



summercollab



2018
MAKE
SUMMER
SMARTER

2018 YEARBOOK



FOREWARD

Hi Team,

What an incredible year!

Across every site in the network, we saw kids engaged in hands-on projects. We saw kids thriving as they read alongside reading tutors during individualized instruction. We saw kids from member sites and districts come together for the first time at Tyler's Camp, supporting one another as they explored everything from wrestling to coding, ballet to engineering.

The amazing things I saw walking through the halls of each of your programs this summer continue to inspire me. And this is all because of you.

Do you remember how this all began? Eight years ago, you, our founding members, spoke out to say that *our kids need more!* And you, our funders, answered *yes!* when I in turn asked you to fund Teach For America instructors to support kids during summer months. And it was you, our camp leaders, who said *yes!* to new ideas, to trusting a process, to learning together year after year. All of you said *yes!* when you could have said *no* and preserved the status quo.

Together, we have found our footing in our continuous pursuit of better. One foot in front of the next, you took the steps, on top of an already burdensome workload, in the face of doubts that it could, indeed, be done. You had faith in each other, in me, in us. As a result, you created a dynamic summer learning system, one of the top rated in the country.

Today, we share more than a vision. We share form, function, values, and purpose. We share an unflagging attitude which is that "*We Default To 'Yes!'*" We don't fear failure; we ask questions; we push the bar; we listen. We learn and we care for each other, and through that, we know that we are not alone in pursuing the critical and difficult task of closing the opportunity gap.

As we move forward, let's always remember that we got here because the movement is bigger than ourselves. We put humility in the forefront. We shared our issues authentically and vulnerably and worked through them one by one together. We put kids first, and our egos last.

Where will we go from here? What more will we do? How many more kids will we serve? What more will we offer our kids and their families? Everything is possible.

We have the power to do it if we dream it. You've proven that.

Let's do that.

Let's keep doing that.



Catherine Lindroth
Executive Director

ABOUT SUMMERCOLLAB

SummerCollab partners with community based institutions and schools to light kids up about learning through extraordinary summer programs. Uniquely, we make precise capacity building investments in each of our partnering sites in the form of leadership coaching, specialized personnel, staff training, technology and curriculum. This ensures Collaborative Camps are equipped with the resources they need to implement best practices proven to transform educational outcomes for students.

In 2018, **we served 2,300 kids through 12 member camps** and helped deliver:

- Hands-on, expertly designed curriculum
- Ongoing assessment to track student needs and growth
- Targeted interventions that meet students' individual needs
- Access to expert teachers, exceptional college students, and other qualified individuals dedicated to reversing summer learning loss

Our Member Sites

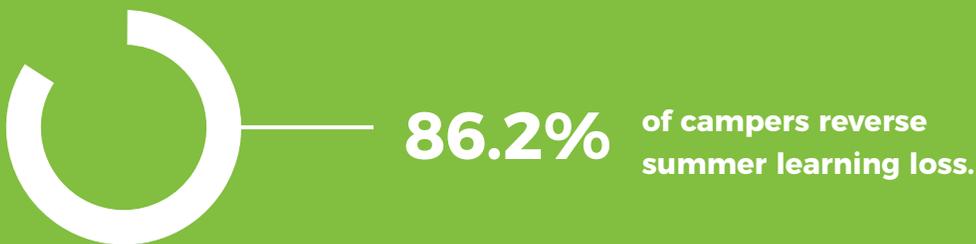
- H. Fletcher Brown Boys & Girls Club
- Dagsboro Boys & Girls Club
- Boys & Girls Club at EastSide Charter School
- Clarence Fraim Boys & Girls Club
- William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center
- Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center
- Kingswood Community Center
- Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club 'Laurel Extension'
- Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club at Seaford
- Boys & Girls Club at Shortlidge Academy
- UrbanPromise - Camp Hope
- West End Neighborhood House
- Walnut Street YMCA (Veteran Member Camp)



3rd grade marks a crucial year in the lives of young learners. Until this point, students are learning how to read, but after third grade, they start reading to learn. Text-dependent learning becomes more prevalent across all subjects, and if a child struggles below grade level in literacy, their chances of catching up diminish rapidly.

