

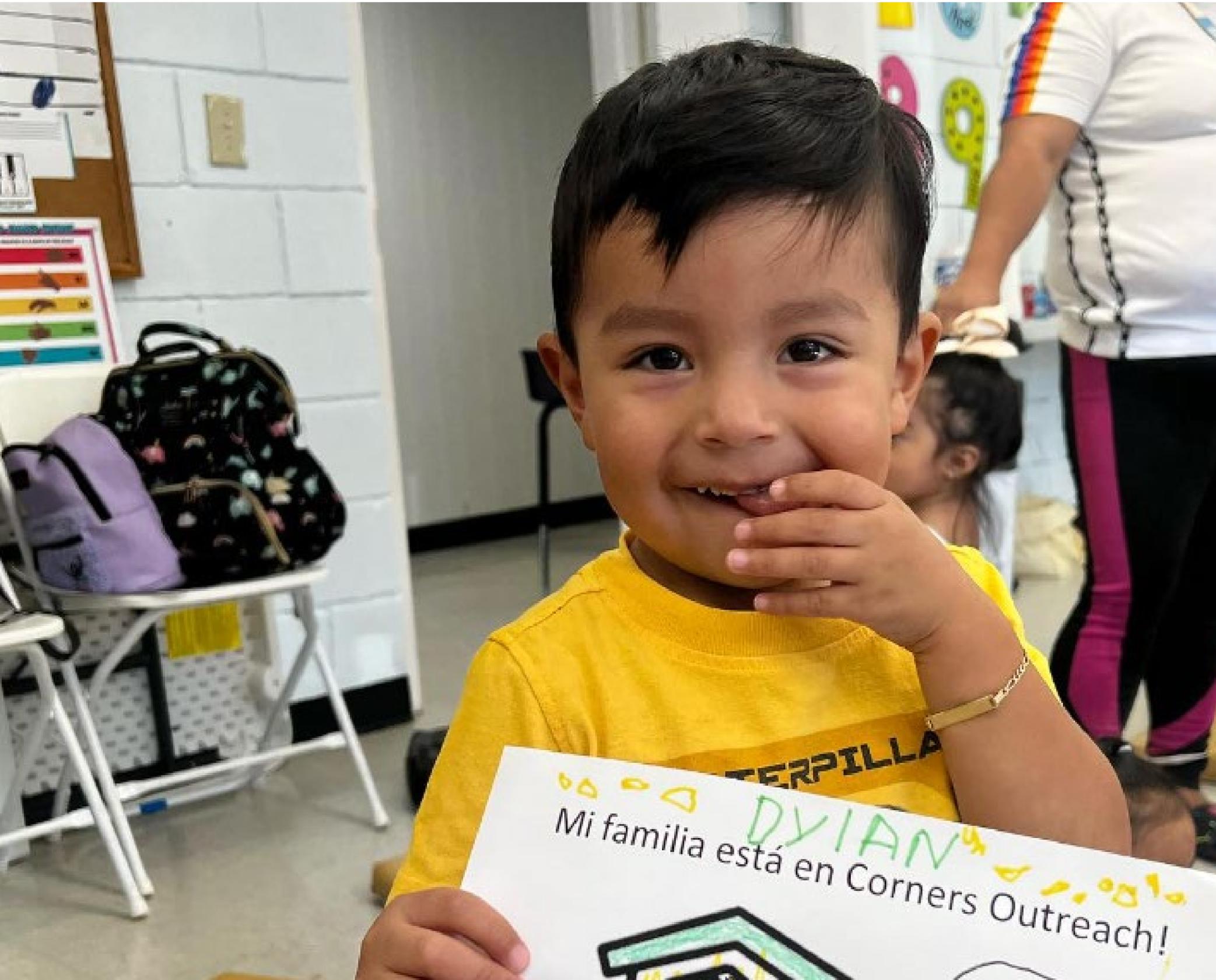


# ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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## MISSION

Equipping Metro Atlanta's underserved students of color and their families to lead full lives through educational development and economic opportunities.

## VISION

One community where every person thrives, no matter their color, status or background.

## VALUES

1. We are better together. Let us unite as a community to ensure it's a good place for all of us to live.
2. Diversity should be celebrated. 97% of the families Corners Outreach serves are Latino or Black.
3. Everyone can succeed when given the opportunity. In the last three years, Corners Outreach paid over \$3,000,000 in living wages.
4. We advocate to overcome systemic injustices on behalf of every minority family and individual.

*“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”*

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# Letter from Larry Campbell

PRESIDENT & CEO OF CORNERS OUTREACH

Thank you for supporting Corners Outreach. In 2023, your support created life altering impact that generations will experience.

As you will see in our annual report, it was a tremendous year.

