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conversation

2012 ANNUAL report

youthprise
Accelerating Leadership and Innovation Beyond the Classroom
A fresh approach to investment in youth takes a staff that uniquely understands what drives young people and an understanding of the out-of-school-time field. We are realistic dreamers who steadfastly believe in the enterprise of our youth and their ability to create significant and sustainable change.

Our staff represents the diversity of the youth whose lives we seek to impact. They have been carefully selected and recruited for their experience as well as their expertise. We are much more than a programming staff; our knowledge and relationships allow us to accelerate leadership and innovation beyond the classroom.

By marrying a group of devoted professionals from wide ranging backgrounds – including public policy, advocacy, nonprofit management, youth-leadership development and school-based educational programming – to an understanding of the inner workings of the funding landscape, we hope to cultivate fresh thinking, forge new partnerships and engage stakeholders in truly investing in our state’s greatest asset – our young people.

**A Deep Bench of Leadership**

**ABOUT THE COVER ART**

The cover art is one of a collection of works commissioned by Youthprise and created by artists from Juxtaposition Arts. Lead artists Nate Young and Caroline Kent worked with apprentices Namir Fearce and Adrienne Doyle to create a collection of ten paintings inspired by Youthprise’s focus on empowering youth and creating healthy, inspiring environments for them.
We talk often about the 2,000 hours of discretionary time each year that young people have outside of the time they spend in school. When employed productively, these hours can truly change the lives of young people, establishing the foundation for a future in which they can accomplish anything on which they set their sights.

How these 2,000 hours are spent is particularly crucial for Minnesota’s youth who are at the greatest risk of experiencing disparities in opportunity. As a new intermediary founded by The McKnight Foundation to accelerate leadership and innovation in the out-of-school time field, Youthprise has assumed a great responsibility: to grow and sustain support for learning beyond the classroom.

This annual report highlights some of our efforts to undertake this tall responsibility. It necessarily emphasizes our bridging role because achieving a change of the magnitude we seek requires the coordinated and directed work of a number of partners – community-based organizations, funders, policy makers, government agencies and youth themselves.

In 2012, Youthprise made investments of both capital and expertise to support the nonprofits providing direct services to young people. We have helped our partners access more opportunities through participation in a larger system that increases access, improves quality and allows for the efficient sharing of best practices. We made significant investments in systems building efforts – the coordination of services provided by municipal agencies, schools, nonprofit youth programs and other institutions to address the opportunity gap in access to high-quality learning opportunities beyond the classroom. And, we engaged in research to provide data and empirical information to support stakeholders’ investments in the field of out-of-school time.

Perhaps most importantly, Youthprise led the dialogue about the importance of youth being present in conversations about investments in their success. We are committed to developing an environment where young people are perceived as equal partners in all aspects of our work. By providing youth with authentic opportunities to lead, particularly in philanthropy and policy, we are tapping into the creativity of young people and modeling best practices in youth and adult partnerships. Youthprise’s work was made better this year by having young people play a central role in program design and governance.

We expect great things for the coming year, and we continue to believe that our state’s greatest untapped resource is the energy and ingenuity of our youth.

Kit Hadley  
Chair of the Board

Wokie Weah  
President
Youthprise believes the first partner in successful out-of-school time programs should be youth themselves. By ensuring that youth have a seat at the table, front and center, they will be in a position to shape policy decisions and lead the change that will help them thrive collectively.

In 2012, Youthprise made significant investments in two Twin Cities nonprofits that share our passion for youth development and creating more effective youth-adult partnerships. Our strategic partnership with the Minnesota Alliance With Youth expands the charter and capacity of the Minnesota Youth Council to impact policy decisions at the Minnesota Legislature and the Minnesota Department of Education, and to lead youth philanthropy projects. The Minnesota Youth Council is a statewide body, represented by four youth from each of Minnesota’s eight congressional districts and four at-large members, each of whom are matched with an adult mentor. “The opportunity to expand our work in civic engagement – especially youth engagement in policy making and philanthropy – ultimately benefits all Minnesota youth,” said Sarah Dixon, president of the Minnesota Alliance With Youth.

