



2022

MIGHTY WRITERS IMPACT REPORT





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ABOUT MIGHTY WRITERS



Mighty Writers teaches kids 3-17 to think clearly and write with clarity so they can achieve success at school, at work and in life.

We provide free high-quality, community-oriented writing programs. As a result, grades improve, self-esteem soars and futures come into view.

Through our core values of resilience, respect and optimism, our young people develop their superpower: the power of the pen.

At many of our sites we provide distribution of essential resources. After all, kids can't think and write when they're hungry. Now, in addition to our after-school, out-of-school and summer writing programs, we offer regular distribution of diapers, period products, books, clothing, school supplies and groceries — all given away for free.

Mighty Writers develops unique and enriching communities; champions the stories of diverse youth writers; and drives each student to reach their maximum potential.

Ultimately, we want all Mighty students to be advanced thinkers and clear writers — college graduates who continue to reflect our Mighty values of kindness and integrity.

WHY MIGHTY WRITERS

POVERTY

- Philadelphia is the poorest big city in the nation. Almost one out of every three children lives below the poverty line (\$19,700 a year for an adult with two children at home).
- Atlantic City has the highest rate of poverty in New Jersey. More than 40% of residents struggle to meet daily needs.

LITERACY

- In the School District of Philadelphia, only 18% of Hispanic and 17% of African American fourth-graders are proficient in reading and writing.
- In Camden, only 12% of middle school students are grade-level proficient in writing, and nearly half of all teens drop out of high school.
- Only 17% of Newark students passed the statewide assessment in math while 27% passed the reading assessment. Chalkbeat Newark recently reported a citywide decline in college enrollment rates among Newark students — 43% enrolled in college in 2021.
- In Newark, more than 52% of adults are functionally illiterate.

Mighty Writers believes that
literacy is poverty's kryptonite.



CORE WRITING PROGRAMS

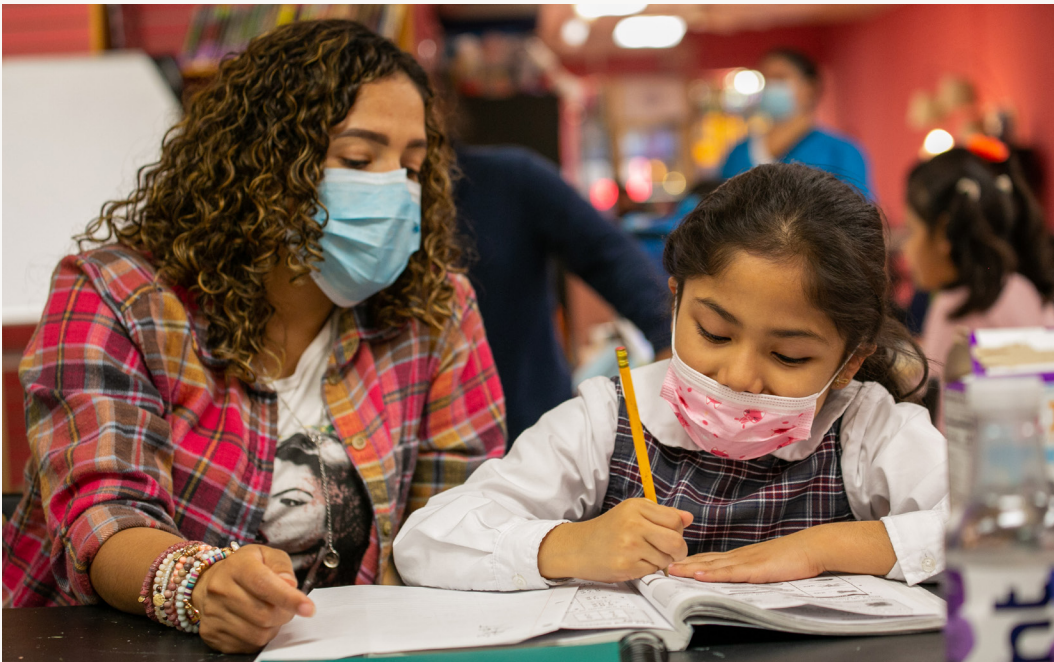
After-School Academy runs daily for grades 3-8. Includes snack, home-work help and specialized writing units.

College and Career Prep focuses on critical thinking and persuasive writing skills to prepare teens for life with a high school diploma.

Literary Art Workshops inspire creativity, engage critical thinking and stimulate advanced writing.