**1. Transforming Lives Through Belief:** Over the past two years, Corners Outreach has achieved an astounding feat, **raising a cumulative total of over \$11,000,000!** These funds are provided mostly by folks who will not benefit in our work but are touched by the unwavering belief in our mission, values, and exceptional leadership. We've shown that we can create ripples of change that extend far beyond our immediate reach.

**2. Empowering Communities, One Family at a Time:** Corners Outreach is **actively engaged with over 1,000 families**, almost all who struggle in poverty. We leave no age group behind, dedicating our efforts to nurturing the academic skills of children ages 0 to 18 while concurrently empowering adults with the tools they need for better job prospects and sustainable livelihoods. Our commitment is to help these families attain living-wage positions, ensuring a brighter future for all.

**3. Expanding Our Horizon & Building Unity:** In 2023, Corners Outreach acquired a new community center in Norcross, where the spirit of togetherness thrives. **With over 700 people attending our programs weekly in Norcross and another 250 people attending our DeKalb programs**, we foster a sense of belonging and progress that resonates with every individual we touch. This new chapter in our journey is a testament to our collective dedication to making our community more robust, resilient, and united.

**Are you interested in being more involved in 2024?** Here are some things you can do:

**1. Read the annual report** (you're already on your way!)



- 2. Volunteer in our programs** and become a catalyst for change.
- 3. Celebrate the incredible impact we have achieved together at our events** (page 21) and the even more significant potential we hold within us.

I am led by faith, and I hope all I do reflects that. For me, that is belief in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I know that He also was a great factor in our work. Thank you for your prayers. We now have our church in the same building so that we can provide holistic mind, body, and spirit family engagement.

The Greatest Commandments, cited by Jesus in Matthew 22:35-40 and Mark 12:28-34, are to *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind....And: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

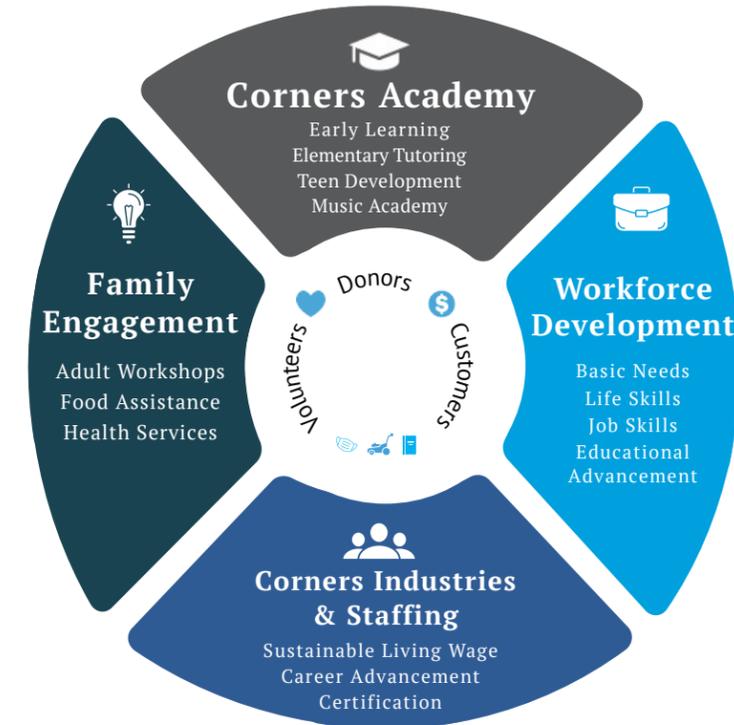
**I hope and pray that we live out the Greatest Commandment in all interactions with our families, our clients, and our supporters.**

We are blessed by you and hope you are blessed by our work.

# Three Paths of Impact

## THE POWER OF INTERSECTION

Corners Outreach offers Three Paths of Impact for our community. All three change lives. Often those who enter one path, add another path, and then invite others to join them and connect with Corners.



In 2023, **Corners created and paid out over \$1,500,000 in wages to local parents.** In addition to lawn care, we pay living wages to part-time teachers, van drivers, leather workers, parent ambassadors and cleaning staff. Thank you to all of those who donated, bought products, and volunteered. **When you purchase from Corners, you not only receive great products and services, but you are improving the lives of local families.**

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lawn Clients	131	381	583	483	413	420
Volunteers	217	267	185	200	200	211
Investors	268	326	324	374	391	502
<b>Total</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>1,133</b>

# 2023 Highlights



Corners Outreach **raised \$8,545,000** for our capital campaign, which was even more than our goal of \$8.2 million!

Of our Corners Academy students, **80% improved their reading and 44% improved their math skills** in 2023.

Our new Gwinnett location became an approved bus stop for the Meadowcreek cluster, nearly **doubling the students we can see afterschool.**

Corners Workforce and Staffing connected with **635 job applicants**, and **placed 29 candidates in living wage jobs.**



## Note from Paul Reid

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

“I want to thank you, our donors, volunteers and staff, for all you do to support Corners. We know you have many choices to invest your time and treasure, and we are thankful you have chosen to partner with us! We will continue to commit to being the best stewards of what has been entrusted to us.”

