

The Soyini Circles Girls Corp

# ANNUAL REPORT

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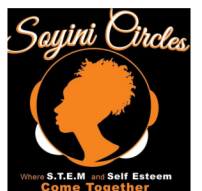
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# Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on another year of empowering young girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and fostering their mental well-being and self-empowerment, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we've embarked upon together. Our annual report serves as a testament to the dedication and passion of our team, supporters, and the girls/boys whose lives we've touched.

Over the past year, our organization has continued to make strides in our mission to break down barriers and create opportunities for girls in STEM fields. Through our innovative programs and initiatives, we have inspired countless young minds to pursue their passions and explore the endless possibilities that STEM has to offer, while focusing on a positive mindset. However, our work extends far beyond just academic achievement. We recognize the importance of nurturing the whole individual, which is why we place a strong emphasis on mental health and self-empowerment. In a world where the pressures of success can be overwhelming, we strive to provide a supportive and inclusive environment where girls can thrive both academically and emotionally.

We also added a Leadership Initiative for boys, "King To Be" focused on Social and emotional learning with leadership principles relating to Presentation, Mannerism, A Gentlemen and Self-Awareness. From workshops and mentorships to community outreach, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that every girl/boy who walks through our doors feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. And while the challenges may be great, the resilience and determination of these young students never cease to inspire us. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, partners, and advocates. Your generosity and commitment have been the driving force behind our success, and for that, we are truly grateful.

As we look ahead to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders in STEM and promoting mental health and self-empowerment.

In gratitude and greatness,  
Terri Staten  
Executive Director  
The Soyini Circles Girls Corp





# Board of Directors

**The Soyini Circles Girls Corp**  
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Everybody Wins Atlanta Non-Profit, *Program Manager*

**The Soyini Circles Girls Corp**  
**Youth Advocate**

·A'yize Soyini McKenzie

*College Student*



# Mission Statement

To increase young girl's self-esteem through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education, Mental health awareness and Self-empowerment methods, that effectively equip young girls to develop and maintain healthy habits and a positive self-image.

## Core Values

**Inclusion and Equity:** Envision a society that celebrates diversity and ensures equal opportunities for all girls, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Strive to create a safe and inclusive environment where every girl feels valued, respected, and empowered to embrace her unique identity.

**Education and skills development:** Education is the cornerstone of empowerment. Provide girls with quality education and equip them with essential life skills, critical thinking abilities, and practical knowledge that will enable them to overcome obstacles, make informed choices, and pursue their dreams.

**Mentorship and Role Models:** Recognize the significance of positive role models and mentors in shaping girls' aspirations and self-belief. Connect girls with inspiring mentors who can guide, support, and empower them to reach their full potential. By fostering these meaningful connections, we aim to cultivate a network of strong, accomplished women who inspire and uplift the next generation

**Health and well-being:** Understand that girls' empowerment extends beyond education and career opportunities. Encompasses holistic well-being, including physical, mental, and emotional health. Strive to provide girls with access to healthcare, nutrition, and mental health support, enabling them to develop resilience, self-care practices and a positive body image.

**Leadership and Advocacy:** Envision a future where girls not only succeed individually but also become influential leaders and change-makers in their communities. Empower girls with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to advocate for their rights, address social injustices, and drive positive societal change.

**Collaborative Partnerships:** Recognize that true empowerment requires collaboration and partnership. Reflects our commitment to working with like-minded organizations, community leaders, educators, and stakeholders to create a collective impact on girls' lives. Together, we can break down barriers, dismantle gender stereotypes, and create a more equitable and inclusive world.



# Impact Report

In the academic year 2023-2024, The Soyini Circles Girls Corp dedicated its efforts to serve the at-hope youth of Kids Hope Alliance and students within Duval County Public Schools. Focused on students aged 8 to 18 residing in Duval County, attending its public schools, or participating in after-school programs, our mission was to tailor services to their needs and enhance their educational journey.

## Target Population and Services:

Our primary target demographic comprised students from 3rd grade onwards. Customized services were delivered after conducting pre-assessments or intake surveys, ensuring precise alignment with individual needs. Leveraging stakeholder insights and community partnerships, we identified and addressed critical areas concerning students' social and emotional well-being. Reading proficiency, a cornerstone skill, was integrated into our curriculum to propel students towards satisfactory levels of literacy.

