

Summer 2023

# City YOUTH Now

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer is here! For so many, summer is a time of flexibility, rest and recharging. At City Youth Now, summer is a time of deep listening, strategic thinking and planning. We are working hard to plan our new fiscal year and look forward to resuming programming this fall.

# SUMMER



## DISTRICT 7 VOTING

We would like to thank everyone who voted for our participatory budgeting application- Youth Nutrition Education and Food Security. Because of your votes, we have been selected for funding! The program will provide nutrition education and support, as well as gift cards to local grocers and restaurants, to address the challenges that many youth face with accessing nutritious meals during school breaks and holidays.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

We are getting prepared for the back to school season! Again this year we will be hosting our back to school market which will be filled with backpacks and school supplies available at no cost to youth experiencing the juvenile court system. Stay tuned for more information on dates and times for youth to stop by and pick up back to school necessities. Special thanks to the Ticket to Dream Foundation for their annual support of this program. This year they are providing over \$5,000 in school supplies for us to disburse to youth experiencing foster care.

## GET INVOLVED

Have you ever considered board service? City Youth Now is looking for individuals to join our board. Our Board of Directors focus on the high-level strategy, oversight, and accountability of the organization. No previous board leadership needed. We are searching for individuals who want to make an impact as well as those with lived experience. Interested individuals should reach out to [toni@cityyouthnow.org](mailto:toni@cityyouthnow.org) to learn more.

## WELCOME, JASMINE!

*Program and Administrative Manager*

As many of you are aware, Jocelynn has transitioned from her role at City Youth Now to become a social worker! Jocelynn graduated this spring with a MSW and will be working in a nearby community supporting youth and young adults experiencing the foster care system. Jocelynn's contributions to City Youth Now over the last 4 years have helped to strengthen the organization and develop programs that are youth-led and impactful. We will miss Jocelynn and we are excited to have her in the community doing great work. For the last 2 months Jocelynn has worked alongside our new Programs and Admin Manager, Jasmine to help her get settled in her new role. Please stop by anytime to meet Jasmine or reach out to her via email at [Jasmine@cityyouthnow.org](mailto:Jasmine@cityyouthnow.org)





## Rise Awards Recap

We stand in gratitude for everyone who joined us for the first in-person Rise Awards in 4 years! We had over 100 guests join us in support of the youth and young adults who partner with CYN programs. Together we raised \$65,000.00 in support of our programs and services. Thank you!

## 2023 Scholarship Awardees

\$1,500 DPO Yalon Scholarship- Jordan  
\$1,500 Jesse Williams III Memorial Scholarship-Dafne  
\$2,000 Sari Wade Memorial Scholarship-Natalia  
\$2,500 Joan Coyne Memorial Scholarship-Thailyah  
\$2,500 Leap Frog Memorial Scholarship-Alexis

*Congratulations Scholars!*



## Free Store

The free store is still going strong! During FY23 the free store served 293 individuals. The free store is completely donation based, we are so grateful for the local stores and organizations that help us keep this resource stocked for youth in need. Simply the Basics, another local nonprofit has been a major contributor keeping us stocked quarterly with some of our most needed items-toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant.