## Wellspring's Academic & Youth Development Program Report January 1, 2023—December 31, 2023

The Academic & Youth Development Program was provided to **277 youth**. 182 of these youth participated in the Kumon academic program as well as additional youth development activities. There were 95 youth who participated in the non-Kumon based youth development activities only. For those youth participating in the Kumon curriculum, a total of 180 Grade Level Increases (GLI) were produced. The average student advanced 1.5 grade levels in math or reading/language arts skill over a 12-month period. A Kumon grade level is approximately equivalent to a grade level in a public school.

Achieving: equips youth with skills and experiences that enable them to achieve academically. Data has shown that, for students attending at least one year, our Kumon program has accomplished a 94% high school graduation rate and a 84% college enrollment rate.



**The purpose** of the program is to increase the number of youth who graduate from high school prepared to pursue post-secondary education and who have the skills to transition into careers and adulthood. This is accomplished by providing a high quality math and reading curriculum, additional academic supports, and comprehensive youth development programming.

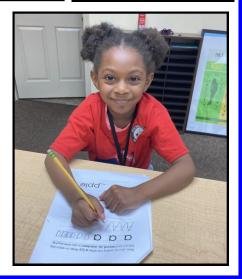
The program uses the research-based ACT framework of youth development. ACT stands for **Achieving**, **Connecting** and **Thriving** and is built on the best of educational and developmental psychology. It identifies and develops core assets and skill sets that are important for success in school, college and 21st Century careers.



**Kumon Centers** are located nationwide and around the world and normally target middle- to upper-income communities. Wellspring offers youth in a lower-income community the same opportunity through the generous support of individuals, churches, corporations, community groups, and foundations. These grants have enabled participants from predominately low-income families to significantly improve their math and reading/language arts skills.

## Grants were provided by the following organizations during the program year:

- Charleys Kids Foundation
- City of Detroit/Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF)
- Community Foundation for SE Michigan
- Detroit Auto Dealer's Association (DADA)
- Detroit Industrial School Foundation
- Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher
- Foundation
  Pitney Bowes Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- The Skillman Foundation
  Special People in Need Foundation
- Samuel L. Westerman Foundation
  - Village Club Foundation
  - Young Woman's Home Association Foundation



## Achieving: Activities for 2023 included:

- Kumon math & reading 4 days per week, year round. Each youth comes to the center two days/week, with homework on 5 days.
- Individual College Readiness & Support Sessions, January—December, 2023
- College Visit to U of M Dearborn, 4-4-23
- College Panel with Wellspring Alumni, 5-25-23
- Summer Reading Program 7-10-23 to 8-17-23
- Michigan State University College Tour, 11-18-23
- College Career Challenge-Old Redford Academy High School, 12-13-23
- College Career Challenge-Lincoln King High School, 12-20-23















## **Connecting:** These activities helped foster a sense of community and connectedness between students, staff and the community at large.

- Detroit Piston's Game, Teens, 3-1-23
- Girl's Day Program, 4-1-23
- Detroit Zoo Field Trip for 5-8 year-olds, 7-21-23
- Detroit Zoo Field Trip for 9-12 year-olds, 8-11-23
- Storytelling Hour, 8-17-23
- Teen Bowling Outing, 10-14-23
- Cider Mill Trip for 5-8 year-olds, 10-21-23
- Cider Mill Trip, 9-12 year olds, 10-21-23
- Teen Cider Mill Trip, 10/28/23
- Teen Roller Skating, 12-1-23
- Teen Field Trip to Detroit Aglow, 12-27-23





