



WILL ALLEN
FOUNDATION

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MISSION

The mission of the Will Allen Foundation is to provide services and resources in an effort to instill hope, remove barriers, promote education, advocate civic responsibility, and change lives in the community. Our vision is to provide a level playing field for all to foster new leaders for the next generation and to equip each individual to achieve his or her greatest success.

We address financial insecurity, workforce development and education challenges and socio economic barriers.



QUEST PROGRAM

Prepares students academically for college and job/career opportunities, while helping to develop character and integrity.

SOCIETAL PROBLEMS

- In 2014, Pittsburgh Public Schools reported that 30% of students don't graduate.
- Many schools in our region state that they want support to meet student's academic, social, and emotional needs.
- 50% of our 40,000 annual college graduates leave the region; citing an inability to find a job.

OUR IMPACT

- Over the past 5 years, we've provided local nonprofit organizations with approximately 400 hours of community service valued at \$40,000.
- We've helped approximately 500 students increase competencies in digital literacy, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, emotional intelligence, business development, mental and physical health, and college and career readiness.
- We've exposed 100+ students to over 100+ professionals.

GROWING UP I WAS ALWAYS KNOWN FOR BEING THE "PROBLEM CHILD." THEN I MET MR. LABRAWN SAFFOLD AND WILL ALLEN. THE SENSE OF RELIEF BEGAN TO TAKE OVER ME, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I FOUND SOMETHING POSITIVE TO DO WITH MY TIME. THE WILL ALLEN FOUNDATION QUEST PROGRAM MOLDED AND TRANSFORMED ME INTO A BEAUTIFUL HUMAN-BEING AND BLESSED ME WITH A SCHOLARSHIP TO PURSUE MY HIGHER EDUCATIONAL GOALS."

-ANGELA MILLS, QUEST ALUMNI



THE GRABLE FOUNDATION
dedicated to improving the lives of children





HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

Every year students from our QUEST program, along with community partners and volunteers, take a group of deserving children from The Boys and Girls Club of Western PA shopping for their families.

SOCIETAL PROBLEMS

- Many local youth and families say that they have at some point felt like their financial situation was out of control.
- Six years ago, the percentage of low-income families that the Boys and Girls Club of Western PA served was 42%; that number is now 76%.
- Also, six years ago, the percentage of single parent households that The Boys and Girls Club of Western PA served was 54%; that figure is now 69%.

OUR IMPACT

- Over the past 5 years, we've raised nearly \$100,000 to support over 200 children and families.
- We help alleviate financial stress by helping caregivers use their discretionary funds for necessities like food, clothing, and shelter.

“FOR A LOT OF KIDS, THIS IS THEIR FIRST ACT OF KINDNESS. IT GIVES YOU A MAGICAL GLIMPSE AT THE FUTURE OF THIS WORLD.”
- MIKE HEPLER, CEO WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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PURPOSEFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS PROGRAM

The Will Allen Foundation hosts an annual backpack drive through our Purposeful Acts of Kindness program.

SOCIETAL PROBLEMS

- According to a 2015 Pittsburgh Public Schools report, they educate approximately 20,000 low-income youth.
- More than 60,000 school-age children in our region don't have access to essential school supplies.
- Many families lack the income to purchase hygiene products for their children.

FOR ACCION LABS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IS MORE THAN A MONETARY DONATION, IT'S ABOUT CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT. THE WILL ALLEN FOUNDATION ALLOWS OUR TEAM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS DIRECT CONNECTION HAS NOT ONLY INCREASED OUR CORPORATE PARTICIPATION BUT HAS BROUGHT OUR TEAM CLOSER TOGETHER.
- JENNIFER WELLS, ACCION LABS

OUR IMPACT

- We partner with corporations, community members, and school administrators to ensure that thousands of students receive school and hygiene supplies annually.
- We provide underserved students the tools they need to succeed in the classroom.
- From community support, \$30,000 was raised to provide school supplies and hygiene products for 1,200 underserved students who are at or below the poverty line based on Free and Reduced School Lunch figures.
- We help to alleviate the financial burden placed on parents, teachers, and districts. Schools that have directly benefited: K-8: Kelly Elementary School, Pittsburgh Miller, and Sto Rox Middle School.

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UPMC HEALTH PLAN

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OUR IMPACT

QUEST PROGRAM

Throughout our foundation's existence we've helped 500+ high school students increase their comprehension and competencies in: digital literacy, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, emotional intelligence, physical health, mental health, business development, and college and career readiness. In addition, our QUEST program is exposing many students to these concepts for the first time. Thus assisting students to develop skills, discover new abilities and talents needed to meet the needs of potential employers and to achieve their very best.

Our QUEST program has exposed over 150+ high school students in the Pittsburgh region to hundreds of local professionals through weekly in/out-of-school mentoring modules.

Our partnership with JA and MBK focuses on digital literacy and increasing student competencies, shrinking the digital divide. During the 13-week program, 50+ students per week receive ongoing opportunities to explore how digital tools can help them in the development of their entrepreneurial projects.

Over 10 years our QUEST program has served nearly 500+ students from different ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Throughout the past five years we've provided community organizations with student support that is valued at approximately \$40,000 based on the national value of a volunteer hours.

We have been voted as the top student partnering program at Holy Family Academy for the past two consecutive years.

PURPOSEFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS PROGRAM

We partner with corporations, community members, and school administrators to ensure that students have the school and hygiene supplies that they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We have served 1,200+ youth through the Backpack Drive in 3 school districts in the Pittsburgh region.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

Over a 5 year span we have invested over 50 volunteer hours, served 160+ families from the Boys and Girls Club of Western PA and raised nearly \$100,000+.