We are equally excited about our partnership with youthrive, which is comprised of young leaders, students aged 14 to 25, who are from diverse areas in Minnesota and the world. As part of our partnership, youthrive is refining and testing the curriculum for its Circle of Youth Engagement, an interactive training program that promotes youth-adult partnerships. The reputation of youthrive for authentically engaging youth throughout the organization and its past success in developing curriculum and training tools were important considerations in Youthprise’s decision to invest in youthrive. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to leverage this transformational partnership and work to immediately reduce barriers for professional development around youth-adult partnerships,” said Donna Cook, founder and executive director of youthrive.
Great things do not just happen by themselves. They take a clear vision, careful planning, steadfast commitment and a system that ensures success. They also take a healthy dose of innovation and inspiration.

Youthprise is working with citywide networks in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota to create formal systems or infrastructures that ensure success when it comes to increasing learning opportunities for youth beyond the classroom. Establishing these systems helps increase program visibility to ensure better access to underserved populations, provides a way to measure success and participation, helps establish best practices, and allows many stakeholders to coordinate efforts.

The center of Youthprise’s systems building investments in 2012 was focused on building the infrastructure for citywide out-of-school time systems, including:

**Sprockets, Saint Paul’s out-of-school time network,** received support to expand its shared database, including indicators for participation, demographic data, program availability and program quality ratings. Sprockets coordinates afterschool and summer programs for youth in Saint Paul and is a collaboration of community organizations, the City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Public Schools.

**Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board** was awarded a grant to complete a comprehensive planning process to develop an effective out-of-school time system in Minneapolis. The Youth Coordinating Board partners with the Minneapolis Beacons Network to expand, strengthen and formalize efforts to better link schools and out-of-school time programs and to expand quality improvement efforts among afterschool/out-of-school time programs in the city.

**Northfield Healthy Community Initiative** received support to expand the use of a shared data system to Northfield and develop a community-wide collective impact plan for and with youth. Our partnership focuses on underserved and under-engaged youth, particularly those from Northfield’s rapidly growing Latino and immigrant populations.

Youthprise is committed to finding, and funding, examples of best practices that help to build sustainability for the out-of-school time field.

One example of an innovative model Youthprise supported in 2012 is the Omnicitye Educational Success planning project. The project engaged young people directly in planning community events to strategize ways to increase the graduation rate to 85% among Native Americans living in the HUD-subsidized housing complex of Little Earth in Minneapolis.

Tapping into the energy and innovation of young people themselves, Saint Paul Park & Recreation’s Youth and Transitions program shifted a culture of practice from one that removed young people who displayed challenging and oppositional behavior to engaging those same young people in employment and leadership opportunities within the parks and rec system. Funding from Youthprise has helped Saint Paul expand this youth-work model on the Eastside of Saint Paul and be more intentional in working with the library system to promote better youth work.
Partnership means different things to different organizations. Youthprise has chosen partnership as the path to building the capacity of youth-serving organizations to engage particularly underserved and under-engaged young people.

In 2012, we chose 101 partners who we believe offer the greatest opportunities to make a difference in the quality learning experiences that give young people a sense of what they can accomplish. These 101 partners represent a mix of small and large youth-serving organizations. Some are traditional afterschool programs, like Big Brothers and Big Sisters or the YMCA. Others are new, culturally-specific and grassroots organizations like Ka Joog or the Youth Farm and Market Project. The partners also vary in the applications they offer youth, focusing on everything from employment to art to academics. Many of the partners are up and comers, just starting to build their reputations in the community.

Youthprise’s investments in these organizations, which totaled $2.1 million in grants, reflect our belief in their ability to help us achieve our strategic goals, including:

1 - expanding services to Minnesota’s youth at the greatest risk of experiencing disparities in opportunity,

2 - documenting effective youth development approaches, and

3 - scaling up home-grown innovations for national replication.

Our financial investment helps our partners build their capacity to engage particularly underserved and under-engaged young people. Beyond this financial commitment, we also focused on providing technical assistance to our 101 partners so they can effectively participate in the systems Youthprise is working to build to support the overall field.

We collaborated with GiveMN, the Charities Review Council, the Youth Intervention Programs Association, and the University of Minnesota Center for Youth Development to offer our partners unique learning and networking opportunities.