## Impactful Modules and Results:

Through meticulously designed modules and relevant materials, our approach fostered substantial progress. Post-assessments revealed an average reading gain of 42%, demonstrating the efficacy of our methods in empowering students academically.

## Partnerships and Engagement:

Collaboration was key to our success. Partnering with Guidance Counselors and after-school program agencies facilitated participant recruitment and ensured seamless coordination. Robust agreements were established with parents or guardians, while daily sign-in/out procedures facilitated enrollment tracking. Our engaging curriculum, coupled with incentives for participation, captivated students' interest and commitment. Furthermore, active participation in stakeholder events facilitated meaningful interactions not only with students but also with their guardians and parents, reinforcing our dedication to holistic support.

In summary, The Soyini Circles Girls Corp's endeavors during the 2023-2024 school year underscore our commitment to uplifting at-hope youth and enhancing educational outcomes within Duval County. Through strategic partnerships, tailored services, and impactful interventions, we have made tangible strides towards fostering a brighter future for our community's youth.

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

774

Total Number of DCPS  
Youth

42%

Reading Gains  
Demonstrated through  
Module Pre/Post Test

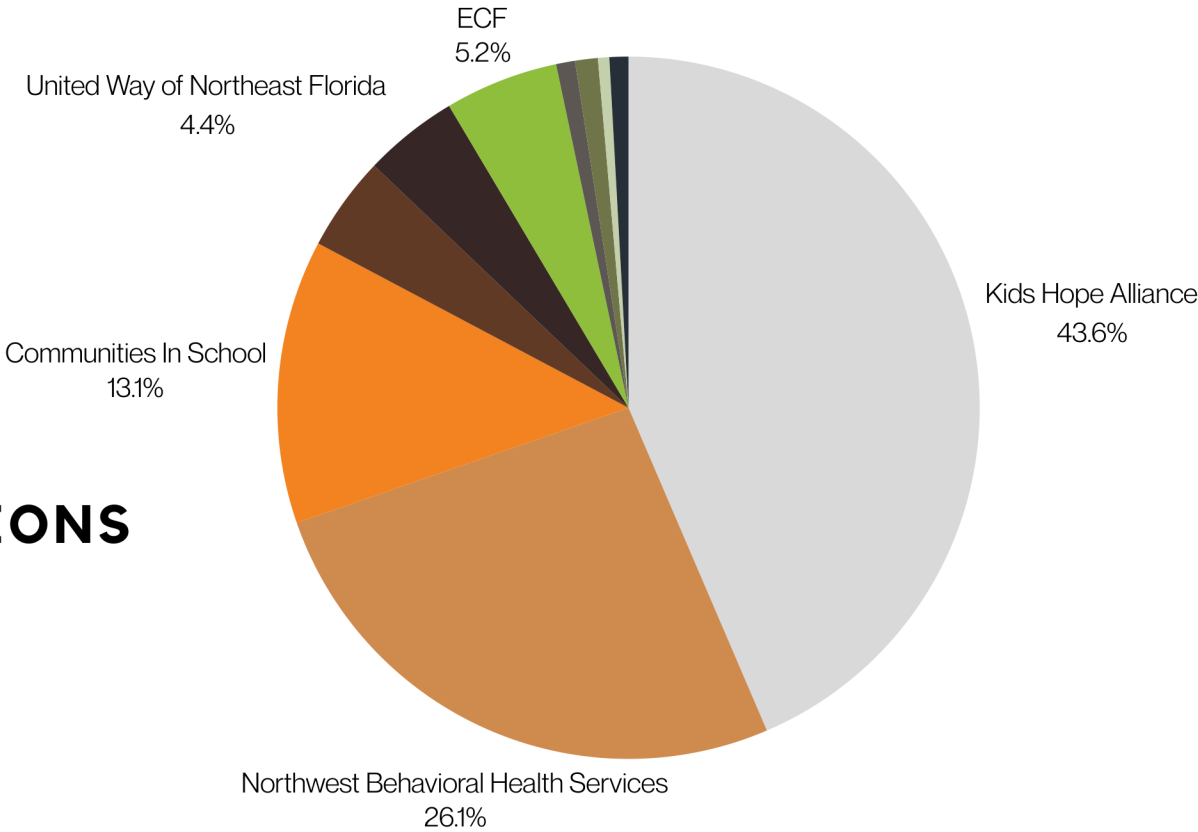
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Average Grade Level  
Served