As I prepared to write this note for our Annual report, I reviewed previous annual reports and reflected on the past year at Corners Outreach. In reviewing those reports, I recognized three consistent themes that I believe sum up our work at Corners. Compassion, Growth and Gratitude.

First, **COMPASSION**, from you, our donors, volunteers, and staff, towards the families we serve and for those in our community. Your generosity and willingness to help those in need by giving them the tools to succeed never ceases to amaze me.

Second, **GROWTH**. Our growth has been fuelled by your generosity in not only money, but your time and investment into Corners. As a result, **we raised \$11M in our capital campaign to purchase our community center, increased the numbers of families we served and paid over \$2.4M in wages!** Also, most importantly, we have measured the growth of our students academically and **80% of our students have improved in reading and 44% have improved in math**, not to mention the growth in relationships with our students, their families, and the community overall.

Lastly, **GRATITUDE**. As board chair, I want to thank you, our donors, volunteers and staff, for all you do to support Corners. **We know you have many choices to invest your time and treasure, and we are thankful that you have chosen to partner with us!** We will continue to commit to being the best stewards of what has been entrusted to us.

Now a few words on the future. Shortly after moving into our new building, I stated that we should start looking for a new building. I know that seems strange, but I can see the hyper growth taking place and depth of need in our community. And I want us to be ready!

In closing, I would like to share this quote from Calvin Coolidge: “All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.” I end with this quote to remind us that while we have made great progress these 10+ years; we have some much more work to do. And this requires our collective continued compassion, time, and treasure to ensure our continued growth as we change lives together!

## Corners Community Center

1854 SHACKLEFORD COURT, NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30093



At Corners Outreach, our primary focus is on development. This means giving an individual, family, or entire community what they need to move beyond dependency on relief into a condition of economic self-sufficiency. It includes education, job creation and training, job search skills, and financial counseling.

We need a primary place to serve the whole family’s (age 3, 9, 15, 21, or 40+) development.

We also want the community center to be a gathering place where friendships and social networks are built. We hope it will serve as a neutral ground where people of all ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic statuses can meet, interact, and engage with each other. Such interactions are essential for individual and collective wellbeing.

Many of our families live in apartments, and sometimes multifamily dwellings, so having a place to gather is important. That can be scheduled

classes or just an informal book club, coffee shop, bible study, etc. It can also be a place to grow activities that nourish the whole person like art, dance, soccer, playground area or a “maker space” that pulls the community together.

As a society that is aging with a big boomer population, our seniors have so much talent that is underutilized. Our community center can unite us to share life experiences.

We have many ideas, but we would love to hear your thoughts, passion, and experiences.

If you want to get involved in activities or volunteering at our community center, or have a way you hope to use our community center, email us at [info@cornersoutreach.org](mailto:info@cornersoutreach.org) and we’ll get you connected!

Please join in as we grow both the formal and informal aspects of a community center.



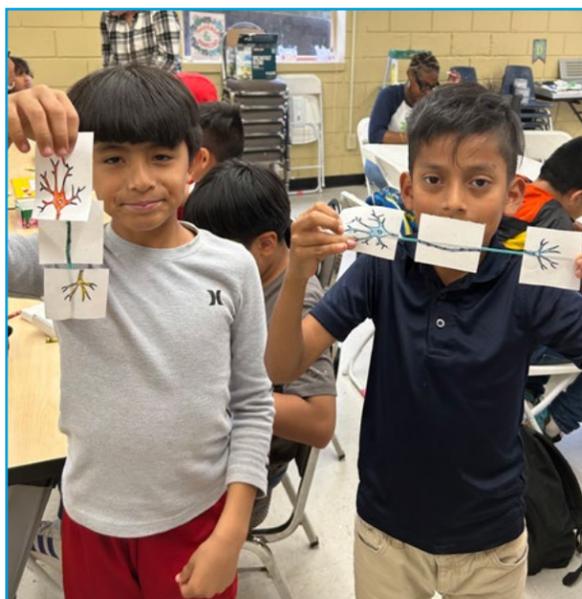
# Introducing our New COO: Adrienne Hamilton-Butler

For over 10 years, I worked in the homelessness space. Individuals and families experience homelessness for many reasons: including lack of stable and sufficient income to support safe, permanent, housing; mental health challenges that impair the ability to maintain housing; and lack of affordable housing to accommodate families. I learned during my time working with the unhoused that their situation did not start months prior, but many years prior, as far back as child and young adulthood. Homelessness is not just about income, or not having a permanent residence. It is also about being disconnected from a supportive community, or not having the skills or education to obtain livable wage employment, or being a part of a family structure that does not see upward economic mobility as a reality.

What drew me to Corners Outreach is its commitment to helping families before they experience the trauma of homelessness.