This year SummerCollab introduced the Summer Literacy Corps, an AmeriCorps Program, dedicated to supporting growth in literacy during this critical time in kids' development. The Summer Literacy Corps' mission is to provide individualized and targeted literacy interventions to at least 40% of children, K-5, enrolled at SummerCollab member sites during the summer. Corps members, who are high-performing high school and college students, work one-on-one with students every day of the summer, reinforcing core competency areas, including vocabulary and comprehension.

As a result of the above, in 2018 we saw*:



**GROWTH IN
SIGHT WORD
RECOGNITION**



**GROWTH IN
PHONICS**



**GROWTH IN
COMPREHENSION**



**GROWTH IN
VOCABULARY**

According to the National Summer Learning Association, low-income children typically lose up to three months of learning during the summer. "Summer Learning Loss Reversal" statistics indicate those SummerCollab students who transcended the national average.

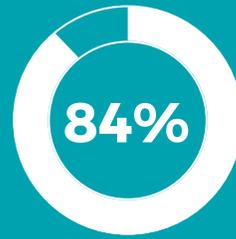
*In keeping with national best practices, all data was calculated inclusive of all children, including those who experienced loss or stasis.

H. FLETCHER BROWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

“This summer, I saw our campers be more adaptable to what SummerCollab does. They did benefit from the Literacy Corps, who worked with them on a one-on-one basis. The small group interventions were also great. We also grew in the area of having a behavioral interventionist on site who interacted with our kids on a daily basis. I think our kids benefited from having someone there to give them that behavioral support.”

- CARMEN WRIGHT, CAMP LEADER

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Percentage of kids who reversed summer learning loss



Average literacy growth



“The children really enjoyed the hands-on experience from the curriculum and the consistency of how the program ran. The program flowed better, they knew where they were going and what they were doing. It gave campers a sense of power and belonging. Kids were actively engaged and actively learning. Consistent active learning reduced behaviors we would normally see during the summer.”

- BETTY HARMON, UNIT DIRECTOR

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AT EAST SIDE CHARTER SCHOOL

“SummerCollab’s programming boosted our campers’ confidence. At the beginning, we saw a lot of kids not feeling like they could read. The Literacy Corps built real bonds with the kids that made learning feel like fun. The same can be said with the teacher counselors. By having this confidence that they can read and learn and know that they are smart, they will be more likely to succeed during the school year.”

- **MORGAN BARNES**, CAMP LEADER

The mission of East Side Charter School is to educate children in a safe, caring and nurturing environment so that they can excel academically and socially. We believe that all children are capable of mastering content standards and meeting social expectations when they have thorough understanding, adequate time and appropriate support. Students are viewed as individuals and every effort is made to accommodate each child’s unique gifts and talents.

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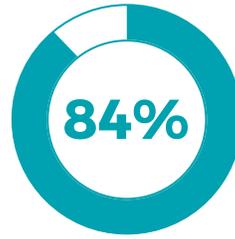
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CLARENCE FRAIM BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

“Overall, it was a great experience, great program, great support to the kids and Fraim. The problem solving lessons asked kids to work together, to collaborate, and problem solve and build. To come together, work together, and think together. This makes a huge difference for children in this community because they don’t necessarily understand the importance of collaborating together. But the lessons put them in a position to collaborate and work together and see the benefits of it.”

- RACHEL JOHNSON, CAMP LEADER

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KINGSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

“We were looking for the missing piece around year-round growth. We have a school year literacy program and focus on the skills that children need to be more successful in all content areas with a core focus of literacy. So our collaboration with Collab for the summer piece has been wonderful in our children’s success. Collab has supported us in our mission and focus. Our camp is stronger and provides a new degree of quality around learning. By having the amazing Summer Literacy Corps during this summer, it made the collaboration truly succeed. It enabled all Collab staff to work with kids individually around learning while silently building additional positive relationships for our children, as well. Kingswood is all about the “and” not the “or,” and by working with Collab, our community and children have excelled.”

