

ANNUAL REPORT



LOUISVILLE
YOUTH
PHILANTHROPY
COUNCIL



Table Of Content

- 3. Board Chair & Executive Director Letters**
- 5. LYPC Background**
- 6. Strategic Planning Update**
- 8. 24-25 LYPC Students**
- 9. 24-25 LYPC Council Snapshot**
- 10. LYPC Student of the Year**
- 11. LYPC Alumnus of the Year**
- 12. LYPC Seniors**
- 13. Celebration Event**
- 14. Young Hearts Fundraising Event**
- 15. LYPC Financials**
- 16. LYPC College Credit**
- 18. LYPC Teams & Grant Recipients**
- 21. LYPC Board of Directors**
- 22. LYPC Funders & Supporters**
- 23. 24-25 LYPC Class Speakers**

Letter from the Board Chair

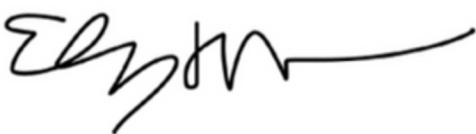
Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Partners,

As I reflect on another transformative year for the Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council, I am filled with immense pride in what our young leaders have accomplished, and deep gratitude for the community that continues to support their journey. This year, 48 high school students from across Jefferson and Shelby Counties participated in our signature program, engaging in rigorous nonprofit evaluation processes, conducting site visits, and ultimately directing \$22,500 in grants to local organizations addressing critical community needs. Beyond grantmaking, our participants developed essential leadership competencies through workshops on public speaking, financial literacy, the world of philanthropy, and nonprofit governance.

The ripple effects of our work extend far beyond the grants awarded, as our teen philanthropists have emerged as genuine changemakers who understand their responsibility to contribute to the common good. Many of our alums have gone on to serve on nonprofit boards, start social ventures, or pursue careers in the nonprofit sector, proving that we are cultivating not just informed donors, but engaged citizens who will lead Louisville – and the world – for decades to come. The resulting waves will be endless!

None of this work would be possible without our incredible network of supporters—founding members, corporate sponsors, nonprofit partners, individual donors, dedicated staff, and volunteer mentors who believe in the power of young people to create positive change. To our remarkable participants and alumni: you inspire us daily with your passion, intelligence, and commitment to making Louisville a more just and compassionate community for all. As we celebrate another successful year, we recommit ourselves to developing young philanthropists who will carry forward Louisville's tradition of community engagement and social responsibility, building a stronger, more equitable future for our city.

With deep appreciation and excitement for what lies ahead,



Beth Malcom
Board Chair, Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council

Letter from the Executive Director

This year, we embraced the theme “Waves of Impact” to highlight how the work of LYPC students ripples far beyond the classroom and the grant. Their decisions create change that touches lives across our community: humane action starter kits distributed through The Arrow Fund, a welcoming teen room at Cabbage Patch that will be used for years to come, upgrades to the Child Enrichment Center at the Center for Women and Families that strengthen therapeutic and developmental care, and expanded educational resources through Boys & Girls Club’s Power Hour. Each of these investments reaches hundreds of people across Kentucky. This is the power of youth philanthropy.

But the waves aren’t just felt in the community—they are within our students themselves. When young people dedicate time to learning, questioning, and caring about the issues that shape our world, they build the foundation for a lifetime of giving and leadership. We see it again and again in our alumni—like Mackenzie Berry, who founded Young Poets of Louisville, and Henry Clan, who carried the spirit of giving as his fraternity’s Philanthropy Chair. As one student, Sydney Bright, said so powerfully: “I am going to change the world, and the Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council is the first step.” LYPC is where those first waves begin.

This year, we made waves bigger than ever before. We welcomed our largest class to date with 48 students—30 returning and 33 seniors—and increased team grants to \$7,500, allowing student investments to stretch even further. We deepened collaborations with local organizations and companies, expanding students’ understanding of the nonprofit world. And we launched a new cohort program, inspired by a current student, that gives third-year participants the chance to dive even deeper into the practice of philanthropy.

For 13 years, I have had the honor of witnessing the ripple effects of LYPC students’ work. Each wave carries hope, inspiration, and transformation. I am profoundly proud of what we accomplished this year and deeply grateful for what lies ahead. Together, we are building waves of impact that will shape communities for generations to come.



