

## 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Dear Friends and Supporters of Fresh Youth Initiatives,

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the Fresh Youth Initiatives' 2018-2019 Annual Report. We are proud to have served 1,400 children and teens with programming that is second to none, and that addresses the social, emotional and academic needs of every child who crosses our threshold.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without your generosity, vision, and continued partnership.

In the following pages, you will read about last year's key activities and successes. Among our biggest accomplishments, FYI participants – from elementary to high school – have shown strong academic gains. For decades, the children in our school district have been ranked as *at highest risk for academic failure*. The data FYI collected this year affirms that we are positively altering the trajectory of school failure among our FYI participants! Bravo!

You will read about growth in different forms. We started a new afterschool program for 30 Pre-K students, and expanded and staffed new departments at FYI which now include – Education, Sports & Youth Culture, Musical Arts, and Mental Health. With each organizational step we have taken, FYI deepened the impact of our services, ensuring that every child has a fair shot at a secure and healthy future.

Each of you has helped us make a brighter future for the children of Washington Heights, and we are forever grateful to you, our friends, supporters, neighbors and champions, for your tireless efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Eileen Lyons, LMSW  
Executive Director



Rebecca Sale  
President, Board of Directors

# STUDENT OUTCOMES

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



### IMPROVED READING SKILLS

**68%** of K-5 students improved by 3+ years after two years in FYI programs

**88%** of our third graders are reading on or above grade level today, compared to 31% when they were in first grade



## COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

**130** aspiring first-generation college students received college planning workshops and CUNY/SUNY tours

**440** seventh grade students participated in 40 workshops and 6 college visits through our DOE-funded College Access For All program

## ACADEMIC TRANSITIONS



### SOUND CHOICES

**92%** of FYI eighth grade students were accepted at their best-fit high school

### INCREASED GRADUATION RATES

**92%** of FYI high school seniors graduated, higher than the citywide average of 77%

## DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH



### STRONGER 21st CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS

**60%** of high school FYIers indicated positive impacts of FYI in academic success, community involvement, positive core values, and planning for the future

# PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **1,400 children and teens** served, including **642 new immigrants**
- Expanded depth and breadth of services across departments:
  - **110 elementary children** received literacy instruction based on their individual reading evaluations
  - **80 students** discovered the joy of creating music this year, with the founding of FYI's new Musical Arts Department
  - **60 middle schoolers** improved their skills in FYI's new Daily Math Lab
  - **200 youth** developed skills and team work at FYI's evening and weekend sports programs
- **New Pre-K program** launched at P.S. 128, nurturing the healthy development of **30 participants**
- **126 parents** at FYI's Luperon High School program participated in workshops, support groups and counseling focused on adapting to American life, raising teens and social media, and coping with family upheaval
- FYI staff collaborated with Luperon teachers to model and integrate social-emotional learning in the classroom
- Sustained clinical and mental health programs
  - **120 students** survived and thrived in high school with help from FYI's weekly advisory groups
  - **106 students** received counseling support at Luperon High School



**Field Learning!** Participants in FYI's Amistad Dual Language School program visited Hudson River Sailing to learn practical applications to STEM questions.



**Practice makes perfect!** FYI's Samba Corps won first place in a city-wide performance competition. Our new Musical Arts Department will bring the joy of music to all of our program sites in 2020.

# FINANCIALS

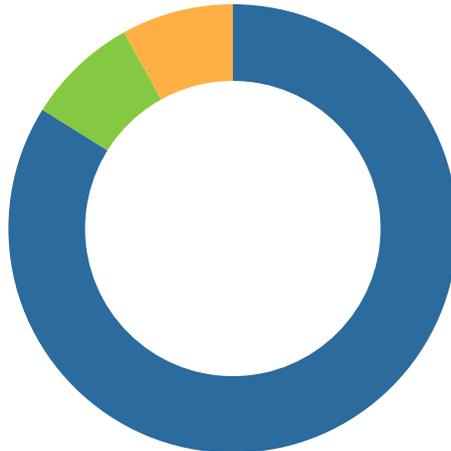
**FY18**

**FY19**

**Total Revenue:** \$2,453,982  
**Total Expenses:** \$2,155,333  
**Change in Net Assets:** \$298,649  
**Total Net Assets:** \$3,858,536

**Total Revenue:** \$2,557,929  
**Total Expenses:** \$2,442,738  
**Change in Net Assets:** \$115,191  
**Total Net Assets:** \$3,970,758\*

\*including donor restricted funds



**84% Programs**  
**8% General and Administrative**  
**8% Fundraising**

## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Charity Navigator awarded FYI its prestigious **4 -star rating** for the fourth year in a row.

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