By working in partnership – not in competition – with youth, youth-serving organizations, policy makers, funders and other stakeholders, Youthprise is ensuring all Minnesota’s youth thrive.
Funded Organizations

Legacy Keepers (Griot Leadership Project)
Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota
MIGIZI Communications
Minnesota American Indian Center
Minnesota African Women’s Association
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Foundation
Neighborhood House
Neighborhood Involvement Program, Inc.
New American Academy
Northwest Youth & Family Services
Opportunity Neighborhood
Patchwork Quilt
Peta Wakan Tipi
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
Pillsbury United Communities
Plymouth Christian Youth Center
Power of People Leadership Institute/
Girls in Action
Project for Pride in Living
Redeemer Center for Life
Regents of the University of MN
(MN 4-H Foundation)
Reve Academy
Saint Paul Area Council of Churches
Saint Paul Neighborhood Network
Sanneh Foundation
Science Museum of Minnesota
Somali American Parent Association (SAPA)
Special School District #1
aka Mpls Public Schools-Community Ed
Stepping Stone Theatre Company
Students Today Leaders Forever
Tamales y Bicicletas
TeenWorks, Inc.
Tennis & Education, Inc.
TVbyGIRLS
University of Minnesota
University of St. Thomas
Urban Arts Academy
Walker West Music Academy
WE WIN Institute, Inc.
WellShare International
West 7th Community Center
Women’s Initiative for Self-Empowerment
YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities
YMCA – Minneapolis Beacons Network
Youth Express
Youth Farm and Market Project
Youth Performance Company
YouthCARE
YouthLink
YWCA of Minneapolis
YWCA of St. Paul

Academia Cesar Chavez
ACES – Athletes Committed to Educating Students
Achieve/Minneapolis
American Indian Family Center
American Oromo Community of Minnesota
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Asian Media Access
Augsburg College
Banyan Foundation
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
Bolder Options
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
Center for Hmong Arts and Talent (CHAT)
Center School (Nawayee)
Centro Cultural Chicano
Children’s Defense Fund
City of Brooklyn Park
City of Burnsville
CommonBond Communities
Community Design Center of Minnesota
Community Mediation Services
Community Renewal through Innovative Building
COMPAS
Cookie Cart
Cultural Wellness Center (CWC)
Cycles for Change
East Side Neighborhood Services
Eco Education
El Colegio Charter School
Emerge Community Development
Family Partnership
FamilyMeans
Full Circle Community Institute
Galaxy Youth Centers, Bloomington Public Schools
Genesys Works
Girl Scouts of MN and WI River Valleys
Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches/
Division of Indian Work
Heartland Democracy Center
Hennepin County Library
High School for Recording Arts
Hmong American Partnership
In Progress
Independent Feature Project-North
Intermedia Arts of Minnesota
Jabbok Family Services
Juxtaposition
Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization
Kaleidoscope Place
Kwanzaa Community Church, PCUSA
La Oportunidad
You might expect that lunchtime conversations with youth would include discussion of the latest Xbox game, Beyoncé, or Kobe versus Lebron. But if that youth is involved in a meaningful activity outside of school and paired with an adult partner, the conversation might surprise you.

That is certainly the case for 18-year-old Isha Caldwell, who has been involved in several out-of-school activities through the Brooklyn Youth Council, one of Youthprise’s newest partners. “My conversations with others are about what I did at work and what I did after school,” said Isha. “We talk about our experiences – how they are different and similar – and how much we can learn from each other. It is always something different, but interesting.”

The results of a productive youth-adult partnership can be just as rewarding for the adult. “Youth come in with this boundless creativity and energy and capacity to think beyond the boxes that we adults put things in,” said Kelsey Schuster, Brooklyn Youth Council Advisor, who worked with Isha. “When we bust out of those boxes, we can create dramatic change.”

So much of a person’s character is formed at a young age. It is important that young people have experiences that are enriching and that they have adults around them who support their dreams and aspirations.

Perhaps the most important aspect of a successful youth-adult relationship is trust. “Adults often shy away from partnering with young people because they like to control the outcome,” said Kelsey. “Trusting someone who does not have a track record is a risky thing, but if no one trusts you that first time, you’ll never develop a track record.”
Challenging Our Norms

Young people see the world differently. They provide creativity, energy and a fresh perspective. When their unbridled enthusiasm is applied to real world challenges – with the guidance and support of adults – truly great things happen.

