

2023 was a year of excitement at Youth Go. We had changes in staff and purchased a third van, to support the continued increase in attendance and participation numbers. Thank you to all of the people and places that supported the work and mission of Youth Go. Every gift, at every dollar amount, makes an impact and helps us to provide youth with a safe and supportive place full of opportunities, support and fun!

1,615 unduplicated young people were served in 2023.

#### **Youth Go Cares**

409 walked through the doors and participated in our in-center programming.

#### **Youth Go Serves**

1,206 youth participated in out of center programming.

#### **Youth Go is Friendly**

From 2022 to 2023, the total attendance increased from 4,402 to 4,922. That is an increase of almost 12%. Youth Go was a busy place in 2023.

#### **Youth Go is Safe**

126 unique youth participated in one or more of the 201 offered creative arts activities for a total attendance of 1,145.

#### **Youth Go Creates**

167 unique youth have been nourished through one or more of the 251 meals served at Youth Go with a total of 2,395 meals provided.

#### **Youth Go Provides**

163 unique youth have taken part in one or more of the 378 recreational activities with a total attendance of 2,255.

#### **Youth Go is Fun**

96 unique middle school aged youth have taken part in one or more of the 107 Study Star homework sessions for a total attendance of 1,277.

#### **Youth Go Supports**

We offered four Family Night events where our youth and their family members were able to gather for food, friendship and fun! These events are at no cost to families and everything is provided. 99 unique youth attended one or more event with a total attendance of 433 when all family members were included.

#### **Youth Go is Community**



## WE'RE MORE THAN JUST A HANGOUT

# FAVORITE Staff Memories



*Danielle*

"My favorite memory of 2023 is of our Thanksgiving Family Night. I love our family nights and this year we were able to utilize a space, thanks to Brigade, to invite many of our families to join us for a homecooked meal, games, crafts, and fun. I love seeing all of our families and chatting with them."



*Angie*

"My favorite moment from 2023 happened during our August Youth Leadership Retreat. We packed a lot into two days. We did some yarn painting on the Art Bus, went horseback riding at Lucky Stables, participated in some team building activities, and gave back a little at Feeding America. It was an awesome week, but my favorite part was the volunteering. It's always so fulfilling to see young people giving back, and with enthusiasm! We looked fab in our hairnets and rocked out to some music while weighing and packaging cereal for communities in need. The youth did a great job and appeared to have a great time!"



*James*

"In May we went to Urban Battlefield for one of Youth Go's Adventure Trips! This place is huge for a laser tag arena. There were 7 or so buildings, all 2 stories. Many of the youth on the trip, I hadn't seen in a while - so that was great to see them reconnect. The moment we left Youth Go, all the youth were excited. In the car ride there was some serious strategizing going on. When we arrived we split into different teams and had roughly 1.5 hours of constant fun and a good workout. There were so many different types of games, including capture the flag and hide and seek. Halfway through we took a small break, which was much needed. The kids were highlighting their accomplishments from the first half, catching their breath, and rehydrating. Then we jumped right back into tagging each other from across the room. There were many times I had no idea where I was tagged from. After looking around for a bit for the culprit, I would make eye contact with another youth and we would both laugh. Then when we were heading out the kids instantly asked when we were going to do this again!"



*Megan*

"One of my favorite memories was taking kids to Hilly Haven Golf Course to try the golf simulators and the outdoor driving range. For many of the youth and staff it was the first time doing either of these activities. It was a day filled with fun, laughs, missed golf balls, and amazing memories. I wouldn't miss an adventure trip day if I were you. Thank you to the Sawyer Family Fund for supporting these amazing opportunities for another year. Fore!"

