



# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT





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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Partner,

As a proud alum of Akron Public Schools and the Executive Director of Guys and Gals Community Partnership, Inc. (GGCPINC), I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering support that the Akron/Summit and Stark County communities have extended to GGCP over the years.

Our organization, named in memory of my late father, Albert Jerome Moss, Sr.'s small business, Guys & Gals International Hair Care Solutions, is a testament to the profound impact that community support can have. Growing up as the son of an entrepreneur, I witnessed firsthand the importance of community engagement, as the community supported my father's business for over three decades.

In the seven years since GGCPINC's inception, we have impacted thousands of residents through our unique community-centered programming and events. The success and reach of our initiatives would not have been possible without the continuous support and collaboration from our neighbors and friends. I extend my sincere gratitude to every member of our community who has contributed to our success, whether through volunteering, donations, or event participation. Your commitment to the betterment of our region has fueled our mission and inspired us to continue serving in innovative and impactful ways.

As we reflect on our history, I want to assure you that the Guys and Gals Community Partnership remains steadfast in its dedication to serving the community. We are committed to expanding our reach and implementing even more groundbreaking programs in the years to come. The journey ahead is promising, and we are excited about the possibilities and growth.

I welcome your thoughts and input as we continue this journey together. Please feel free to connect with me by calling me at 330-689-8816. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable as we strive to make a lasting positive impact on the lives of those in our community.

Once again, thank you, Akron/Summit and Stark County for your enduring support. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Sincerely,

*Jerome Moss*

**Jerome Moss**  
Executive Director, Guys and Gals Community Partnership, Inc.







## ABOUT US

### OUR MISSION

Here at GGCPINC, we promote the physical & psychological well-being of individuals and communities through preventable health programming, holistic education, and cultural enrichment.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH Partnership with Mt. Zion Baptist

We recognize that during tough economic times, it often becomes difficult for struggling families to meet even their most basic needs. Therefore, GGCPINC has partnered with Mt. Zion Baptist Church to assist families by providing grocery items to those families. We hope that we are saving them a substantial expense and allowing them to be able to put those funds towards the basic necessities of life.



## PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

### OUR DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY

The mission of The Guys and Gals Community Partnership, Inc. (GGCPINC) is centered around addressing and alleviating the existing disparities in access to high-quality preventive healthcare. The organization is committed to tackling the challenges that certain communities face in obtaining essential healthcare services. To accomplish this, GGCPINC adopts a proactive approach by mobilizing and bringing qualified medical professionals directly into the community.

Recognizing that accessibility barriers can impede individuals from receiving timely and effective healthcare, GGCPINC seeks to bridge this gap by facilitating the presence of healthcare practitioners within the community itself. This innovative strategy aims to make preventive healthcare more accessible and convenient for community members, particularly those who may encounter obstacles such as geographical distance, financial constraints, or cultural factors.

GGCPINC's initiatives may involve the organization of health fairs, establishment of mobile clinics, or implementation of various outreach programs. These efforts are designed to create opportunities for individuals to receive crucial preventive healthcare services, including screenings, vaccinations, and health education. By embedding healthcare resources within the community, GGCPINC strives to empower individuals to take proactive steps towards maintaining their health and well-being.

The Guys and Gals Community Partnership, Inc. is dedicated to fostering health equity and ensuring that all members of the community have the chance to benefit from high-quality preventive healthcare services, irrespective of any barriers they may face.





# PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

## ANNUAL HOOP FOR COOP EVENT

The annual Hoop for Coop events serve as a poignant tribute to the enduring legacy of Kimyatta D. Cooper, a revered leader in the Akron community whose life was tragically cut short. Kimyatta D. Cooper's impact on the community was profound, and the events are specifically designed to commemorate his memory while raising awareness about heart health.

The genesis of the Hoop for Coop events is rooted in the untimely passing of Kimyatta D. Cooper, who, at the age of 34, suffered a massive heart attack while engaged in a game of basketball. His sudden and unexpected demise left an indelible void in the hearts of those who knew him and admired his contributions to the community.