One of the highlights of 2012 at Youthprise was the inauguration of the Youth Innovators Collective. Youth Innovators are a group of young people who work with adults to provide fresh solutions to challenges.

The goal of the Youth Innovators is to model the kind of strong youth-adult partnerships we hope to see in other organizations. The Youth Innovators’ experience demonstrates that young people are more willing to challenge the conventions of the adult world and produce fresh, out-of-the-box solutions.

Over the summer, eight Youth Innovators worked diligently at Youthprise. The group operated like a think tank, brainstorming a variety of strategies important to our mission and to the support of our partners in the field of out-of-school time. They were engaged in hands-on work ranging from communications and marketing to administration and fund development.

One example of a project tackled by the Youth Innovators was an assignment for the Hennepin County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative. Working in conjunction with Wilder Research, the Youth Innovators were responsible for coordinating and leading discussion groups with other young people to identify indicators of stress in their lives. Participants discussed stress levels and strategies for managing stress. Results from the focus groups went on to inform a youth mental health dashboard being researched by Wilder.

Projects undertaken by Youth Innovators benefit both youth and the organizations they serve. Youth are able to hone their creative and presentation skills while availing themselves of the expertise and advice from industry experts. Likewise, businesses and organizations benefit from the kind of fresh ideas and innovative thinking that only youth can provide.

We look forward to welcoming new Youth Innovators in the spring of 2013.
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As the idea of creating an intermediary for the field of out-of-school time was being developed, The McKnight Foundation drew upon some of the most respected and knowledgeable minds and advocates in the youth development field to gather input and to guide the inaugural leadership of the organization. The Founding Advisors reflected on the past investment and impact in the field and articulated for the incoming President of Youthprise their hopes and dreams for young people and for learning beyond the classroom.

Their hopes and dreams have motivated us, challenged us, and inspired us to continue to do the work that will ultimately make a difference in the lives of young people and their families – the real beneficiaries of the brave decision to launch Youthprise.

Hopes and Dreams

Be a place where we have hope for all youth.

Keep the frame positive about youth as assets.

Enjoy the meaningful process with youth. The ‘with’ makes all the difference.

Focus on the potential of all youth – creating a wide variety of opportunities for all to thrive.

Rock the boat in championing youth.

Be transformational in partnerships.

Be bold - keep youth closely involved.

Utilize the process of authentic youth engagement – it brings such amazing outcomes.

Stay bold. Strong heart. Embrace possibilities.
### FINANCIALS

#### Summarized Financial Information

**Statements of Financial Position**   
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| **Liabilities and Net Assets** |            |            |
| Accounts Payable             | $22,715    | $40,532    |
| Accrued Expenses             | 47,083     | 4,593      |
| Grants Payable               | 745,000    | -          |
| **Total Liabilities**        | 814,798    | 45,125     |
| Unrestricted                 | 593,218    | 232,117    |
| Temporarily Restricted       | 7,417,758  | 1,074,649  |
| **Total Net Assets**         | 8,010,976  | 1,306,766  |
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**Statements of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2012 and The Inception Period Ended June 30, 2011**

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The above financial information is summarized from our records. To receive a copy of our audited financial statement, please call Maya at Youthprise at 612-564-4858.
Changing the Landscape

After thoughtful consideration and strategic planning, in 2010 The McKnight Foundation chose to shift its 15 years of significant grantmaking of out-of-school time initiatives and programming.

With a history of both establishing and funding intermediaries, The McKnight Foundation considered its investment in the field and decided they could have greater impact – and inspire even greater investment – in the field of out-of-school time by creating an intermediary and transferring its portfolio to Youthprise.

As an intermediary, Youthprise plays a unique role in the success of young people in Minnesota. By changing the conversation – helping adults, leaders, policy makers, funders, and youth themselves to believe in the enterprise of youth and their ability to create and sustain change – Youthprise is changing the landscape of youth development.

McKnight’s initial investment in Youthprise of $11 million was met with an investment from many other leading funders in Minnesota. Realizing that the field of out-of-school time needed to reinvigorate itself, and was eager for more intense support beyond simply funding, our other major funders in 2012 saw their investments leveraged through Youthprise’s platforms for convening and providing technical support to our grantees, and encouraging the development and sharing of best practices among youth-serving organizations.