Corners' whole family approach creates pathways that enable children to access creative and challenging academic enrichment, enable high schoolers and young adults to access college and vocational opportunities, and enable parents to address barriers to self-sufficiency whether it is language, lack of skills, or lack of connection to supportive services (food, mental health, or housing). But what really makes Corners Outreach special is its commitment to walking alongside families and helping to build one community where all families can thrive.

To our volunteers, employment and community partners, and donors – thank you for being a part of the Corners community. We invite those of you who have not engaged with us to learn more about us and to become a part of our work. Visit our website or better yet, visit us in person. There is a place for you to make an impact!



# Capital Campaign Success

Our comprehensive campaign began in 2021 as a feasibility study and turned into a campaign in 2022.

I have been continually astounded with the generous response our supporters made to our Capital Campaign. Below is a recap. Capital represents buying and renovating the building whereas program represents the impact on our the families we serve.

	Capital	Program
Foundations	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 925,090
Civic	\$ 1,956,000	\$ 1,493,065
Board, friends of Corners	\$ 3,639,000	\$ 225,000
Total	\$ 8,595,000	\$ 2,643,155
Goal	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 2,800,000
%	105%	94%

Our renovations, due to many factors, exceed our capital raise of \$8,545,000 by approximately \$300,000. We will need more funds to complete it.

The community center has exceeded our expectations in every area and our ability to impact lives now and in the future will continue to grow. Our aim is for the community center to be a central place for uniting our community and investing in our families.

As we look at the capital plan for 2024, we want to add more offerings that will benefit families and continue our theme of **Better Together**.

- **A food pantry for families enrolled in our programs** - \$500,000. We want to reward them for focusing on economic self-sufficiency. In December, we held a drive through food give-away in our parking lot with Atlanta Food Bank and **gave food to 434 families**. The cars arrived two hours early and wrapped around the building. Our families are in desperate need of food. We plan to build out a walkable pantry in

partnership with the Atlanta Food Bank, which honors our families by allowing them to choose which food they want. We have a loading dock and a backup generator. The cost includes modification to the current loading dock, some internal building changes to create workable space and equipment to have both perishable and non-perishable goods. Our estimated timeline for this is mid-year.

- **A soccer field for our students** - \$250,000. The field will accommodate three concurrent practice sessions and grow into league play. Atlanta United Foundation is looking to choose 10 grants and will match up to \$100,000. Soccer is a great opportunity to influence our students into academic areas.
- **Workforce equipment**- \$100,000. We need a computer lab, 3D printers, lathes, a press for leather and coffee baristas. We believe that the key to economic self-sufficiency is skills that are needed in the marketplace proven through certification.
- **Two playground structures** for different ages- >\$300,000. Corners community center sits in a playground desert according to Gwinnett Parks and Recreation. This will allow students to play outside which is essential to health.

**Thank you for your generosity.** We continue to need your participation in our programs, funding, and prayers. We would love to give you a tour. We are hosting **Taste of Corners the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm.** to show you our building and programs if you can attend.

We appreciate you.

# Corners Academy

## Overview | From Cinthia Valdez, Executive Director of Corners Academy

In the past year, Corners Academy has worked hard to serve our community, reaching over 600 students and their families. We were excited to announce that both our DeKalb and Gwinnett locations successfully moved into new facilities, providing us with the capacity to support more families than ever before. **After more than 8 years of request, the Gwinnett location has finally become an official bus stop for elementary, middle, and high schools in the Meadowcreek Cluster.** This has allowed us to expand our transportation services, **nearly doubling the number of kids we can reach.**

Throughout the summer of 2023, both locations ran a seven week, 7-hour-a-day summer camp, engaging over 200 students. In partnership with USDA foods through Happy Helping and with the help of local and non-local volunteers, the camp focused on academic growth and fun activities for students.

For our students, one of the most exciting activities we launched in 2023 was our soccer program, aimed at kindergarten all the way through seniors in high school. This program reflects our commitment to offering diverse and enriching experiences for our students.

And finally, adding to the list of community engagement activities, both DeKalb and Gwinnett locations proudly hosted the first annual Christmas Market, providing parents the opportunity to shop for a toy for each of their children, complete with wrapping. A total of 410 toys were distributed and wrapped, bringing joy to many families during the holiday season.

## Academics Growth | Elementary

For the year beginning August 2022 and ending July 2023, Corners Outreach Academy set a goal stating that 50% of our students would demonstrate growth in Reading and 30% of our students would demonstrate growth in Math. At our Corners Outreach Academy, 80% of our students demonstrated growth in Reading and 44% of our students demonstrated growth in Math. All goals were met for the school year beginning August 2022 and ending July 2023.



Poseidon, a kindergarten student at our Gwinnett location, had his first year with us in 2023. He steps up to help a friend in need, and advocates for those around him. He is a ray of sunshine and makes everyone around him feel special.