Ina de Mattos Miller
LYPC Executive Director



LYPC Background

Mission

To educate youth about philanthropy, inspiring them through hands-on experiences to become community leaders.

Vision

Make the Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council an incubator of next-generation philanthropic leaders.

Empowering Youth Through Philanthropy

The Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council (LYPC) is a youth leadership development program that harnesses the power of philanthropy to equip young people with the skills and resources they need to make a positive impact in their communities. Our program uses a hands-on learning approach to cultivate the next generation of compassionate and socially-conscious leaders.

Strategic Plan Update

The focus on diversity continues to guide all aspects of our organization and operations, as we strive to meet our desired outcomes for the five pillars. Some accomplishments include:

Program Services

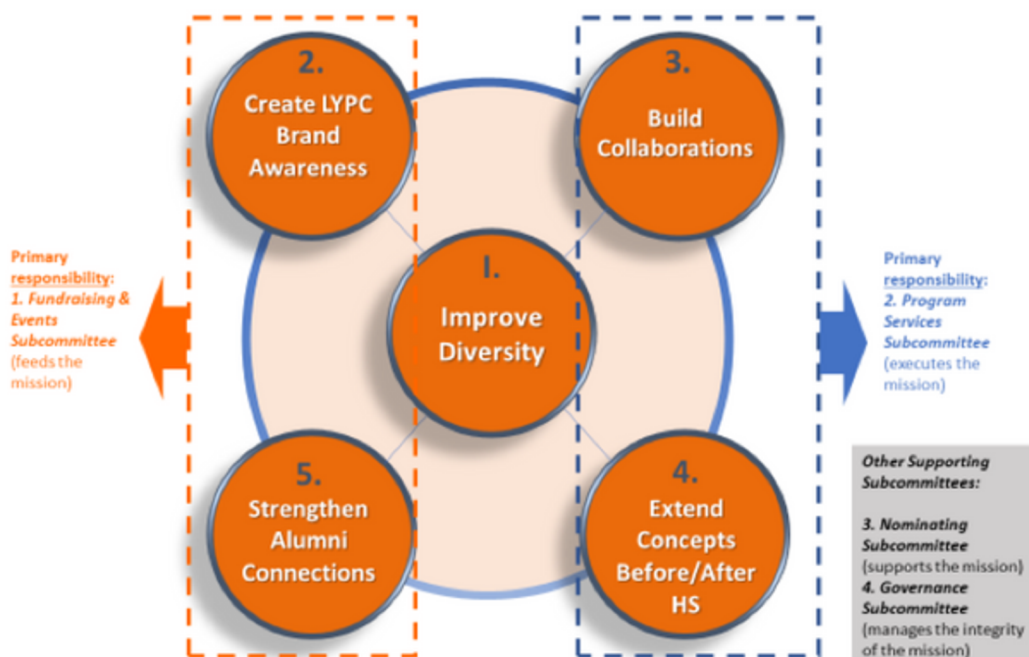
- For the fourth year in a row, LYPC students participated in a full-day job shadowing event with Brown Forman Foundation and Corporate Giving representatives.
- For the first time, LYPC students participated in a job shadow event with the Community Foundation of Louisville.
- LYPC and the Office for Violence Prevention (OVP) have collaborated on the 2025 Youth Summit: Roots of Change – Youth Growing Peace Through Giving and Leadership.
- Conducted research, surveys, and focus groups to design and launch a new program for third-year students, providing them with a deeper, more immersive experience in philanthropic work.

Fundraising & Events

- Successfully executed our second annual fundraising event, Young Hearts Fundraising Event On October 24, 2025.
- Began executing our 18 Month Fundraising Plan with goals, measurements and new initiatives to raise funds.
- Launched a LYPC student-led podcast, *Impact Unplugged* with the help of Media Pros Production.

Governance Committee

- Reviewed and updated all policies.