One-on-One Mentorships pairs students with a volunteer for four hours monthly for a minimum of six months. Together, pairs establish and complete three goals.

Mighty Toddlers offers creative family engagement.



4,500

kids
participated in

169

writing
programs
across

8

locations in
PA and NJ

Workshops include:

Girl Power!

Mighty Brotherhood

Mighty Illustrators

Bilingual Toddler Club

Mighty Entrepreneurs

Teen Scholars Music

Write Your Teen Movie

Mighty Teen Job Readiness

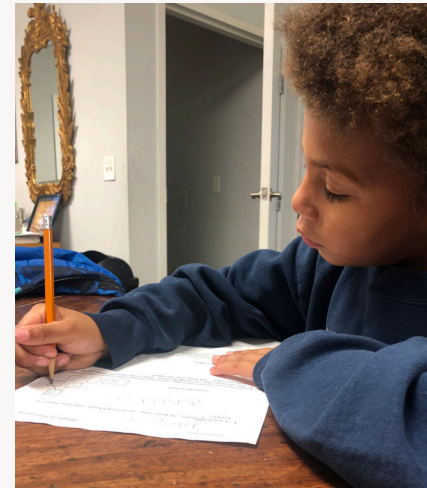
Karate Health and Wellness

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND MINDFULNESS



Our mindfulness program grew out of an increasing concern for our young writers' mental and emotional health, which had been severely taxed during the pandemic. We created the position of Director of Social-Emotional Learning, and incorporated the evidence-based practice of mindfulness in our teaching.

SEL techniques help kids understand and effectuate concepts like gratitude, confidence, peace, respect and compassion. Kids also explore teamwork, decision-making and emotional self-regulation.



OUTCOMES

75% or more of kids said that Mighty Writers helped them:

- focus better on schoolwork
- be happier in my home
- make positive decisions
- calm down when I'm upset
- focus on my writing
- gain more self-confidence
- sleep better

"I really like this workshop because it feels like a family. And it gives me new ideas on how to cope with my emotions."



ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIPS



In 2022, more than 250 youth were matched with a mentor. The pairs met for four hours a month. By the end of six months, each student, with the guidance of their mentor, had accomplished three chosen goals.

OUTINGS AND EVENTS

Mighty Writers organizes monthly in-person outings for mentors, mentees and their families to build community and create writing opportunities.

This year, trips included visits to Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, Awbury Arboretum, Smith Playground, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, and many more.



OUTCOMES

91% of kids said

"My mentor helped me achieve both my primary and secondary goals."

96% of kids said

"My mentor helped me become a better thinker and/or writer."

95% of kids said

"My mentorship was valuable."

MIGHTY RESULTS

100%

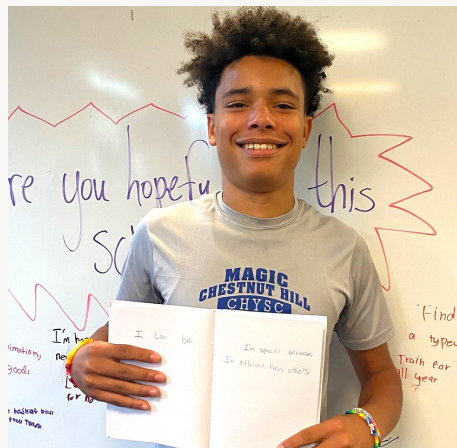
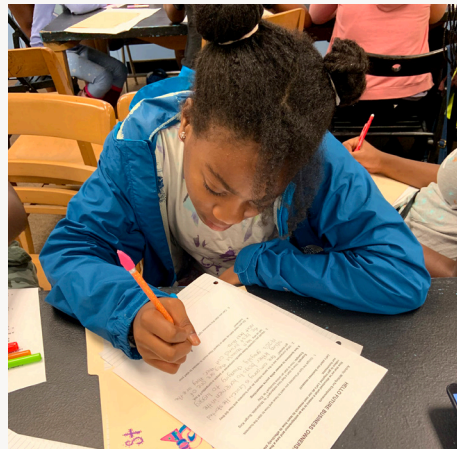
of parents saw their child's relationship with writing improve in one or more ways.