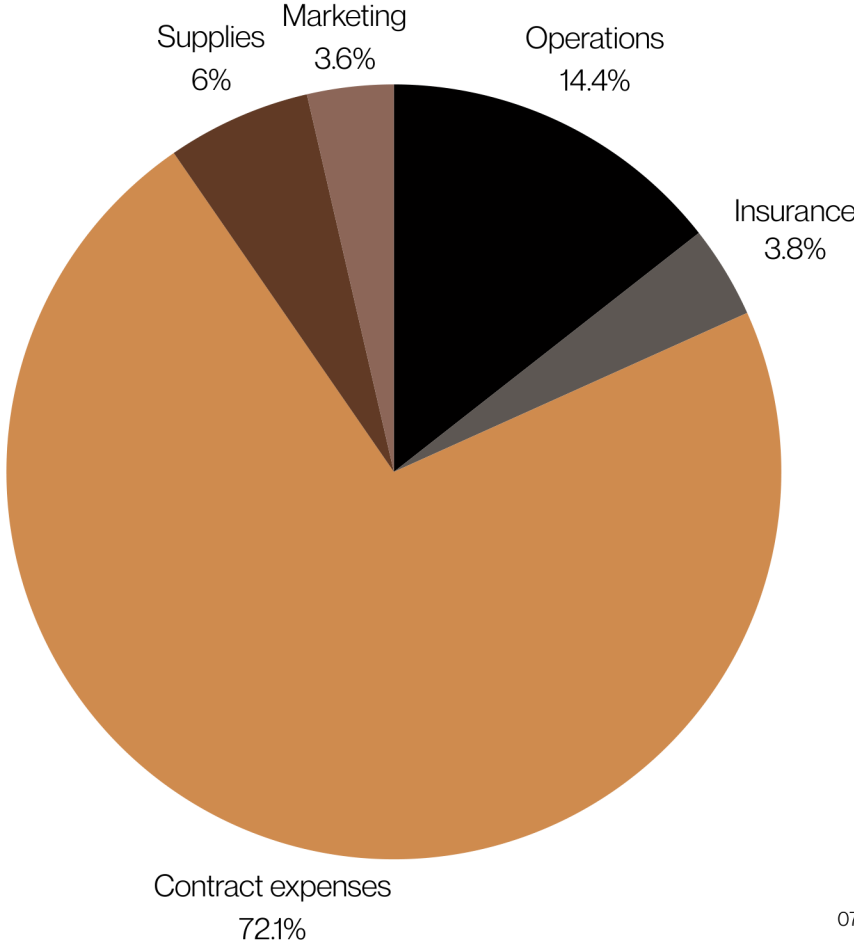
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Elementary Schools  
Served on  
Jacksonville's  
Northside, Westside  
and Arlington Areas

# CONTRIBUTIONS



# EXPENSES





# Community Partnerships

As we reflect on the successful completion of the 2023-2024 school year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your unwavering support of The Soyini Circles Girls Corp and our mission to empower the youth in the Jacksonville, FL community. Your dedication to collaboration and your commitment to the betterment of our community have truly made a difference.

By coming together and aligning our efforts, we have been able to make a tangible impact on the lives of these young people and the broader Jacksonville community. Your belief in our mission and your willingness to invest in the potential of our youth has not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership.

Communities In Schools  
Duval County Teen Court  
ECF Engineering Consultants  
Florida Afterschool INC.- Million Girl Moonshot  
Higher Heights Group  
Kids Hope Alliance  
Northwest Behavioral Health Services  
Pearls of Perfection  
The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida  
United Way of Northeast Florida  
Voices Institute

Thank  
you!