2024-2025 LYPC Students

Ysabella Ababat* - Junior, Fern Creek	Amelia Lim* - Senior, Sacred Heart
Katherine Amlung - Senior, Assumption	Emily Lynch* - Senior, KCD
Raya Attallah - Sophomore, KCD	Milan Mack* - Senior, KCD
Sishir Ashikari - Senior, Fern Creek	Viva Maynard - Junior, Collegiate
Adam Babar* - Senior, duPont Manual	Gaz Millwood* - Senior, Fern Creek
Harris Babar* - Senior, duPont Manual	Lucy Monarch - Junior, Sacred Heart
Ciza Beoline* - Senior, duPont Manual	Asad Nasir* - Junior, KCD
Samantha Cabrera Calana - Senior, Atherton	Hadley Nicolas* - Junior, Martha Layne Collins
Liam Cantin* - Senior, Trinity	Zita Nguyen* - Senior, duPont Manual
Bennett Chandler* - Junior, Fern Creek	Viet Pham - Junior, duPont Manual
Moyzidi Cheikh - Senior, Hira Institute	Paulina Pilati* - Senior, North Oldham
Ting Chen - Senior, Fern Creek	Melis Ozyurekoglu* - Senior, duPont Manual
Jesse Cleaves* - Junior, Fern Creek	Kendra Quaye-Mansell* - Senior, Fern Creek
Cristian Evans* - Junior, duPont Manual	Shawn Riedling* - Senior, St. X
Morgan Fellon* - Sophomore, Collegiate	Inas Saad - Sophomore, KCD
Braian Fuentes Ocasio - Senior, Atherton	Naya Singal* - Senior, KCD
Abigail Galligan - Sophomore, Presentation	Essence Smith* - Junior, Fern Creek
Arden Garrett - Junior, Sacred Heart	Maggie Staples* - Senior, North Oldham
Shelby Geraghty - Senior, Brown	Noah Tessema - Senior, Fern Creek
Julia Goldstein* - Senior, KCD	Olivia Thurman* - Senior, KCD
Tejaswin Gontla* - Senior, duPont Manual	Sri Vulugundam - Freshman, duPont Manual
Samuel Gross* - Senior, Francis Parker	Madison Wagner* - Senior, Sacred Heart
Josue Hernandez - Junior, Martha Layne Collins	Aliete Yanes Medina*, Junior, Fern Creek
Sarah Kirchdorfer* - Junior, Sacred Heart	Muna Yusuf - Senior, Hira Institute