74%

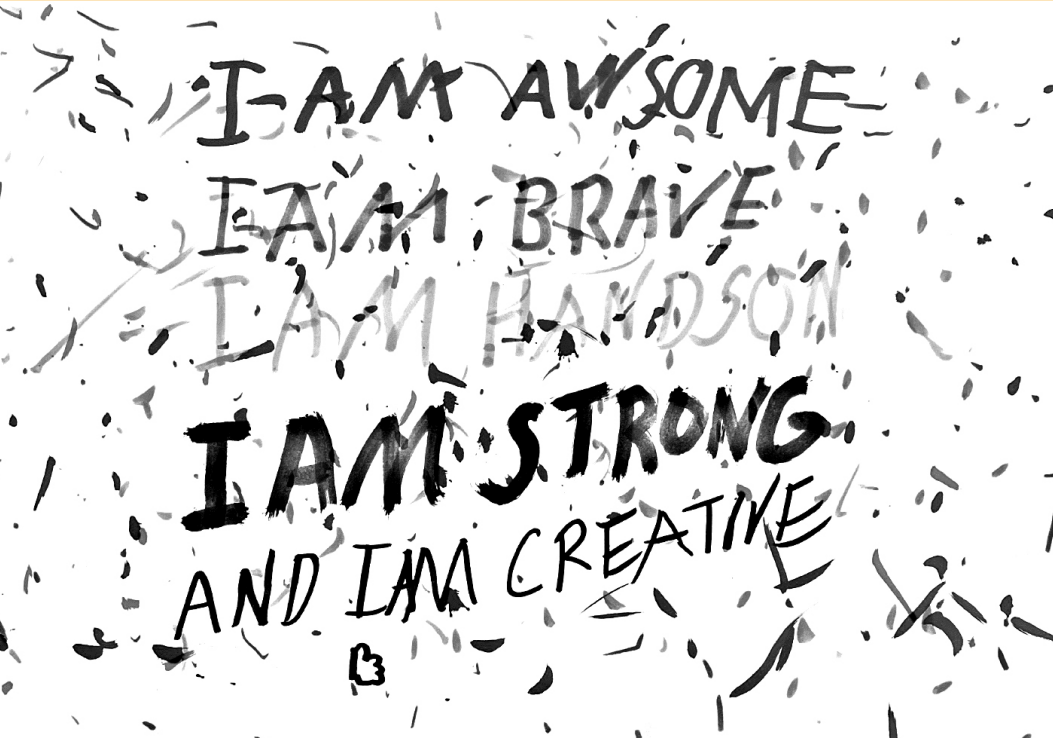
of kids said, "I enjoy writing more" after a workshop.

95%

of workshop students stated that **they'll be back** for another workshop or program.