## Corners Academy | Early Learning

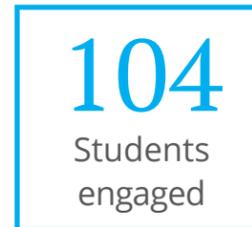
Corners is thrilled to mark our fourth year of early learning success as we introduce a full-time Early Learning Director in 2023. Our mission in early learning is to **empower parents to become their child's first and best teacher.** With the expansion of our programming and increased time spent with both the little ones and their parents, a supportive community is flourishing. In our classrooms, early learners and their parents engage in daily learning experiences, incorporating new memories through field trips and special celebrations. We are not only equipping them with foundational knowledge, but also providing parents with the skills and empowerment needed to be actively involved once their children enter school. The bond we are cultivating within this educational community is creating a supportive environment for the holistic development of our young learners.

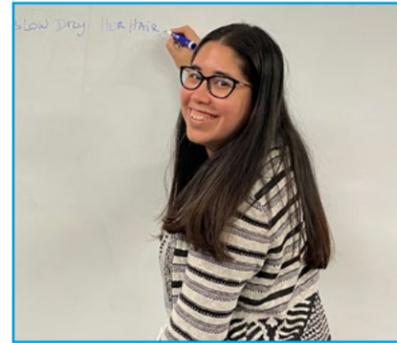
- We had our first summer camp that extended Early Learning through the summer in addition to our Kindergarten camp prep!
- We started using our vans to transport families to and from class, increasing participation.
- We took many field trips including: Stone Mountain, with more than 84 parents and children; The Atlanta Zoo, with 132 parents, children, and even grandparents, many who had never been to the zoo; and The Aquarium, with 76 parents & children.
- Our summer impacted 74 students and 32 parents across both locations
- Programming four days a week for two hours started in Gwinnett in the fall.

In December, we had 104 students and 84 parents in early learning .

## Early Learning Highlights from 2023:

- Early learning held two consignment sales for the first time. Over 1,000 items, including clothes, shoes, toys, and household items. We had more than 80 moms participate!
- We added a session in DeKalb because we outgrew our space and had our first waitlist for summer camp.





### Corners Academy | High School Development

In 2023, Corners continued to support our students once they graduate out of Corners Academy Elementary tutoring. Our **High School Development Program's mission is to help our students prepare their next step to be their best step.**

The transition from childhood to adulthood is tough in the best of circumstances. We work with our students from economically challenged communities to build a strong support system. Each student is known and respected.

#### High School Development Highlights from 2023:

- Hosted Big Mondays and Industry Nights where we invited community speakers to come and talk with the teens and their families about careers, opportunities, and looking into the future, and partnered with *Let Them Eat* to feed the families.
- Provided weekly tutoring in different subjects
- Our summer program included STEAM projects, fun engaging activities, and community projects
- CPR Certification
- Partnered with Gwinnett Live to teach about the importance of physical activity) and Health Gwinnett, which hosted cooking classes for our teens.

Beginning 2024, the High School Development Program will be relaunched as part of Workforce Development and renamed **The CO-LAB** (short for The Collaborative). The purpose of the relaunch is to ensure that we focus on connecting at-risk and underserved high school youth to pathways that provide a foundation for success as they transition to adulthood. The program sets the stage for high school youth to discover and build on their strengths and identities through post-secondary education and vocational exploration, leadership and civic engagement, and skills development through certifications, apprenticeships, and internships.

### Corners Academy | Parent Listening Sessions

Our **Parent Listening Sessions**, focused on establishing an open environment where parents could share their concerns and hopes. The primary aim of these gatherings was to **enable parents to freely express their issues and desires**, recognizing that understanding the fundamental challenges within our community is vital for driving significant changes. These sessions were organized as interactive forums, emphasizing active participation and careful consideration of what the parents had to say.

One of the achievements from our initial session was the launch of several important initiatives, notably our **vocational English as a Second Language (ESL) program**. Developed in response to feedback from a listening session where parents expressed a need for improved job opportunities, and felt hindered by language barriers, we began the ESL program.

The end-of-year session saw enhanced attendance and a shift in the atmosphere, with parents more at ease and willing to discuss their needs. This positive change is a reflection of our organization's efforts to create a safe and inviting space. During this session, there was a call for additional parent education programs, initiatives for teen drug prevention, and opportunities for career certification, all of which we aim to thoughtfully introduce in 2024.

The sessions were designed not just for listening but for taking action on the issues raised. The anticipated expansion of the ESL program in 2024 is a testament to the effectiveness of these sessions in identifying and addressing the real needs of our community. **Our goal is to provide parents with actionable solutions that lead to substantial improvements in their lives and those of their families.**

### Corners Academy | Music Academy

**Corners Music Academy (CMA)** offers music lessons to K-12 students. We partner with musicians in our community to provide the highest quality lessons.