*** indicates returning student, in LYPC for 2 or more years**



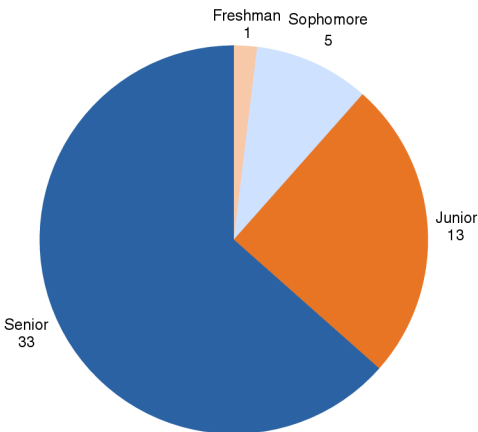
2024-2025 LYPC COUNCIL SNAPSHOT

48 STUDENTS

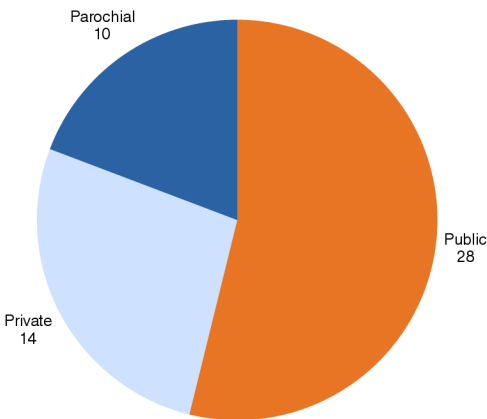
30 Returning students

15 SCHOOLS

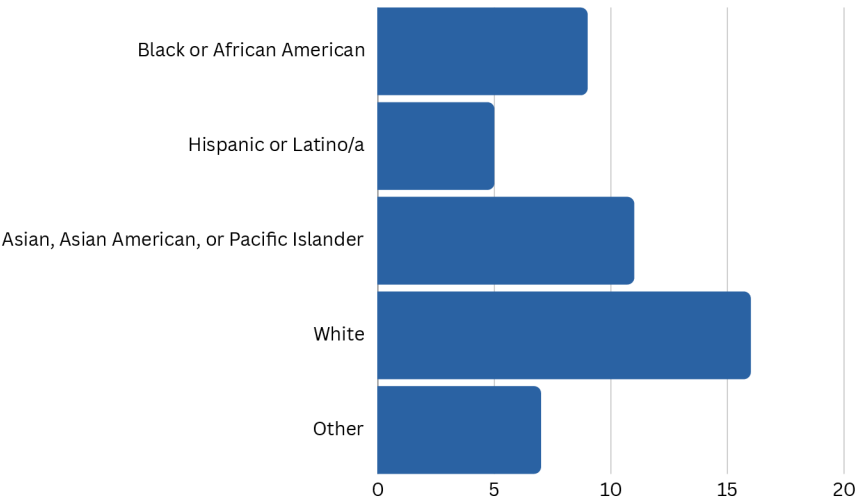
Assumption, Atherton, Brown, Collegiate, duPont Manual, Fern Creek, Francis Parker, Hira Institute, KCD, Martha Layne Collins, North Oldham, Presentation, Sacred Heart, Saint X, Trinity



STUDENT SCHOOL YEAR



SCHOOL TYPE



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Alumnus of the Year

Abby Horn

We are proud to honor Abby Horn as LYPC's 2025 Alumnus of the Year. During her time in LYPC, Abby embodied the spirit of youth philanthropy—leading with empathy, creativity, and determination. Since graduating from the program, she has continued to carry forward those values, using her skills and passion to make a meaningful difference in the community.

Abby represents the very best of what LYPC strives to cultivate: young leaders who not only learn philanthropy in the classroom but live it out in their daily lives. Her continued commitment to service and leadership makes her a shining example for current students and fellow alumni alike.



"Abby has always been an incredible example of what it means to live out LYPC's mission. As a student, she was a leader among her peers, and now as our Outreach Coordinator, she continues to bring that same energy, dedication, and heart to the organization. I am so grateful that she has chosen to stay connected with LYPC—not only because of the impact she makes in her role, but because she inspires our students and alumni to see that this work truly lasts a lifetime."

— Ina de Mattos Miller, Executive Director, LYPC

Student of the Year

Melis Ozyurekoglu

We are thrilled to recognize Melis Ozyurekoglu as LYPC's 2024–2025 Student of the Year. Melis has distinguished herself through her outstanding leadership, thoughtful collaboration, and unwavering dedication to philanthropy. She consistently brought creativity, insight, and a spirit of generosity to her team and to the Council as a whole.

Melis exemplifies what it means to be a student philanthropist—listening deeply, leading with empathy, and making choices that create lasting impact in the community. Her hard work and passion have left an enduring mark on LYPC year, and we are so proud to celebrate her as our Student of the Year.



"Watching Melis grow throughout her time in LYPC has been such a joy. She approaches every opportunity with focus and enthusiasm, and the time, commitment, and energy she brings to the program make her a true standout. Melis has not only strengthened her own leadership skills, but she has also elevated those around her. We are so proud of the way she has embraced this experience and the lasting impact she has made on our Council."

— Ina de Mattos Miller, Executive Director, LYPC

Graduating Seniors

33 graduating seniors in this year's class earned over \$26 million in scholarships!



Majors

- Business Marketing
- Psychology
- Bioengineering
- Political Science
- Industrial Engineering
- Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation
- Biology (Pre-med)
- Biomedical Science
- Business of Finance
- Aerospace Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Biomedical Physiology (Pre-vet track)
- International Business
- Economics
- Public Affairs
- Business - Social Entrepreneurship



Schools

- University of Louisville
- Indiana University
- Georgia Tech
- University of Kentucky
- Samford
- Wake Forest
- Florida Tech
- University of Chicago
- University of Georgia
- Florida State
- Butler University
- Notre Dame
- Johns Hopkins
- Hanover College
- American University
- University of Cincinnati



Celebration Event

The Louisville Youth Philanthropy Council's annual Celebration Event took on new energy in 2025 with Waves of Impact, an evening designed to amplify student voices and honor the ripples of change they create throughout our community.

Centering Student Voices

For the second year, LYPC intentionally set aside the fundraising aspect of the evening to fully focus on our students' stories. As youth leaders and philanthropists, their voices matter. Their experiences making grants, engaging with nonprofits, and leading with compassion became the centerpiece of the evening.

