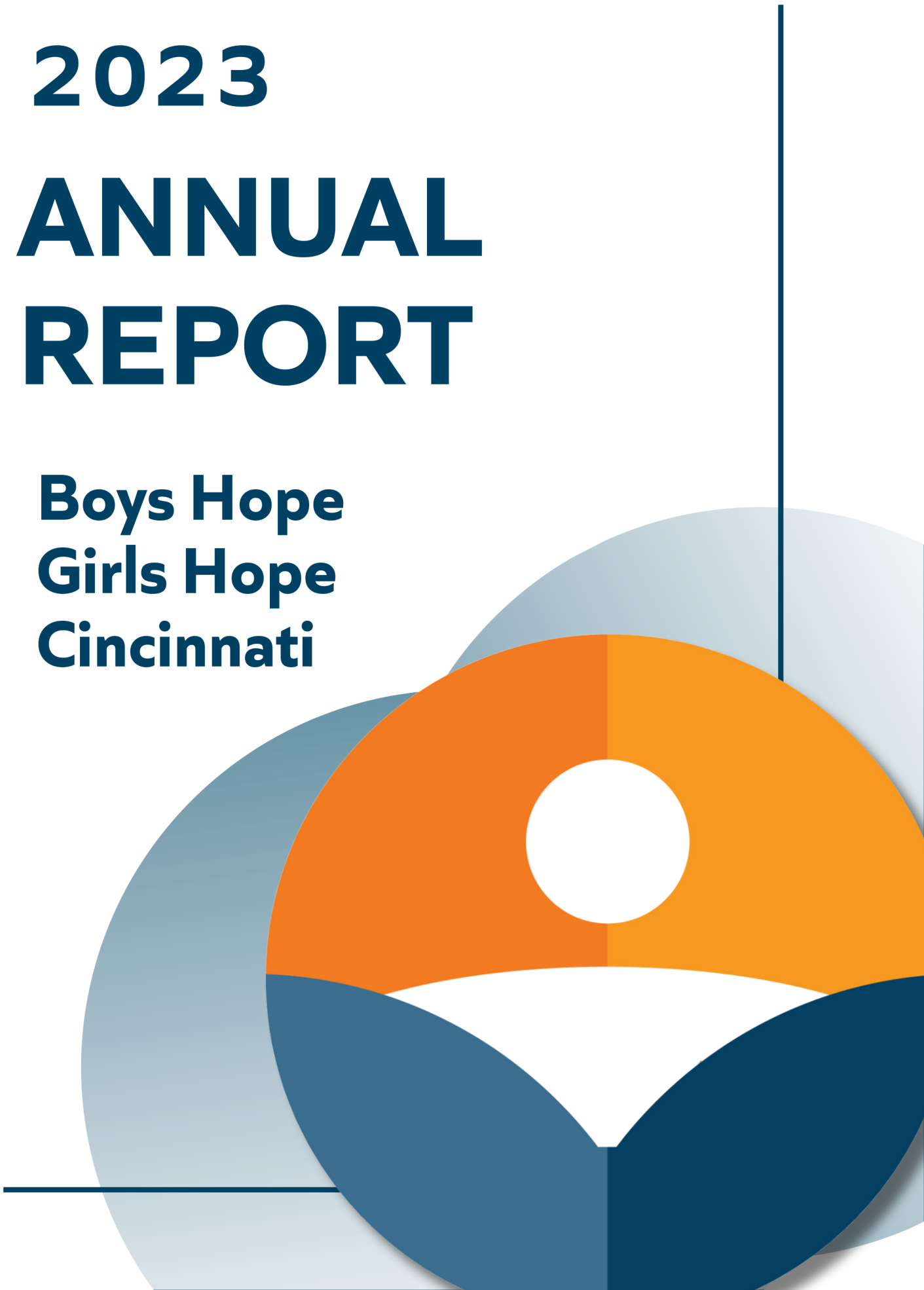


2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**Boys Hope
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Celebrating Progress: A Letter from Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati's Executive Director

For 40 years, Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati has helped motivated students and families rise above disadvantaged and challenging backgrounds, with the goal of graduating young people who are physically, emotionally, and academically prepared for post-secondary education and a productive life.