- KINGSWOOD LEADERSHIP TEAM



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The Kingswood Community Center’s mission is to enable people in Northeast Wilmington and surrounding communities to achieve their potential for economic, social, and personal well-being. Kingswood currently offers programs for the youngest and oldest alike, as it includes an early learning center for 12 months to 5 years of age, before and aftercare, after school programming for school age and teens, and a senior center for the elders in the community.

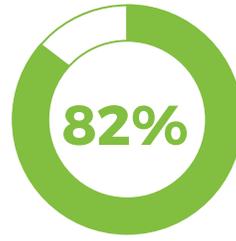


HILLTOP LUTHERAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

“Including the AmeriCorps members really helped with the reading intervention... as opposed to just the couple people we started with doing RTI...The AmeriCorps Members and Reading Specialists were instrumental in tailoring curriculum that really worked for the individual kids that we serviced.”

- MATT JOHNSON, CAMP LEADER

Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center is a not-for-profit agency providing educational and social development programs for children and teens in the Hilltop neighborhood of Wilmington. Hilltop provides a safe haven for young people to enhance educational, ongoing cultural enrichment, athletic and recreational programs.



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WILLIAM "HICKS" ANDERSON COMMUNITY CENTER

“After being a part of Collab for so many years, every year they have added another entity to the program. They have shown, not only the dire need to reverse summer learning loss, but the kind of strategies the kids can use throughout the whole year. Over the years, they have shown that the work they do over summer makes a difference for them during the school year.”

-TASIA WRIGHT, PROGRAM DEAN



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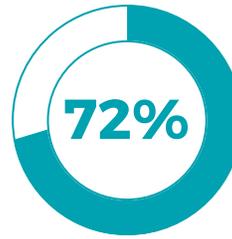
William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center has served as a hub of positive community activity in the West Center City neighborhood, and is focused on community strengthening and family-focused programming. WHACC continues in the tradition of providing individual and family services to Wilmington’s families and youth. The Center is a bustling hub of activities for neighborhood children, including after-school academic enrichment and recreational programs.



“Our kids got to experience things that they probably would not otherwise have been exposed to this summer. It helped them prevent summer losses in reading through AmeriCorps members and also with critical thinking skills, because they were constantly exposed to activities that made them think but were also fun to them. Kids had lessons where they were engineering, art lessons which helped them express their creativity. They had time to work individually and they also had time to work together to build their social skills.”

- BRIAN DAISEY, CAMP LEADER

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WESTERN SUSSEX BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AT SEAFORD

“The curriculum was incredibly engaging for our campers. Having curriculum that focused around education was really impactful. I saw a lot of kids working together to get through the fun activities. It also helped kids get to know themselves better. The activities took a lot of deep thinking and helped them realize who they are, what they enjoy, what they don’t enjoy.” - KYLE HASTINGS, PROGRAM DEAN