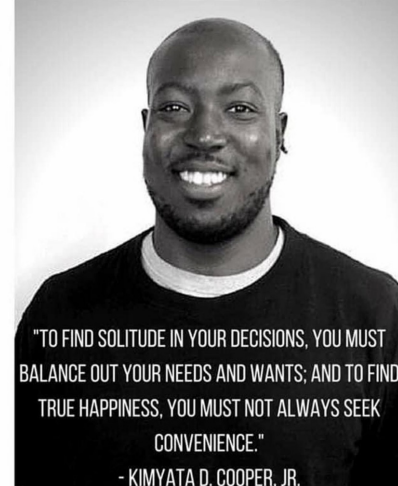
In order to honor Kimyatta's commitment to community leadership and to draw attention to the importance of heart health, the Hoop for Coop events have become an annual tradition. These events typically involve basketball tournaments, community gatherings, and activities that not only celebrate Kimyatta's passion for the sport but also serve as a platform to educate the community about cardiovascular health and the prevention of heart-related issues.

By organizing these events, the community aims to transform tragedy into an opportunity for positive action. The Hoop for Coop events not only pay homage to a beloved figure but also strive to promote awareness, encourage healthy lifestyle choices, and inspire individuals to prioritize their heart health. Through this annual commemoration, Kimyatta D. Cooper's legacy continues to resonate, fostering a sense of unity and a commitment to well-being within the Akron community.

Since its inception, GGCP's annual Hoop for Coop events have provided attendees with preventive health screenings such as blood pressure and vision checks, physicals, medical advice, and health related information.



KIMYATA DWAYNE COOPER | OCTOBER 10, 1981 - MAY 18, 2016





# PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

## HOOP FOR COOP

Adult Basketball Tipoff and Men's Health Fair



 **3,500**

Throughout its seven-year history, 3,500 individuals have participated in Hoop for Coop events as players, volunteers, or spectators.



 **945**

In collaboration with local healthcare agencies, GGCP provided over 945 men with FREE Comprehensive Health Screens.

**2023 Men's Health Clinic & Basketball Tip-Off**

**HOOP for COOP**

Annually Hosted By:  
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Presenting Sponsor:  
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**GUYS AND GALS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INC.**

# HOOP for COOP



# 2024

In 2024, GGCPINC will award scholarships to promising Summit County high school seniors to honor the legacy of Kimyatta D. Cooper.



# PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

ANNUAL HOOP FOR COOP - YOUTH HEALTH FAIR AND SPORTS CLINIC (2018-2023)



## 300 FREE Physicals



The Hoop for Coop Youth Health Fair and Sports Clinic also provided over 300 FREE youth physicals during its five-year history.

## 875 Participants



The Hoop for Coop Youth Health Fair and Sports Clinic has served over 875 participants and attendees.



## HOLISTIC EDUCATION



GGCPINC believes that outstanding summer and out-of-school resources combined with access to fun paid work experiences for teens are critical to ensure that Akron's youth can thrive at the K-12 level, in college, and in their future careers.



According to the CDC, connecting youth to caring adults and activities such as the ones GGCPINC provides is a factor in decreasing violence and other negative behaviors.



Nia is a Kwanzaa principal and the Kiswahili word for purpose. The goal is to make our collective vocation the building and development of our community to restore people within the community to their traditional greatness.



GGCPINC's extensive experience has demonstrated that when you give young people PURPOSE or the opportunity to participate in culturally sensitive, community-focused activities in a caring environment they will come consistently and thrive.

## HOLISTIC EDUCATION OUTCOMES

# 1,500



Hours of programming conducted in both group and individual sessions during 2023 alone.

# 725+



Number of students served each year in GGCPINC's holistic education programs or events.

# 9



Unique programs and events designed to meet the unique needs of Akron/Summit and Stark County students, with an emphasis on those with limited means.



## YOUTH ENRICHMENT SUMMER CAMP

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### Learning Loss Prevention



Literacy and Math Skill Building Activities

**\$4,750**



In scholarships provided to cover camp costs for families in need

### Screen FREE Time



Daily Physical Activity

### 150 Kids Served



Akron/Summit & Stark County kids served





## Community Based Field Trips



Exposure to Akron/Summit County's Finest



## Trips to Cincinnati



Impactful educational exposure opportunities

## Mentoring



Akron/Summit & Stark County kids served



# 2023 HOLISTIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## SUMMER AND OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS



GGCP INC Summer Enrichment Camp



GGCPINC Saturday School Programming; a Cultural Enrichment and Violence Prevention Program



Back to School Give Away



JDC Gun and Violence Prevention Program Class Instructor



Hoop for Coop Youth Health Fair and Sports Clinic



MLK Youth Day of Service project

## SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS



East Football Team Sessions



Collaborated with APS as a College and Career Academy Business Partner through the United Way of Summit Medina County College and Career Academy school-based initiatives



Entrepreneurship Development Program w/Akron Zoo-focus on educating students about the benefits of composting





## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



GGCPINC's cultural programs, such as its annual Kwanzaa celebration, offer a welcoming environment where individuals can come to learn, collaborate, and grow in a safe space. The benefit is a connected, stronger, and more engaged community.







## CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

GGCPINC is honored to serve as a fiscal agent to support Akron/Summit County organizations' ability to host many of the unique programs and events held during MLK weekend as well as to facilitate multiple food giveaways.

### 200+ Volunteers



Community volunteers engaged with GGCP to support the many cultural and community service programs and events facilitated each year.

**POWER | LOVE ♥**  
**JUSTICE** WEEKEND-AKRON





# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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JUSTICE** WEEKEND-AKRON

**JANUARY  
12<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>**

**12  
FRI**  
DAYTIME



**CORPORATE CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS:**  
CRUCIAL, COURAGEOUS, CONVERSATION TOPICS:  
**MENTAL HEALTH/TRAUMA, YOUTH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION, & DEATHS OF DESPAIR**

**ORGANIZATIONS CHOOSE A 60-90 MINUTE TIME SLOT THROUGHOUT THE DAY \*WILL BE HELD AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS**  
**REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE TO PARTICIPATE**



**DR. YOLANDA SEALEY-RUIZ**

**13  
SAT**  
PANELS  
9AM-3PM



**ERICA CAMPBELL NORFUL  
POWER | LOVE ♥  
JUSTICE Concert**

**PASTOR SMOKIE NORFUL & ERICA CAMPBELL**

**A CHANGE MAKERS SYMPOSIUM:**  
IGNITING A COMMUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATION  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. YOLANDA SEALEY-RUIZ**  
**SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY "MY LIFE"**  
**PANEL DISCUSSIONS: 2 STUDENT AND COMMUNITY PANELS**  
**LOCATED AT - UNIVERSITY OF AKRON, JOHN HOWER TABER STUDENT UNION, GARDNER THEATRE**  
**REGISTER ON GOOGLE FORMS**

**15  
MON**  
10AM-2PM

**EVENING CONCERT**  
**GOSPEL CONCERT HEADLINERS:**  
**PASTOR SMOKIE NORFUL & ERICA CAMPBELL**

**OPENING ACTS BY: PAULA DEPREE & UNITED VOICE MASS CHOIR**  
**LOCATED AT GOODYEAR THEATER  
1201 E MARKET ST. AKRON, OH 44305**

**YOUTH DAY OF ACTION:**  
**YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE CLEANING UP THE COMMUNITY AT SELECTED SITES THROUGHOUT AKRON WHILE CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH TO PROVIDE DIALOGUE FOR CRUCIAL COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS**  
**REGISTER AT GGCPC.ORG**

**EVENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL MLK WEEKEND EVENTS  
ALL EVENT LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON [GGCPINC.ORG](http://GGCPINC.ORG)**

**GUYS & GALS**  
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, INC.

**NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023**

# THANKSGIVING

**HOLIDAY GIVE AWAY**  
**11AM - 1PM**



**MT. ZION**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**327 CUYAHOGA STREET AKRON, OH 44310**

Individuals can pre-register by sending email to [ggcpinc7@gmail.com](mailto:ggcpinc7@gmail.com).  
Give your name, number, address, number of individuals in the household.

PRESENTING SPONSOR

**CareSource**








**1,200+ Participants**  
Participants and attendees during GGCPINC sponsored MLK weekend celebrations each year.

**199 Individuals**  
Residents are served by GGCPINC's holiday food and supplies giveaways each year. Including 144 youth; and 83 seniors were served in 2023.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



**Youth Health Fair**  
**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:**

**HOOP TO COOP**

**AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
 ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955

**SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

Presenting Sponsor

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**FAMILIES FIRST**  
 HEALTH SERVICES

**victim assistance program**

**MOLINA HEALTHCARE**

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“ We try every year to  
help our community as  
much as we can  
here in Akron. ”

- Jerome Moss



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