In September, I was presented with the honor of being selected to lead this organization at a time when we were acknowledging our past successes and looking forward to the opportunities we have to serve more youth and families in the future. During and before my tenure began, BHGH Cincinnati had several amazing accomplishments in 2023, including:

- Successfully launching our Girls Academy program at the Gardner House in partnership with Purcell Marian High School last Spring, providing our services to 12 high school freshmen young women;
- Enhancing the mental and emotional health services we provide to our Residential and Academy scholars, while also increasing the total number of scholars in our programs and their engagement in community service
- Raising the average Grade Point Average of our scholars to over 3.0 from 1.75 in 2018;
- Providing support and consultation to 12 collegiate scholars, the largest number we have had at any one time in our history.

As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, all of us here at BHGH Cincinnati are excited about the opportunities before us to expand the number of youth and families we reach through our mission

With the addition of a Boys Academy program, as well as several community partnerships that will increase the scope of our work, BHGH Cincinnati will continue to meet our goal of nurturing and guiding motivated young people to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others.

Thank you for being part of the BHGH Cincinnati family and for your kind donations of your care, resources, and talents for our scholars and their families. We are grateful for all you have done to make a difference for those we serve and will continue to be good stewards of your support.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Huey".

MAURICE HUEY
Executive Director



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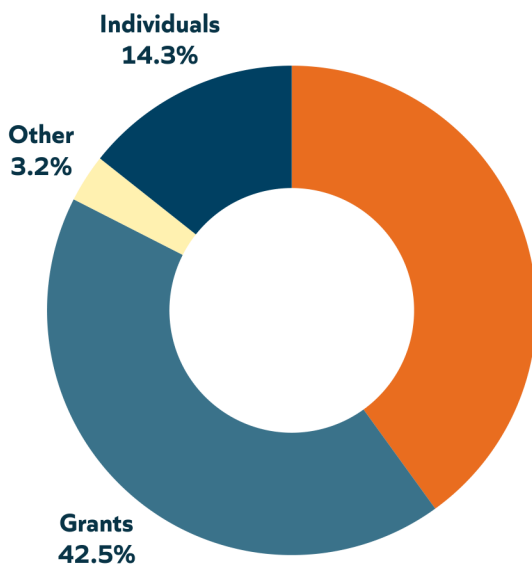
Boys Hope Girls Hope of Cincinnati currently serves 42 youth: 5 scholars in our Residential Program, 27 scholars in our Academy Programs and 10 collegians. Our numbers reflect our successes!

- 100%** of scholars are low-income.
- 100%** of scholars go to college, trade school, enlist in the military, or begin a career.
- 100%** of scholars and collegians maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- 98%** of college graduates have debt of under \$5,000 per year.

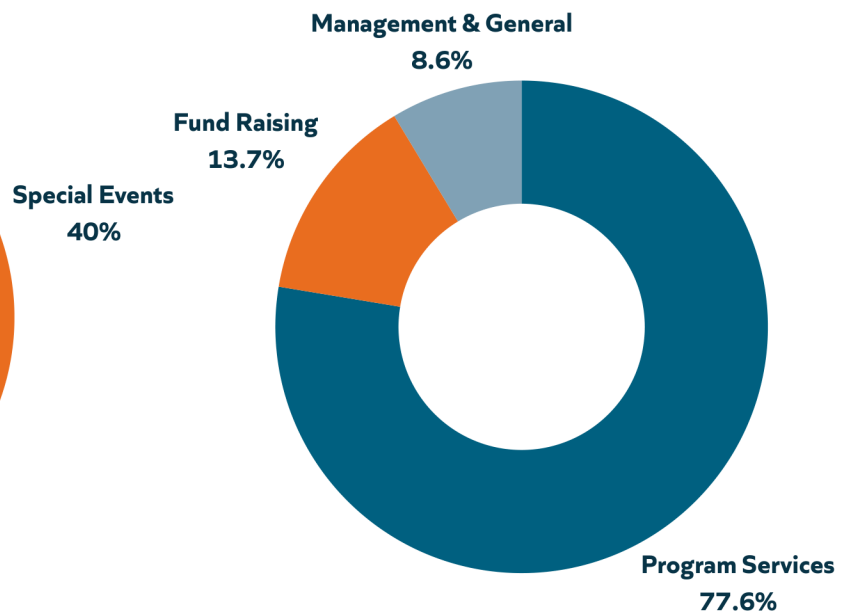
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Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders through Academy and Residential Programs



As Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati celebrates over 40 years of dedicated service to youth and families in Greater Cincinnati, we reflect on the impactful programs that have transformed lives and empowered generations. Our commitment to excellence and innovation is evident across our Gardner Girls Academy and Schott Boys Academy.

Academy Programs

In April 2023, Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati proudly launched the Girls Academy Program at the Gardner House in collaboration with Purcell Marian High School. This initiative marked a significant milestone in our mission to empower young women, providing academic, social-emotional, and mentoring support to 10 high school freshmen. The program has not only elevated scholars' academic achievements, with substantial growth in average GPA, but also enhanced mental and emotional health services and community engagement opportunities.

Inspired by the overwhelming success of the Gardner Girls Academy, Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati expanded its partnership with Purcell Marian High School to launch the Schott Boys Academy Program, as well as welcome a new cohort of freshman girls to the Gardner Girls Academy. Mirroring the principles of the Gardner Girls Academy, the Schott Boys Academy offers academic, social-emotional, and career readiness support to high school freshmen. The program operates from the Harold C. Schott House on the boys' campus in Finnytown, fostering a nurturing environment where scholars can thrive academically and personally.



Gardner Girls Academy - Freshman Cohort



Schott Boys Academy - Freshman Cohort

Residential Program

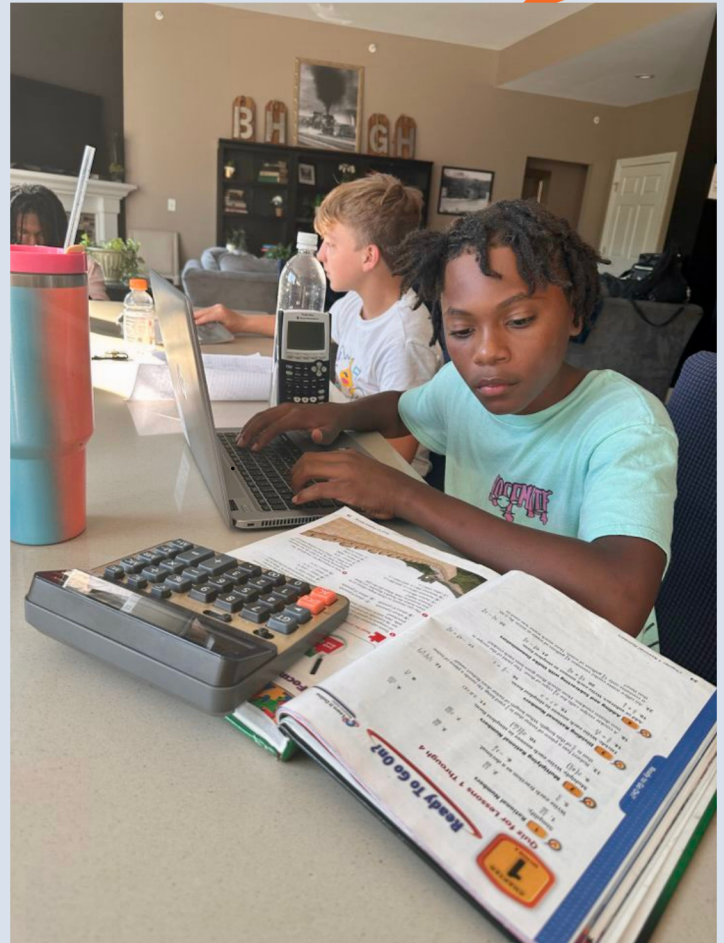
In our Residential Program, our scholars continue to embark on a journey of growth, exploration, and empowerment. Throughout the year, our residential community celebrated milestones, engaged in enriching activities, and fostered meaningful connections with mentors and peers.