# The Future of The Soyini Circles Girls Corp

As we navigate the complexities of the present, it's essential to cast our gaze towards the future, particularly concerning the well-being and empowerment of our youth. As a nonprofit dedicated to fostering growth and development, we recognize the critical role that STEM education, mental health support, and self-empowerment play in shaping resilient and confident individuals, irrespective of gender.



## Expanding the STEM Program

By providing access to quality STEM programs, resources, and mentorship opportunities, we aim to inspire curiosity, cultivate critical thinking skills, and foster a passion for innovation and problem-solving by including new school districts to reach more youth and add mentors to assist in continuing this great work.



## Prioritize Mental and Emotional Awareness in the Youth

Through targeted initiatives and partnerships with mental health professionals, we seek to promote emotional well-being, resilience, and coping strategies among young individuals, ensuring they have the support they need to navigate life's ups and downs.



## Cultivating Leadership through Workshops

By offering workshops, leadership development programs, and opportunities for self-expression and exploration, we aim to instill a sense of agency and empowerment in young girls and boys, empowering them to pursue their passions, overcome obstacles, and make meaningful contributions to their communities.



# Highlights



**STEM Module Perfume Science Completed**  
- Pinedale Elementary



**Self-Empowerment Module**  
"Queen to Be"  
- Arlington Elementary



**STEM Module Perfume Science**  
Module  
- University of North Florida with  
Pearls of Perfection



**STEM Module Perfume Science**  
Module  
- University of North Florida with  
Pearls of Perfection Middle/High  
schoolers from William M Raines  
and Jean Ribault



**Self-Empowerment Module**  
"Queen to Be"  
- Arlington Elementary





# Highlights

King To Be Leadership  
Presentation Module  
- Highlands Elementary



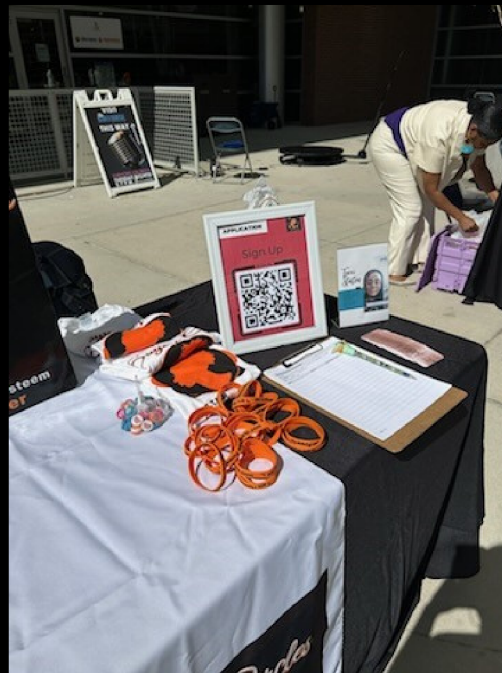
King To Be Leadership  
Presentation Module  
- Highlands Elementary



King To Be Leadership  
Presentation Module  
- Highlands Elementary



King To Be Leadership  
Presentation Module  
- R.L. Brown Elementary



STEM Module Perfume Science  
Module  
- University of North Florida with  
Pearls of Perfection



Mental Health Module Sacred  
Mindset  
- Bridge To Success

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In conclusion, as we reflect on the past year's achievements and look towards the future, The Soyini Circle Girls Corp is excited about the prospect of expanding our reach to surrounding counties. Our commitment to delivering innovative STEM education, coupled with our emphasis on mindfulness and social-emotional development, remains unwavering.

With a vision to integrate our unique curriculum and programs into new communities, we invite you to join us on this journey. Your support is invaluable, and there are several ways you can contribute to our mission:

1. **Donations:** Your generous contributions enable us to sustain and enhance our programs, ensuring that more young minds have access to quality education and holistic development opportunities.
2. **Social Media Engagement:** By liking, following, and sharing our content on social media platforms, you amplify our message and help us connect with a broader audience..
3. **Join Our Contact List:** Visit our webpage and sign up to join our contact list. By staying connected, you'll receive updates on our initiatives, events, and ways to get involved.

As we embark on this new chapter of growth and expansion, we are grateful for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can empower more girls to excel in STEM, foster mindfulness, and nurture their social and emotional well-being. Thank you for being part of The Soyini Circle Girls community.

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