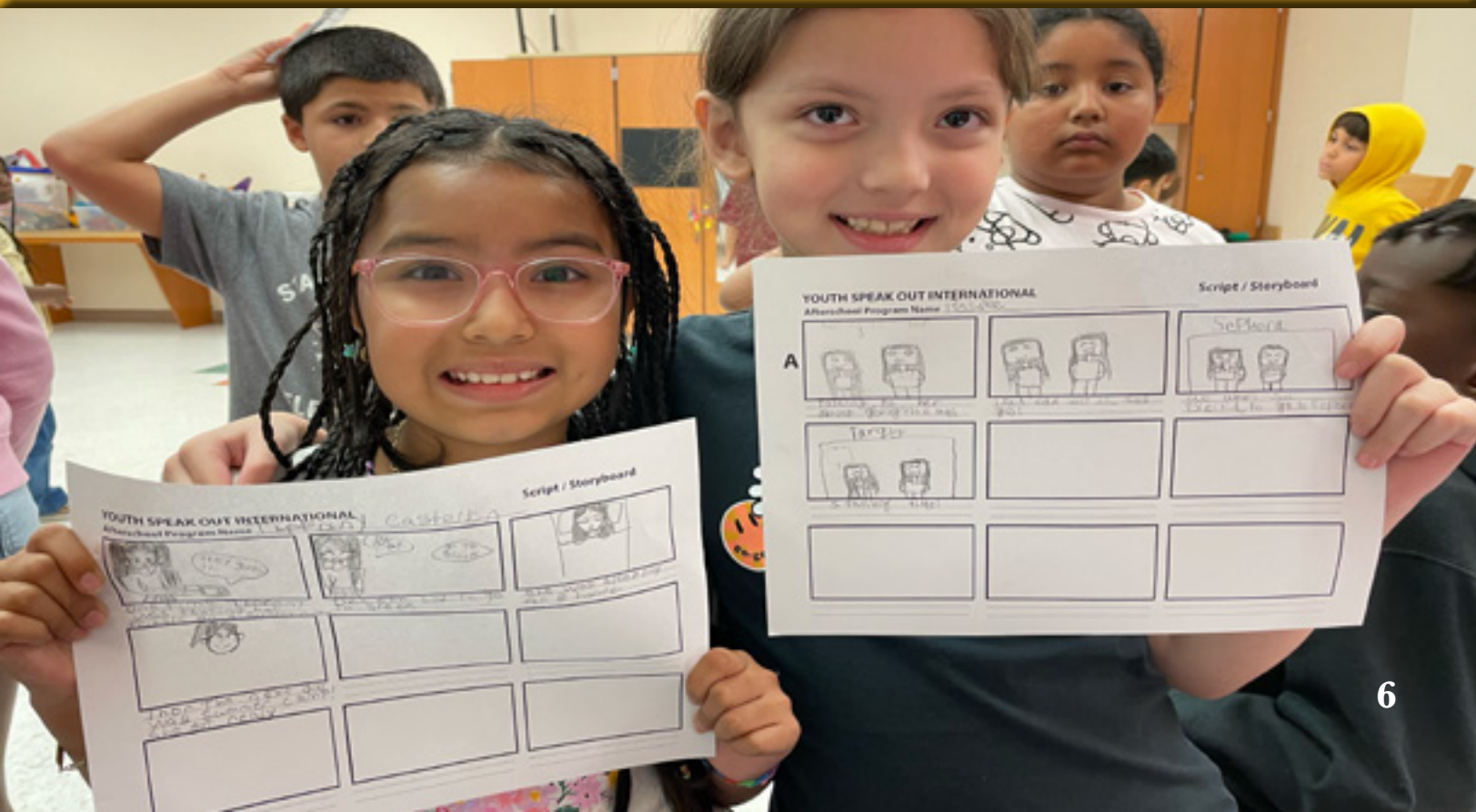
TODAY'S DIGITAL CITIZENS

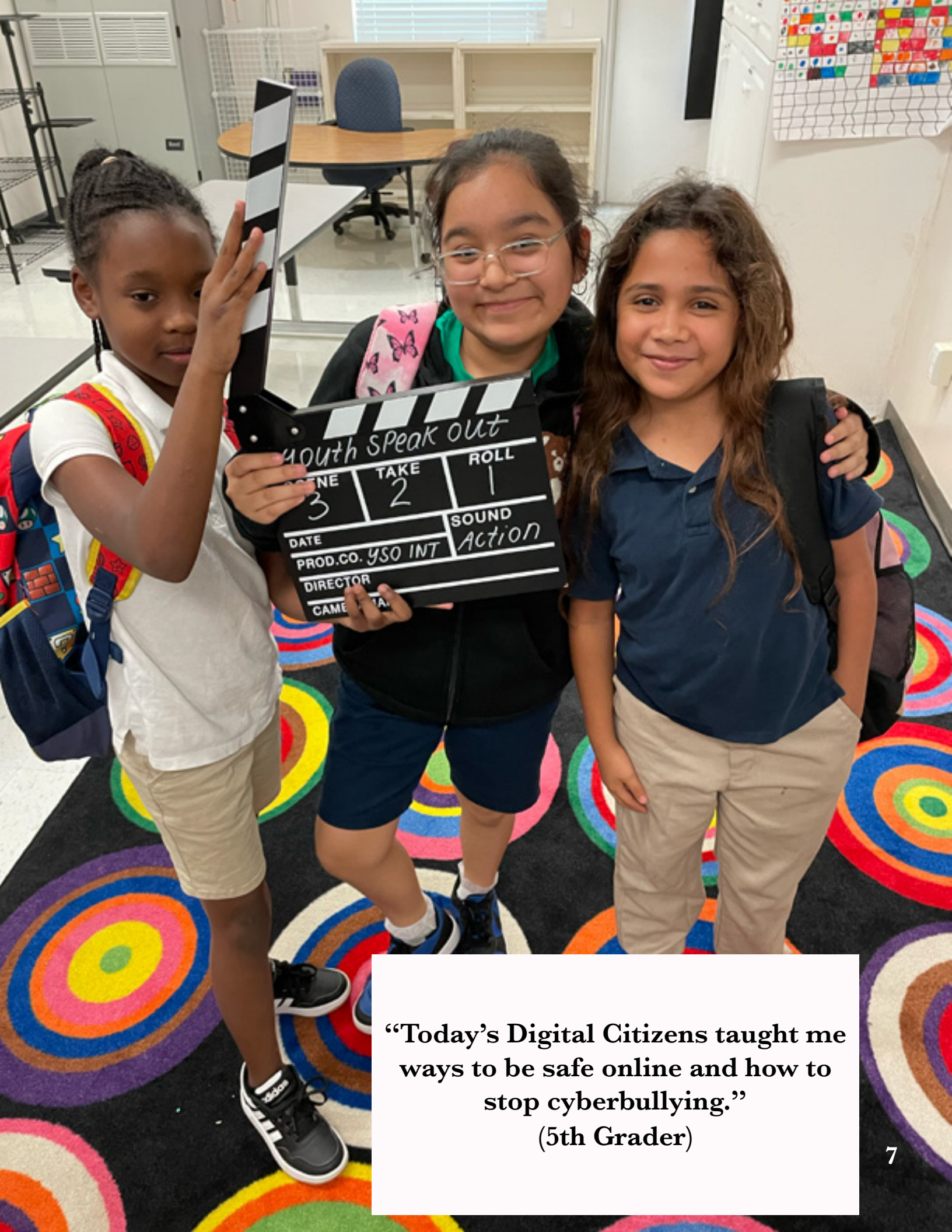


Today's Digital Citizens™ is a 6 hour, social and emotional, STEAM program that helped 2150 students to build their digital citizenship, media production and interpersonal communication skills. Participants learned to become critical thinkers of cultural media messages and improve their abilities to practice the skills of becoming a proficient digital citizen.

OUTCOMES

- 96% of participants from Elementary & Middle After School programs in Palm Beach County completed the program
- 89% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in interpersonal communication skills
- 92% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in video production skills
- 88% of participants who completed the program demonstrated an increase in digital citizenship skills





**“Today’s Digital Citizens taught me
ways to be safe online and how to
stop cyberbullying.”
(5th Grader)**



LIFE'S PURPOSE



Life's Purpose™ is a 16 hour Social and Emotional youth program that empowered 84 teen participants from the Department of Juvenal Justice Detention Center to create their mission, purpose, goals and life collage. Four short 3–5-minute informational video were produced of all students speaking about their experiences throughout the program. A community forum was held at the end of each program to give participants the opportunity to share their accomplishments with family. A Life's Purpose page was created on YSO INT's website to showcase participants quotes and videos.

OUTCOMES

- **87% of participants completed the program**
- **87% of participants created a mission statement**
- **88% of participants created a purpose statement**
- **89% of participants created life goals**
- **93% of participants attended a graduation community ceremony**