Students are invited to participate in:

- Lessons in piano, guitar, woodwind, strings, or voice
- Corners Children's Choir
- Corners String Ensemble
- Corners Symphonic Winds Ensembles

With community performances, Corners Music Academy students give their musical gifts back to our community, empowering them to share their skills and passions.

This past year we worked with several community partners like Dunwoody United Methodist, St. Luke's Presbyterian, the City of Dunwoody, and The Atlanta Music Program to offer community performances by our students at festivals and holiday parties. We plan to expand our partnerships through this program in 2024!

#### Corners Music Academy Highlights from 2023:

- 30+ CMA students received private music lessons by CMA instructors or volunteers at reduced or free tuition.
- We loaned 30+ instruments (violins, violas, guitars, keyboards, ukuleles, flutes, and clarinets) at little to no cost to our students.
- We held three recitals for families to witness their child's musical growth, and three community concerts including a concert with Atlanta Music Project where we celebrated Latinidad and Hispanic Heritage by signing folk songs in Spanish.
- CMA students attended eight professional performing arts events including shows at the FOX theater, Atlanta Ballet and Sandy Springs Theater. These events exposed students and their families to the world of fine arts at no cost to them.
- CMA students performed at six community/school events to audiences of over 300 people.
- Corners Outreach raised over \$70,000 to support a five day a week music program at our locations!

### Corners Academy | Community Food Drive

Our Community Food Drive, in partnership with Volunteer Gwinnett, was an extraordinary success thanks to the exceptional collaboration from Colony Bank, Gwinnett Building Babies Brains, Gwinnett Fire, our generous donors, and the dedicated team of Corners staff and volunteers, whose commitment played a pivotal role in the drive's success.

The event saw an overwhelming turnout, with vehicles lining up two and a half hours early, leading to an early start as the queue extended to the main road. We welcomed families from across Gwinnett County, including our academy families, Workforce Development participants, and various school clusters.

The gratitude expressed by families as they received the food boxes was heartwarming. These boxes, packed with essentials to last several weeks, provided healthy choices for their families. Impressively, we had just enough supplies to serve everyone within the designated time.

In addition to distributing food boxes, families were informed about the multigeneration services offered by Corners and other resources available through our community partners. We believe that while food assistance offers immediate support, encouraging families to engage with our services can significantly improve their life trajectories.

#### Impactful statistics from the event include:

- Number of Residents Served: 2,079
- Number of Households Served: 434
- Pounds of Food Distributed: 11,304

This event not only showcased the strength of community spirit but also demonstrated the real impact we can achieve together. We eagerly anticipate future initiatives and continued support in positively influencing our community.



# Corners Music Academy



Amy Uribe has been with Corners Music Academy since 2020 and has learned ukulele, violin, and clarinet in those three years.

Amy worked diligently to earn a spot in her District Honor Band. Over 400 students auditioned for the band and only 80 made it. Amy is seventh chair in the district honor band.

Being able to put the instruments, and teachers, in the hands of students who otherwise wouldn't know their talent is why Corners Outreach offers a music program. We know that Amy is one of many but in 2023 she shined very bright!

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Dvante James is currently working at Northwest Exterminating as a pest control technician and has been there for almost a year. Before Northwest, Dvante was working at Pizza Hut as a delivery driver but wanted a change for his family and himself. He was looking for a career where he could learn new skills, gain financial stability, and be a better provider for his family. Northwest Exterminating provides all of that!

## Corners Workforce & Staffing

### Corners Workforce Academy

This past year a diverse range of programs were offered, each contributing uniquely to personal and professional development.

The **English as a Second Language (ESL)** program, provided participants with essential vocational English skills. With classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced students, Corners caters to a diverse group of learners, predominantly from the Hispanic community. Inspirational stories like that of Anny Quezada from the English 2 class demonstrate the program's effectiveness. Anny credits the ESL program with greatly enhancing her formal writing skills, which has positively impacted her career. Similarly, Michael Guillen's commitment to attend additional classes on Saturdays for further English improvement reflects the practical benefits of the program. With a total of 337 unique attendees, the ESL program has proven to be a significant contributor in readying individuals for the workforce.

Meanwhile, the **Work Readiness Program**, which integrates participants from ESL, with a diverse array of individuals, from high school dropoutsto those who are underemployed, with essential skills for effective workforce entry. The program's curriculum tackles crucial aspects like job interview preparation, employment navigation, and career progression. Key highlights of the program include **Financial**

**Literacy** classes, conducted in collaboration with Truist, and **Mock Interview Sessions** facilitated by UPS. The **Financial Literacy** classes, led by instructors deeply connected to the participants' backgrounds, not only offered a welcoming learning environment but also clarified financial misconceptions and broadened financial understanding, covering topics like budgeting, saving, investing, and prudent spending.

