

**GUYS & GALS** | COMMUNITY  
IMPACT REPORT

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, INC.

2025





## 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.



## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Initiated in Akan Rites of Passage Life Cycle - 2010

Graduated from Summit County Neighborhood Leadership Institute - 2017

Graduated from form Diversity On Board - Leadership Akron - 2019

Graduated from Georgetown University Center For Juvenile Justice Reform - Breakthrough Series Collaborative - 2022

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition - Congresswoman Emilia Sykes -2023

Graduated from Leadership Class Class 40 - 2024

Community Service Award - National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority Incorporated Beta Iota Chapter - 2024

Love Akron - Change Maker Award - 2024

North Hill CDC - True North Award - Positive and Consistent Impact - 2024

Graduated from ASHE Leaders Fellowship - 2024

Akron Zoo - Be the Change Citizen Award - 2024

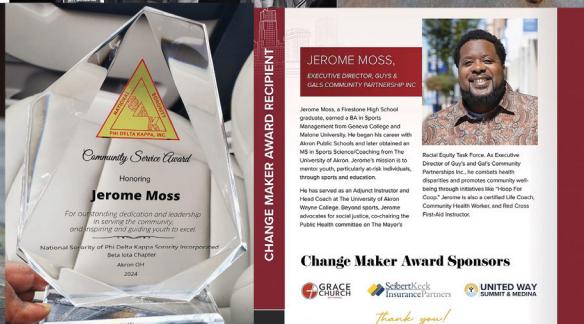
Community Service Award - The United Black Firefighters of Akron - 2025

Community Impact Award - CareSource - 2025

Bloc University Graduate

Quilombo School of 2025 - Graduate of BOLD (Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity) for Directors and Leaders

Keynote Address speaker for STEAMM Academy's Inaugural Father/Daughter Night at Hartford Middle School





## 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.

## CERTIFIED LIFE COACH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

SINCE 2018

Here at GGCPIINC, we have served over 1,500 families and 6,000 individuals through an array of services and programming since our inception in 2018.



### 11 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

We have after school programs located at the Vincent House.

**2,700 Hours of programming**



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

**3,000 Individuals served since 2020**





## 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, GGCP 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



"TO FIND SOLITUDE IN YOUR DECISIONS, YOU MUST  
BALANCE OUT YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS; AND TO FIND  
TRUE HAPPINESS, YOU MUST NOT ALWAYS SEEK  
CONVENIENCE."

- KIMYATA D. COOPER, JR.

# PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

## HOOP FOR COOP

Adult Basketball Tipoff and Men's Health Fair



**5,500**

Throughout its seven-year history, **5,500** individuals have participated in Hoop for Coop events as players, volunteers, or spectators.



**1,350**

In collaboration with local healthcare agencies, GGCP provided over **1,350** men with **FREE** Comprehensive Health Screens.

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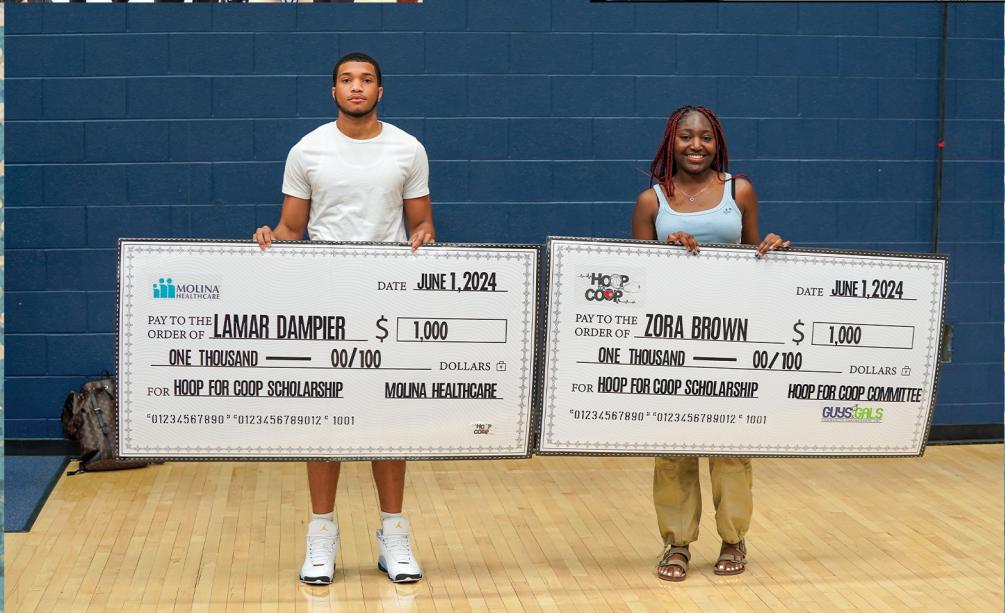
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# 2018-2025 PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE

ANNUAL HOOP FOR COOP - YOUTH HEALTH FAIR AND SPORTS CLINIC

## 370 FREE Physicals



The Hoop for Coop Youth Health Fair and Sports Clinic also provided over 370 FREE youth physicals during its six-year history.



## 930 Participants

The Hoop for Coop Youth Health Fair and Sports Clinic has served over 930 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 principle 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

**1,650**



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

**925+**



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

**14**



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

**GUYS&GALS**

**SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP** 2025

**JUNE 17TH - JULY 3RD**  
**3 WEEKS - EVERY TUESDAY-FRIDAY**  
**9AM-3PM**  
**AGES 8-15**  
**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**

**\$150 PER PERSON - \$50 DEPOSIT PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED**  
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## 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

# 2025 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
-  GGCPINC Youth Mentoring and Advocacy Program  
GGCPINC Professional Development for Seminars
-  JDC Gun and Violence Prevention Program Class Instructor  
JDC First Aide CPR - AED Red Cross 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**



**900 Total hours of service youth and adults**

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

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## 1,200 Participants



Participants and attendees during GGCPINC sponsored MLK weekend celebrations each year.

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# THANKS GIVING

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

NOVEMBER 23RD • 11AM - 1PM  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [GGCPINC.ORG](http://GGCPINC.ORG)  
327 CUYAHOGA ST. AKRON, OH 44310

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**NHCDC**

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## 600 Individuals

Residents are served by GGCPINC's holiday food and supplies giveaways each year. Including 144 youth; and 83 seniors were served in 2023 and over 200 individuals in 2024.

In 2025, over 4,500 pounds of food was given away.

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

- Jerome Moss



JEROME MOSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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