From exploring cultural landmarks like the Cincinnati Art Museum to engaging in career exploration through monthly Career Dinners, our scholars have embraced opportunities for personal and academic growth. Career Based Education programs, such as Introduction to Robotics, has exposed scholars to innovative fields and inspired them to pursue their passions with enthusiasm and determination.

During International Women's Month, scholars participated in a research project highlighting influential women who inspire them, fostering reflection and dialogue on the impact of female role models in their lives and communities. The presence of esteemed guests, including the Attorney General, added significance to the event, underscoring the importance of empowering youth and celebrating diversity.

As Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati ends the year with the theme of Hope Ignites, we embark on an exciting new chapter with a renewed commitment to empowering young minds and igniting hope in our community. With a focus on academic excellence, personal development, and community engagement, our Gardner Girls Academy, Schott Boys Academy, and Heidt Residential Boys Program continue to serve as catalysts for positive change, shaping the leaders of tomorrow and creating a brighter future for all.

As we look ahead with optimism and determination, we remain steadfast in our mission to ignite hope, inspire excellence, and transform lives.



Heidt Residential Scholars completing their homework assignments for the next day.



Gardner Girls Academy - Sophomore Cohort



Collegian Spotlight

Me'Yani McDonald's Passion and Purpose

Me'Yani McDonald's story is an example of how persistence and passion can lead to big things. Martin Totland's article tells the inspiring tale of Me'Yani, a resilient student who turned her struggles into success through the unwavering support of Boys Hope Girls Hope.

When Me'Yani McDonald entered the Boys Hope Girls Hope Residential program in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was the summer before she started eighth grade. She was 13 at the time. As an only child of a single mother, Me'Yani had had her share of rough patches in life. Entering the program made her feel like she finally had sisters, people who accepted her for who she was and who cheered her on.

"It was a big moment for me," she said. "I thought, 'Wow, people like me!' For so long, I had been so alone. But now I had people who were supporting me."

Me'Yani, a bright and friendly 20-year-old native Ohioan prone to big smiles while talking, described her acceptance to Boys Hope Girls Hope as a sea change for her and her mom. Until that point in her life, they had struggled to make ends meet, battled difficult health problems, lived in a neighborhood fraught with violence, endured multiple school changes, and lived with food insecurity. Despite all the difficulties, Me'Yani's faith kept her anchored to the belief that everything would work out eventually.

These days, she is busy wrapping up an internship with AIRTec, a government contractor in Maryland that operates surveillance aircraft for the military and NASA. This important, impactful work fits her organized and take-charge personality perfectly. It is her sixth consecutive internship or summer job she has held since age 14.

Read the full story at:

<https://boyshopegirlshope.org/meyani-mcdonalds-passion-and-purpose/>

By Martin Totland





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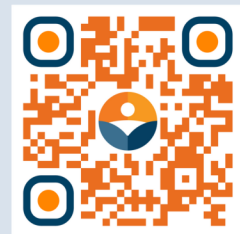
Join us for a great night at TQL Stadium in the First Financial Club as we celebrate our 2024 Heart of Gold Recipient. Enjoy music with DJ NatJones, Raffles, Silent and Live Auctions with Laura Mantle as our auctioneer and emcee along with a delicious plated dinner and a open bar. Of course, Gary the Lion will make an appearance for photo ops!

October 19, 2024 Fall Fest Clay Shoot fundraiser Sycamore Sporting Clays

Join our Young Professionals Board as they host our annual Clay Shoot fundraiser at Sycamore Sporting Clays. Whether you are a seasoned pro, just learning, your first-time shooting, or you just want to come out and support Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati...everyone is welcome! For more details visit our website under events!



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