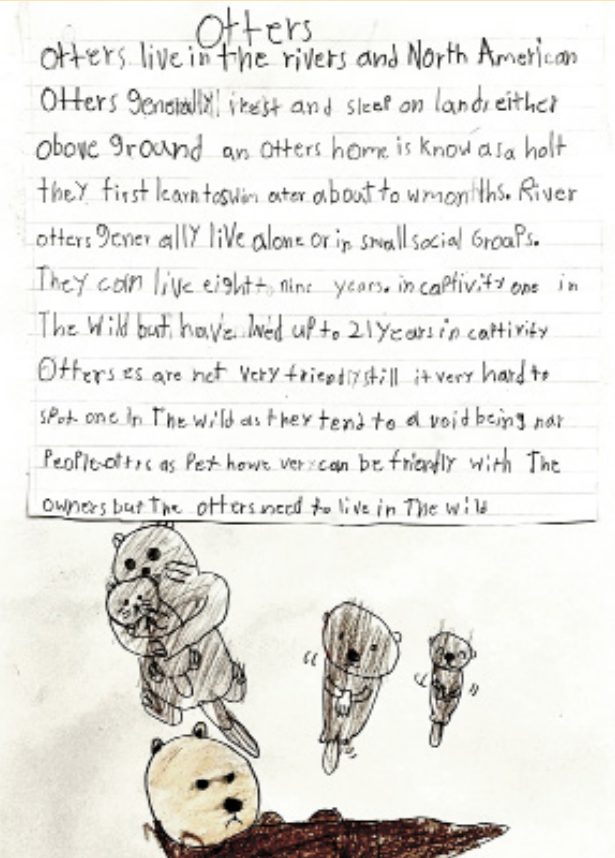
FROM OUR MIGHTY KIDS



How We React to Stress

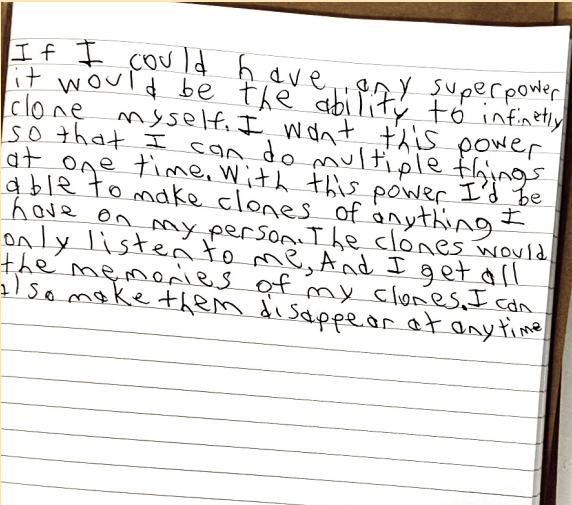
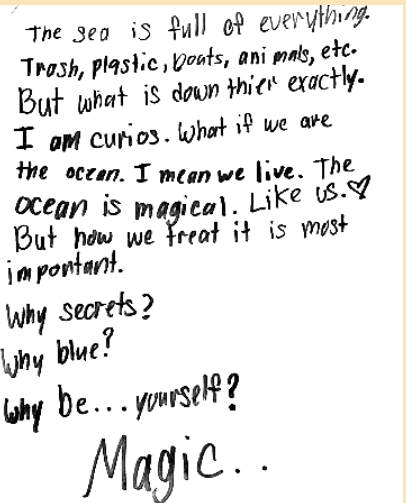
- I take deep breaths and count to 3.
- I do karate: It helps me control my emotions.
- I think about positive things, and tell myself [violence] isn't worth it.
- I walk away and play with friends, I choose art and volleyball.
- I tell a teacher. I tell my friend everything will be OK.
- I tell friends to be nice. I say, "Let's just play the game!"

— Karate class group brainstorm



"Love means hope. When you love people you know, you hope to see them and you hope they're happy. When you love strangers, you hope they do good things and spread love in their own way with their own families and friends. My titi says making your bed is the first step to changing the world. I don't really understand what that means, but it seems important."