A TASTE OF PARADISE

FOR CULTURE

What does grace look like to you?
Just walk with confidence, like you get it now. What's that old adage? "If I knew back then what I know now." It's like, I know now. That's how you age with grace.



The greatest Chef

CHEF

the Bag

**"I know have a purpose in life and have life goals to finish high school and go to a trade school."
(11th Grader)**

Your passion
can be a source
of strength
during difficult
times.

JEWELRY

If people still
carry the same
views that they
did back then,
so be it. I'll let
them be pissed
off because
I ain't going
nowhere.

"People
can adapt
and
change
when
called to
do so."

—JESSICA MEIR

Oceanic
Kitchen

...creating award-winning, unencumbered dishes

2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue

Grants	\$377,418
Contributions	\$1,500
Total	\$378,918



Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$121,045
Professional Fees	\$14,328
Program Facilitation	\$125,317
Program Expenses	\$51,321
Production	\$30,447
Indirect Costs	\$36,460
Total	\$378,918



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Youth Speak Out International gratefully acknowledges the support of funders and donors, large and small. Their commitment to youth and their trust in YSO INT makes our work possible.



We would also like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors. Finally, we are thankful for our community partners: Palm Beach County School District, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Department of Extended Learning, Palm Beach Atlantic University, PBC Parks and Recreation, Common Sense Media. Thank you for sharing our vision in helping students become aware of the choices they can make in self-exploration by using their own interpretation and evaluation of the world around them.



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