Mixed Media Storytelling

To showcase the depth of their journeys, we embraced a mixed media arts approach, collaborating with our partners at Media Pro Production. Through video, audio, and creative visuals, students shared their reflections in ways that were dynamic, moving, and unforgettable.



Honoring Nonprofits

Each of the nonprofits selected by student teams—Boys & Girls Club, Cabbage Patch Settlement House, Center for Women and Families and The ArrowFund—was highlighted through personalized videos capturing their missions and community impact. These organizations were celebrated not only as grantees, but as partners in shaping Louisville's future.

Celebrating the Waves Ahead

Waves of Impact was more than an event; it was a reminder that youth leadership has a lasting effect. Each decision, grant, and act of service creates ripples that strengthen our community. Together, those ripples form waves of lasting change.

We want to especially thank our emcee, Sterling Riggs the Community Foundation of Louisville and Presbyterian Church USA for sponsoring the event and believing in our mission!

Young Hearts Fundraising Event

In its second year, the Young Hearts Fundraising Event has quickly become a signature evening of joy, community, and support for LYPC. By hosting this event separately from our Celebration, we're able to bring new friends into the fold, share powerful stories of youth leadership, and raise the funds needed to sustain our work.

This year's event was hosted at Independence Bank, where guests enjoyed an evening of food, drinks, a lively silent auction, and heartfelt testimonials from an LYPC alum and current student. The room was filled with energy and generosity as more than 100 attendees came together to champion the next generation of philanthropists. By the end of the night, we raised over \$7,500 in support of our mission.

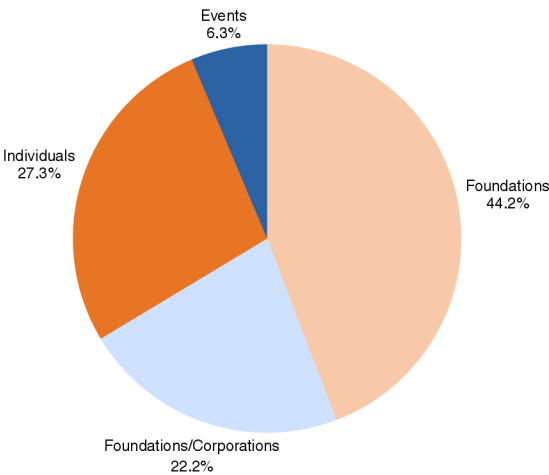
We're thrilled to announce that the next Young Hearts Fundraising Event will take place on November 5, 2025. We can't wait to continue growing this joyful tradition and the waves of impact it creates!



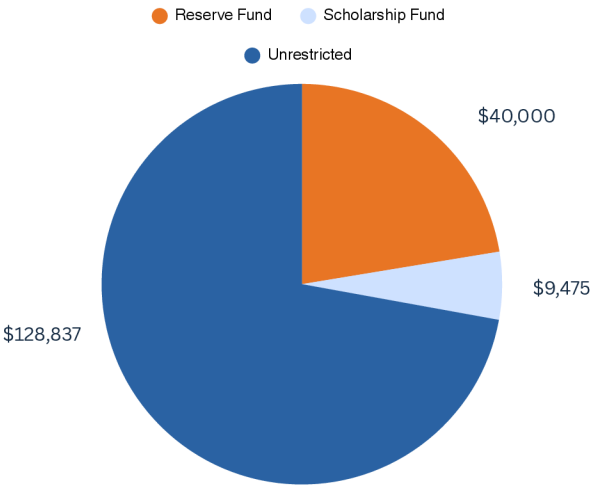
We want to especially thank our friends and partners at Independence Bank for hosting us as well as Ashley | Rountree & Associates for their sponsorship!