The **Mock Interview Sessions** played a vital role in sharpening participants' interview abilities, especially emphasizing modern virtual interviewing techniques. These practice sessions significantly boosted the confidence of the participants and had a tangible impact, as evidenced by a participant who successfully landed a job after applying the skills acquired in a mock interview.

In recognition of the effectiveness of these sessions, the program will introduce weekly mock interview sessions in 2024, specifically geared toward participants preparing for imminent job interviews, allowing individuals ongoing opportunities to refine their interview techniques.

The GED program positioned itself as more than just an academic pursuit; it became a bridge to career advancement. With personalized support and a focus on work readiness, the program saw participants successfully attain their GEDs and secure employment. The

inaugural semester showed promising results, indicating a solid foundation for future growth and opportunities for participants.

Lastly, the *Spirit of Volunteerism* flourished at Corners, where a sense of family and belonging was fostered through the active participation of ESL students, teachers, and workforce participants. This involvement went beyond program participation to taking on roles like teacher assistants, enhancing the community spirit and extending learning beyond the classroom.

Each program, with its unique focus and approach, contributed to a holistic development of participants, preparing them for both academic achievements and real-world challenges. The collective efforts across these programs in 2023 reflected a commitment to nurturing skills, fostering community, and creating opportunities for growth and success.



### Job Offerings through Staffing Partners

<b>Warehouse and Production</b>	Warehouse - Order Selector / Picker/Packer / Material Handler / Shipping	Machine Operator Production Operator	Forklift Operator Quality Control
<b>Extermination</b>	Wildlife Technician	Route Assistant	Pest Control Technician
<b>Environmental</b>	Environmental Service Support Technician	Floor Technician	General Housekeeping and Cleaning
<b>Food Service</b>	Food Service Worker Patient Dining Associate	Food Preparation Dishwasher	Food Transporter Catering Assistant
<b>Administration</b>	Call Center Agent Customer Service Rep Inside sales	Administrative Assistant / Bank Teller / Relationship Manager / Insurance Front Office	Medical Front Office Dental Assistant Care Coordinator
<b>Skilled Trades</b>	Technician / Technician Helper / Systems Repair	Installer / Installer Helper / Maintenance	General Laborer

### Staffing with a Purpose

**C**orners **Staffing with a Purpose** continues to transform lives in the community. Corners connected with **635 job seekers**, providing job exploration/counsel and resume development where needed, and successfully **placed 29 candidates in positions offering sustainable living wage, benefits, and opportunities for career growth.** We are thankful for our partners who value diversity and are aligned with Corners Outreach's core values.

Staffing with a Purpose continued assisting students, young adults, and experienced workers through workshops, presentations, and partnerships with Workforce Academy. Staffing also provided **95 candidates with one-on-one interview preparations and on-going mentorship** to each candidate placed during the first 90 days of employment. Furthermore, Staffing with a Purpose achieved a **69% retention rate in regard to permanent placements for the year of 2023.**

Staffing also established 16 fee-based contracts with strategic employer partners in Gwinnett and Northern DeKalb counties, which assisted the path for greater opportunity and success.



**\$303,410**  
 RAISED THROUGH EVENTS  
 IN 2023

# Events in 2024

Learn more at [cornersoutreach.org/events](https://cornersoutreach.org/events)

## A special thanks to our 2023 sponsors!




### Celebration of Excellence

**Saturday, April 20, 2024, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
 Corners Community Center: 1854 Shackleford Road, Norcross

Celebrate the incredible progress our students made this year! We will honor the top students from each academy, chosen by our program directors. We will also congratulate all of our students for their hard work throughout the year.



### Better Together Charity Golf Tournament

**Monday, August 26, 2024, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
 Country Club of the South  
 4100 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek

Join us for a fun way to support Corners by playing golf. Help spread the word to support us in funding education and opportunity through golf.