— Daniel, Grade 4



FOOD, BOOK AND DIAPER DISTRIBUTION



2022 DISTRIBUTION RESULTS:

106,500 lunches

201,000 boxes of groceries

43,000 produce boxes

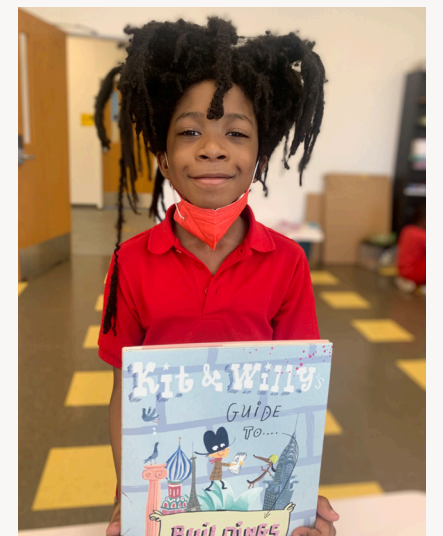
2.3 million diapers

9,000 baby wipes

5,200 infant formula

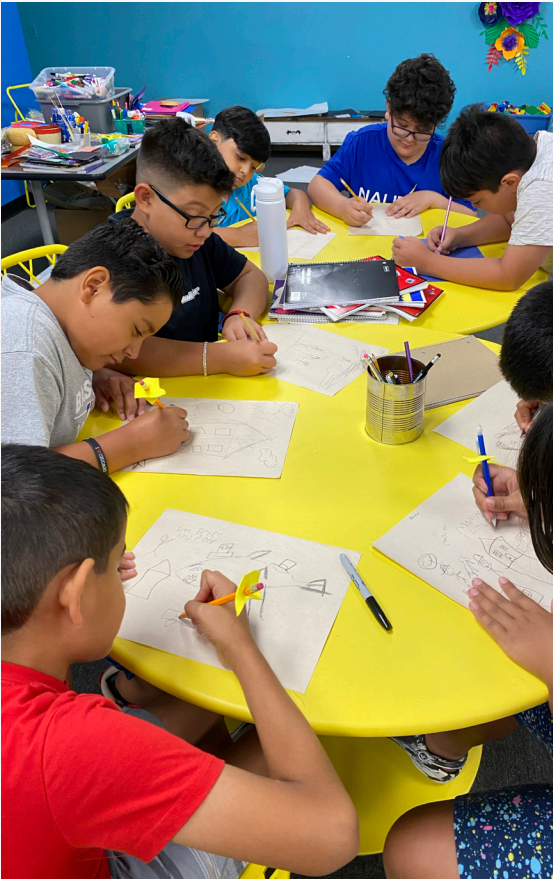
450,000 period products

21,700 books



MIGHTY GOALS FOR 2023

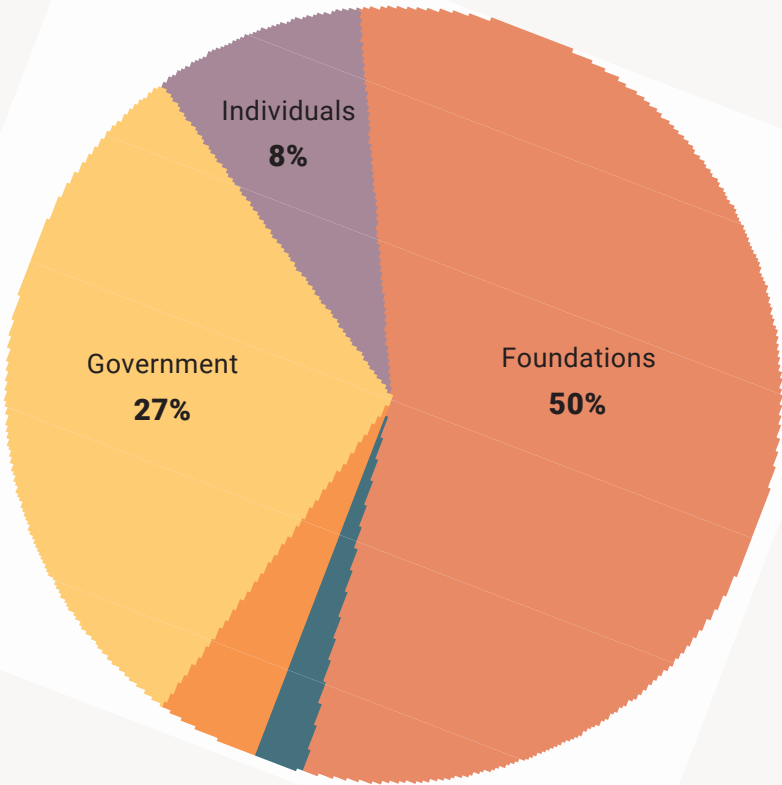
250,000 boxes of groceries
.5 million period products
2.5 million diapers
9,000 baby wipes
5,200 infant formula
25,000 books



Along with nearly **200**
different social emotional
learning-enriched literacy
programs for over **4,500**
kids ages 3-17 in **8** locations.