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AT SHORTLIDGE ACADEMY



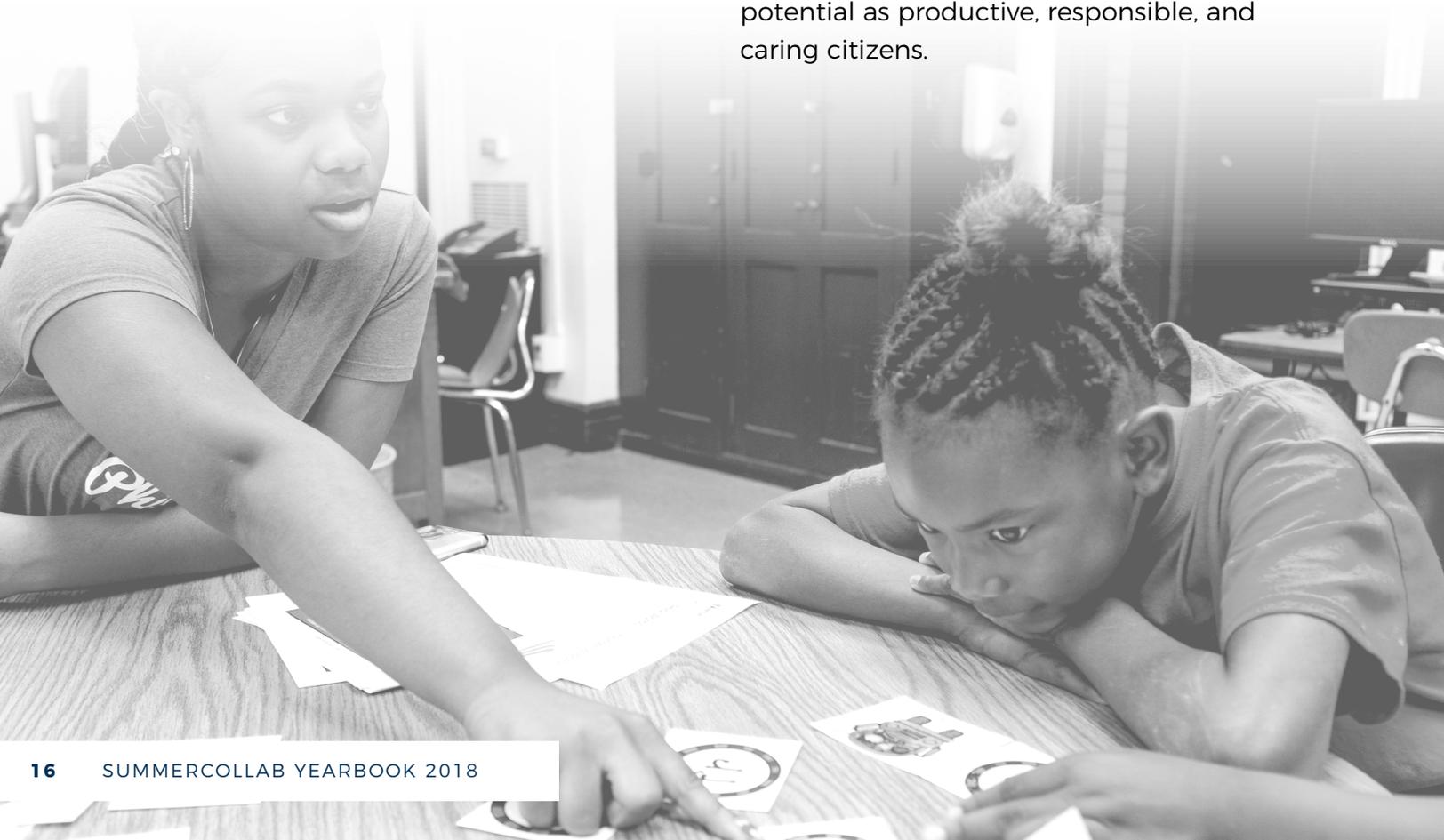
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Average literacy growth

“Our children really were able to venture out into new skills in learning with Collab. They really enjoyed the reading intervention program; they were always excited and elated to be a part of that program whenever they were pulled for reading. I saw a lot of improvement within, of course, their reading and their engagement with different types of activities. They actually wanted to know more about and elaborate on some of the things they were learning.” - ALAN ADAMS, CAMP LEADER

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URBANPROMISE - CAMP HOPE

“Partnering with SummerCollab has allowed us to explore different ideas and ways to staff well, and to develop the staff. Having conversations with my program coach opened up ideas and ways to organize camps in such a way that staff could learn and lead. We might have great ideas and we might have expectations, but knowing how to articulate them and present them is important. If your staff are unclear, then your kids are going to be unclear. If the staff aren’t learning, the kids probably aren’t learning. SummerCollab has added to executing on UrbanPromise’s mission in this way.”

-EMILY KENNEDY, CAMP LEADER



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Average literacy growth

The mission of UrbanPromise Wilmington is to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth, and servant leadership. UrbanPromise hosts summer camps in 6 locations throughout Wilmington.



WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

“Partnering with the Summer Learning Collab provides West End youth with high-quality academic enrichment programming in the summer months. At the end of the six week curriculum, our youth are more eager to learn, able to read for more sustained periods, show greater confidence as learners, ask and answer more questions and are better able to work in groups as well as independently. Youth find learning to be more fun as they become more capable of meeting academic challenges and overcoming learning weaknesses.”

- CATHERINE CASTI

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH SERVICES



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Average literacy growth

West End Neighborhood House, Inc. has been serving the changing needs of the community for over 135 years. Their mission is to assist individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, reach and maintain their maximum potential, and live responsibly and harmoniously in a healthy community and complex world.



TYLER'S CAMP

2018 marked a momentous year for Tyler's Camp, SummerCollab's middle school academies. At Tyler's Camp, our campers, called Pathfinders, explore a range of subjects taught by leading experts in each field, including lacrosse, dance, coding, robotics, and more. Pathfinders also had the opportunity to participate in literacy classes, where they could reinforce key competencies, like reading comprehension and vocabulary, in a small-group setting.

Tyler's Camp was founded in memory of Tyler Brown, a student of Salesianum School, who exemplified commitments to scholarship, sportsmanship, openness and service during his life. It is with his example in mind that Tyler's Camp aims to create opportunities for its Pathfinders to wholeheartedly explore a diverse selection of subjects each summer.

- **700 Pathfinders** attended Tyler's Camps this summer from Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, La Esperanza Community Center, Freire Charter School, Great Oaks Charter School, Nativity Preparatory School, Kingswood Community Center, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center, Serviam Girls Academy, and the Walnut Street YMCA.
- **20+ strategic partners** devoted expertly-led programming to Pathfinders this summer, including Strive: How You Lead Matters, Microsoft, EXPLO, US Lacrosse, Coded by Kids, Wilmington Ballet Academy, Wilmington Children's Chorus, Ground Up Computer Science, and more.
- **5 schools** dedicated their facilities to serve as Tyler's Camp campuses across the state of Delaware. They include Sussex Academy, Salesianum School, McCullough Middle School, Castle Hills Elementary School, and Stanton Middle School.
- **2 school districts**, Red Clay Consolidated School District and Colonial School District, partnered with SummerCollab to identify their highest-needs students to attend Tyler's Camps, ensuring that they would receive the kind of comprehensive support they need to grow during the summer.



LOOKING FORWARD

Through our passion, dedication, and commitment to our kids, we will continue to not only reverse summer learning loss, but drive significant academic and developmental gains for our kids during the summer.

IN 2019 WE WILL:

- Ally with Member Camps and Tyler's Camps to support 3,000 K-8 students.
- Serve 40% of all campers with targeted literacy support through our AmeriCorps Summer Literacy Corps
- Refine and expand our groundbreaking data sharing agreement with local school districts, enabling us to track our students throughout the school year and measure the longitudinal impact of our programming
- Provide camp leaders and staff with ongoing professional development to drive systemic improvements in positive behavior systems and trauma-informed care, camp culture, and personalized learning
- Support strategic planning, data analytics, and institution of action steps to help each agency identify growth areas and implement best practices

PROJECTED RESULTS:

- 86% of campers will reverse summer learning loss
- 67% of campers will make academic gains
- 20% of our 3rd graders will make summer gains that bring them to grade level reading

VETERAN CAMP SPOTLIGHT

WALNUT STREET YMCA



“This summer our children’s social skills improved through the different curriculum that was offered. The children were challenged to do group work on a regular basis which helped improve their social skills in working with new people. ”

-KRYSTINA SCHNEIDER, CAMP LEADER

When member sites join the SummerCollab network, they not only commit to transforming the summer into a period of learning, but also to transforming their sites so that they can sustain lasting impact beyond their membership with SummerCollab. The Walnut Street YMCA is one such example. After a partnership of five years with the collaborative, the Walnut Street YMCA has achieved veteran status. This year, their supports included training, a program dean and access to SummerCollab’s critical thinking curriculum.

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