### Evening with a Purpose Gala

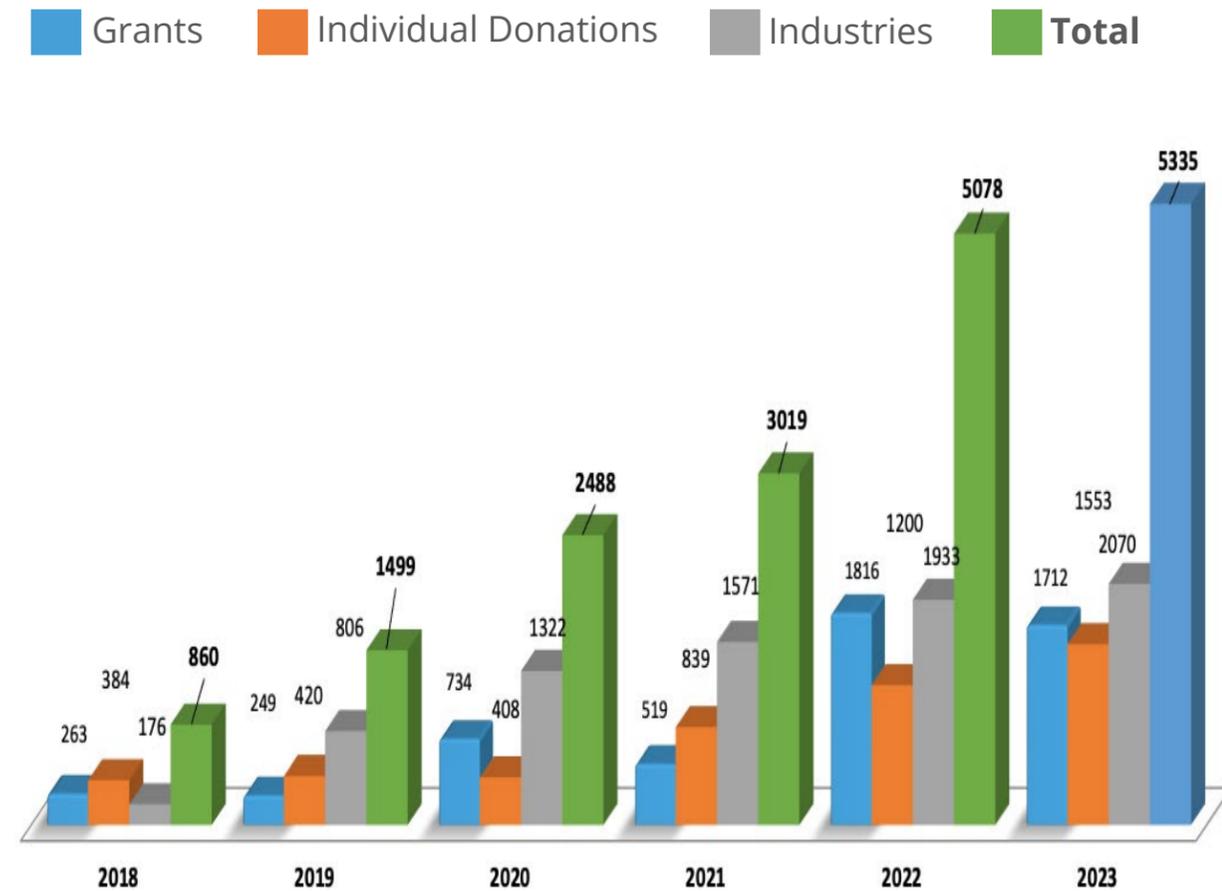
Date and Time: TBD

Attend an Evening with a Purpose for a night to remember! Learn more about Corners Outreach and our vision to create thriving communities. Bid on fabulous live and silent auction items and purchase a rare bottle of wine from our wine pull. Plus you'll learn about the impact your dollars are making in our community.

# Financials

## Revenue Comparison 2018-2023

\*Revenue shown in thousands



Corners Outreach expenditures in 2023 (these do not include the building):

**82% - Program Costs**    **10% - Administration**    **8% - Fundraising**

- Event revenue is included in individual donations.
- Individual revenue includes capital for the building:
  - 2021 - \$300,000
  - 2022 - \$560,700
  - 2023 - \$1,059,904
- Capital grants of \$3,000,000 are not included.
- This includes money received, not contracts closed.

# Our Team

## Corners Outreach



**Larry Campbell**  
President & CEO  
B.A. in Accounting, Middle Tennessee State University



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Chief Operations Officer  
B.S. Accounting, North Carolina A&T State University, MBA, University of Minnesota



**Tressy Jones**  
Senior Accountant  
Dual B.B.A., Georgia State University, Accounting & Management



**Mike MacKenzie**  
Facilities Director  
25+ years IT experience



**Hannah Ha**  
Office Administrator (Bilingual)  
B.S. in Information Systems, Georgia State University



**Amy Campbell**  
Development Director  
M.A. English & Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management, University of Tennessee



**Sara Kellum**  
Marketing Director  
B.A. in Marketing, Harding University

## Corners Industries



**Jose Vichez,**  
Corners Industries Director, Maintenance Clients (Bilingual)  
30+ years of leadership in lawn care.



**Billy Torres**  
Recruiting Director (Bilingual)  
Georgia Gwinnett College  
Business Administration, Marketing



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Workforce Development Director (Bilingual)  
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B.S. Business, Harding University



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Early Learning Program Director (Bilingual)  
B.S. Health Science, GA State



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Program Director (Bilingual)  
BS in Biology, Masters in Early Childhood Education, Georgia State University



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B.S. in Psychology, Life University



**Arturo Vasques**  
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Extensive experience with teens



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Attends Georgia State University pursuing Business Administration



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Education Lead (Bilingual)  
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Project Coordinator, Georgia State University



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*If we all did the things  
we are capable of,  
we would  
literally astound  
ourselves.*

— *Thomas Edison*



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