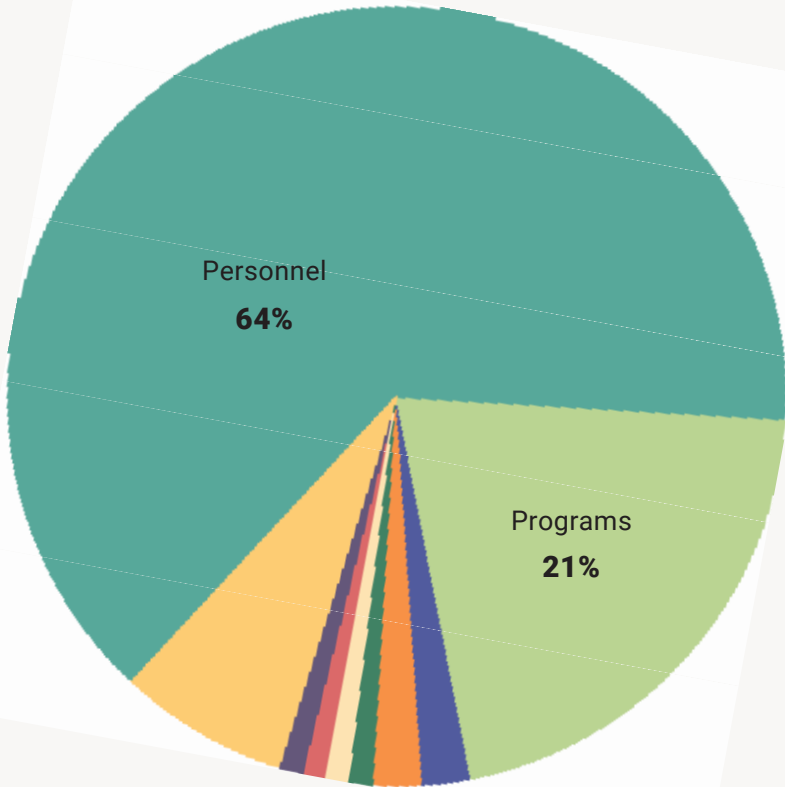
FINANCIALS

Income 2022



Corporations **4%**
Other **2%**

Expenses 2022



Program Contractors **7%**
Events & Fundraising **2%**
Office Expenses **2%**
Professional Fees **1%**
Facilities & Equipment **1%**
Marketing & Public Relations **1%**
Administrative Expenses **1%**

MIGHTY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Individuals over \$500:

Debra & Richard Abraham
Anjela Alvarado
Anonymous
Barbara & Theodore Aronson
G. Victoria Babish & J. Thomas Wilson
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Jeffrey Barg
Alan Bass
Cameron Baston
Jeff & Joanne Bates
Hilary Beard
Cheryl-Lyn Bentley
Carlo & Marie Beuf
Kathy Bevenour
Jeremy Bigler
Howard Bilofsky & Margaret Shapiro
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Alison Elizabeth Bloomfield &
John Smeltzer Graettinger
Jean Bogle
Herbie Bohnet
Rich Bolte
Linda Lou Brandt
Graham Brent
William Brown
James & Elinor Buck
Jaclyn Bucknum
Miriam Buhl
Bruce Bursten & Carol Edelstein
Bettina & Bruce Buschel
Amy Laura Cahn
Debra Cahn & Arthur Castelbaum
Elisabeth Camp
Kelley Carabasi
Mary Cebra
Lexy Clancy
Eric N. Clausen
Noah Cook
Martha Cornog

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Natalie Doria
Estate of John Downes
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Nancy Harris
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Emma Moretzsohn
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Melinda Zito

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The 25th Century Foundation
Anonymous
The Armstrong Foundation
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The Claneil Foundation
Community Food Bank of New Jersey
Connelly Foundation
Elizabeth George Foundation
First Book
Fleischner Family Charitable Foundation
Forst Foundation
Gabriele Family Foundation
Global Citizens Association
The Grace S. and W. Linton Nelson
Foundation
Hamilton Family Charitable Trust
Hilda Mullen Foundation
Howard Family Gift Fund
The Hyde and Watson Foundation

Independence Foundation
Jilk Family Fund
The John B. Rosenthal Foundation
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The Julian A. and Lois G. Brodsky
Foundation
Justamere Foundation
Le Vine Family Foundation
The Leon Lowenstein Foundation
MAE Private Fund
Magnolia Fund
The McCausland Foundation
The Nararo Foundation
The Norman Raab Foundation
Odessa and Henry Kahrs Trust
The Patricia Kind Family Foundation
Philabundance
Phillies Charities, Inc.
Robert & Toni Bader Foundation
Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation, Inc.
Rosenlund Family Foundation
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The Scholler Foundation
Sheila Fortune Foundation
The Smart Family Fund
Townsend Foundation
United Way of Chester County
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van Ameringen Foundation
The Vert Charitable Trust
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The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust
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William M King Charitable Foundation
William Penn Foundation
The Windmill Foundation, Inc.
Women’s Way

Government Support:

Camden County, NJ
Camden County Cultural and
Heritage Commission
The Mayor’s Fund for Philadelphia
Emergency Food and Shelter Program
National Endowment for the Arts

New Garden Township
NJ Center for Hispanic Policy, Research
and Development
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime
and Delinquency
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
Philadelphia Housing Authority
School District of Philadelphia
NJ Department of Law and Public Safety

Corporate Support:

Amazon Community Investments
AmeriHealth Caritas
Ametek Foundation
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Fox & Roach
Big Lots Foundation
Bristol Myers Squibb
Citizens Charitable Foundation
Columbia Bank
Comcast Corporation
CosciaMoos Architecture
Costco Wholesale
Davis Charitable Foundation
Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation
Holman
JKG Florida Business Corp.
Kelly + Partners
McMaster-Carr
Mendoza Group
NJM
OceanFirst Foundation
Paratodo Co.
Philadelphia Insurance Companies
Premier Packaging
PromptCare Companies
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Sealight Inc.
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