2024-2025 LYPC FINANCIALS

48% of all funding was through our LYPC student 'ask' presentations



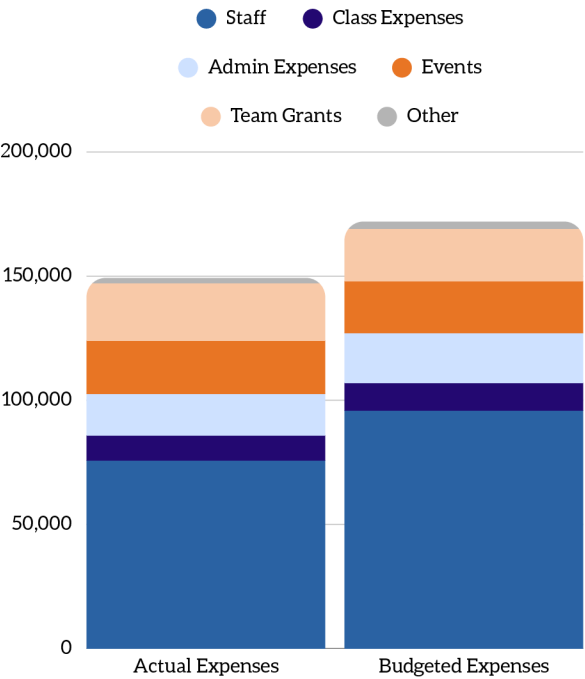
2024-2025 Income
\$144,815



Ending Balance

Reserve Fund - \$40,000
Scholarship Fund - \$9,475 (restricted)
Unrestricted - \$128,837*

*Expanding Philanthropy, Connecting Community campaign funds. In order to become our own 501c3 in 2021 we completed a \$500,000 capacity building campaign to support the first three years as a stand-alone nonprofit. This is the remaining balance of those funds.



2024-2025 Expenses
\$149,255

UofL and LYPC



For the seventh year, LYPC and the University of Louisville School of Business partnered to provide LYPC students with the potential for three hours of college credit through LYPC participation plus additional course work.

U of L offers the LYPC College Credit course at a substantially reduced rate per credit hour. An LYPC Scholarship Fund has been provided to ensure that all LYPC juniors and seniors can participate in this program, regardless of their financial circumstances.

UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISVILLE

2024-2025 College Credit Participants

Ting Chen, Fern Creek

Cristian Evans, duPont Manual

Tejaswin Gontla, duPont Manual

Josue Hernandez, Martha Layne Collins

Petra Limbong, duPont Manual

Asad Nasir, KCD

Zita Nguyen, duPont Manual

Melis Ozyurekoglu, duPont Manual

Paulina Pilati, North Oldham

**We are so grateful for our partnership with U of L and our
liaison Dr. Nat Irvin!**



TEAM ERA

Educational Resources for Adolescents

Mission Statement: To create a sense of community for Louisville high school youth by focusing on educational enrichment programs supported by community support structures.

Team Captain

Tejaswin Gontla* - Senior, duPont Manual

Team Co-Captain

Sishir Ashikari - Senior, Fern Creek

Ysabella Ababat* - Junior, Fern Creek

Katherine Amlung - Senior, Assumption

Adam Babar* - Senior, duPont Manual

Morgan Fellon* - Sophomore, Collegiate

Braian Fuentes Ocasio - Senior, Atherton

Arden Garrett - Junior, Sacred Heart

Asad Nasir* - Junior, KCD

Viet Pham - Junior, duPont Manual

Kendra Quaye-Mansell* - Senior, Fern Creek

Naya Singal* - Senior, KCD

Maggie Staples* - Senior, North Oldham

Olivia Thurman* - Senior, KCD

Madison Wagner* - Senior, Sacred Heart

Muna Yusuf - Senior, Hira Institute



The
Cabbage Patch
Settlement House, Inc.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF KENTUCKIANA

TEAM WOA

Wellbeing of Animals

Mission Statement: To support organizations that work to improve the wellbeing of animals through resources, intervention, and education.

Team Captain

Melis Ozyurekoglu* - Senior, duPont Manual

Team Co-Captains

Paulina Pilati* - Senior, North Oldham

Harris Babar* - Senior, duPont Manual

Ciza Beoline* - Senior, duPont Manual

Samantha Cabrera Calana - Senior, Atherton

Liam Cantin* - Senior, Trinity

Bennett Chandler* - Junior, Fern Creek

Jesse Cleaves* - Junior, Fern Creek

Shelby Geraghty - Senior, Brown

Emily Lynch* - Senior, KCD

Viva Maynard - Junior, Collegiate

Lucy Monarch - Junior, Sacred Heart

Hadley Nicolas* - Junior, Martha Layne Collins

Inas Saad - Sophomore, KCD

Noah Tessema - Senior, Fern Creek



TEAM SHIELD

Safety Housing, Intervention, for Empowered Lives from Domestic Abuse

Mission Statement: To improve access to resources for individuals/families experiencing domestic abuse