Youthprise owes its genesis to some of the most visionary leaders of philanthropy in Minnesota – The McKnight Foundation. Generations of young people will benefit from McKnight’s intuitive and generous decision to challenge Minnesota to put young people first.

OUR MAJOR FUNDERS IN 2012

**Corporate Donors**

- Asia Society
- Best Buy, Inc.
- Bremer Bank
- F. R. Bigelow Foundation
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Mardag Foundation
- Dick and Joyce H. McFarland Family Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation
- Minnesota Department of Education/Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- National League of Cities
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi LLP Foundation for Children
- The McKnight Foundation
- The Minneapolis Foundation
- The Saint Paul Foundation
- The Sheltering Arms Foundation
- Travelers, Inc.

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- Terrie Rose
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- Catherine Sheehan
- Joseph Stackhouse
- Sharon Stanton
- James Toole
- Kim Vanderwall
- Michelle VanKeulen
- Jennifer Waltman
- Wokie Weah
- Nancy Wong
- Chad Wottreng

**Intermediary**

*n. 1. One who acts as an agent between two parties. 2. A group or person who provides functions and supports that no single direct-service organization can typically provide to the whole sector, in a way that enables all boats to rise.*
BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS WITH DR. DOROTHY COTTON
Youthprise hosted more than 300 guests at a Philanthropy Breakfast, radio show, and Community Forum as part of Black History Month celebrations. Dr. Dorothy Cotton, noted civil rights leader, inspired youth with a glimpse of how young people of her generation, armed with little more than vision and determination, helped affect one of the most significant social movements of the 20th century.

YOUTH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS JOINS YOUTHPRISE
In early 2012, the Supporting Youth Success report was released – which highlighted the important role communities play in providing the infrastructure for learning beyond the classroom – parks, libraries, community centers, transportation – and capping the transfer of Youth Community Connections, Minnesota’s Statewide Afterschool Alliance, under the Youthprise umbrella. Youth Community Connections brought to Youthprise more than a decade of experience in the field of out-of-school time.

MAYORAL SUMMIT
The Minnesota Mayoral Summit, hosted by Youthprise and partners in the Minnesota Afterschool Network in March, brought together city, county and school district leaders to engage with their peers, with youth, and with national experts. The half-day Summit featured panel and roundtable discussions with youth and municipal leaders who shared strategies for building effective citywide systems for afterschool, with youth and for youth.
**COLLABORATIVE FOR BUILDING AFTERSCHOOL SYSTEMS** Youthprise joined the Collaborative for Building Afterschool Systems in 2012. Known as CBASS, Collaborative partners work within their cities to connect local afterschool programs, schools, and neighborhood organizations with policymakers and funding sources. Membership in the Collaborative gives Youthprise additional tools to support our work to advance systemic approaches that improve access to quality learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

**YOUTH PHILANTHROPY FUND** Youthprise established a youth philanthropy fund for which young people are the key decision-makers. Youth identified innovative strategies and discussed strategic investments that address issues and concerns relevant to them and their communities. The Youth Philanthropy Fund is not just about giving grants, it fosters authentic youth engagement that provides youth with an opportunity to learn new skills in leadership, teamwork, decision-making, problem solving, communication, and financial stewardship. The Youth Philanthropy Fund is preparing to make its first investments in 2013.

**NINE NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED**
The Youthprise board of directors elected nine new members ranging in age from 14 to 82 and comprising a dynamic group of thinkers, practitioners and community leaders who are dedicated to the success of Minnesota youth. The board is comprised of Youthprise grantees and partners, and reflects the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of the Twin Cities, one of Youthprise’s top priorities. Board members’ expertise includes youth development, research, juvenile justice, technology and online media, financial management and corporate relations.

**GiveMN VIDEO CONTEST** Youthprise partnered with GiveMN to kick off a video contest to support Give to the Max Day efforts. Youthprise’s Youth Philanthropy Fund awarded grant prizes to six Minnesota organizations who showcased their efforts to mobilize the power of youth. Two top awards of $5,000 were given to Cookie Cart and YouthLink. Additional prizes were awarded to InProgress ($2,500), TVbyGirls ($1,000), CommonBond ($500) and Intermedia Arts ($500). The winning videos did the best job of creatively showcasing youth and adults in their organizations who worked together to engage young people and provide meaningful learning opportunities beyond the classroom.
Investing in the enterprise of youth