Team Captain

Zita Nguyen* – Senior, duPont Manual

Team Co-Captain

Cristian Evans* – Junior, duPont Manual

Raya Attallah - Sophomore, KCD

Moyzidi Cheikh - Senior, Hira Institute

Ting Chen - Senior, Fern Creek

Abigail Galligan - Sophomore, Presentation

Julia Goldstein* - Senior, KCD

Samuel Gross* - Senior, Francis Parker

Josue Hernandez - Junior, Martha Layne Collins

Sarah Kirchdorfer* - Junior, Sacred Heart

Amelia Lim* - Senior, Sacred Heart

Milan Mack* - Senior, KCD

Gaz Millwood* - Senior, Fern Creek

Shawn Riedling* - Senior, St. X

Essence Smith* - Junior, Fern Creek

Sri Vulugundam - Freshman, duPont Manual

Aliete Yanes Medina*, Junior, Fern Creek



THE
CENTER
FOR
WOMEN
AND
FAMILIES

LYPC Board of Directors

Beth Malcom, Chairperson
Essential Innovations

SteVon Edwards, Vice Chair
Schenault Solutions

Chris Staples, Treasurer
Baird

Sarah Hugenberg, Secretary
PNC Bank

Claire Arnold
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Beau Baker
JCPS

Allison Baumann
Nationwide

o'Sha Cowley-Shireman
OBII Family Foundation

Nicole Diebold
The CE&S Foundation

Ina de Mattos Miller
Executive Director LYPC

Tejaswin Gontla
LYPC Student, duPont Manual

Samuel Gross
LYPC Student, Francis Parker

Jackie Keating
Dare to Care

Christine Kelly
Archdiocese of Louisville

Candy Medina
Donors Forum of Kentuckiana

Brianna O'Daniel
YMCA Association

Melis Ozyurekoglu
LYPC Student, duPont Manual

Lisa Resnik
Ashley | Rountree & Associates

Ellen Trahan
Schneider Electric Sustainability

Bryan Yoffe
Bakers Studio + The Bakery

Many thanks to our dedicated Board of Directors!

Funders and Supporters

Ashley | Rountree and Associates
Baird Trust
Brown-Forman
CE&S Foundation
Christina Brown Fund
Churchill Downs Inc.
The Community Foundation of Louisville
Essential Innovations
The Irvin F. & Alice S. Etscorn Foundation
The Gilbert Foundation
Governor Scholars Program
Independence Bank
Ivy Plus Academy
James Graham Brown Foundation
Jean Frazier Leadership Institute
Kirchdorfer Opportunities Foundation
The Mackin Foundation
Media Pros Production
Louisville Mayor's Office
Northwestern Mutual
Oasis Solutions
Office for Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods
Reliant Wealth Planning
Republic Bank
The Sutherland Foundation
Tri-Arrows Aluminum
University of Louisville

And many generous individuals!

Class Speakers

Mariana Barzun

Director of Philanthropy, Mayor's Office

Heather Dishon

Louisville Zoo

Mayor Craig Greenberg

Dr. Nat Irvin

University of Louisville School of Business

Aimee Jewell

Leadership Louisville

Chris Kramer

Mackin Foundation

Christine Koenig

DMLO

Candy Medina

Executive Director, The Gilbert Foundation

Dr. Alisia McClain

TECH-Nique

Ashley Parrot

Muhammad Ali Center

Adam Watson

Canopy

**Victoria Hardin, Megh Kansara, Sydney O'Hearn, Jamie
Jorrisch (Guest)**

Tri-Arrows Aluminum



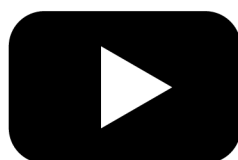
LOUISVILLE
YOUTH
PHILANTHROPY
COUNCIL



@louypc



www.facebook.com/LouYPC



The LYPC



502.676.0281



www.lypc.org



director@lypc.org



**9523 US Hwy 42, Suite 74
Louisville, KY 40059**