

# ANNUAL REPORT



## Welcoming new leadership

Friends,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter in my role as the new Executive Director of Minnesota Alliance With Youth. With over two decades of public service in the Minnesota State Legislature, and 17 years as a middle school teacher, I am thrilled to be part of an organization that directly influences young people through its programs.

One of my core values is the belief in the transformative nature of education. We must work tirelessly to engage and reengage students in learning, ensuring that they have the support and resources necessary to succeed despite the obstacles they may face.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our community for their partnership and support. I am eager to collaborate with each one of you to continue making a positive impact on those we serve.

Warm regards,

*Jim Davnie*

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## MEMBERS IN ACTION

67

AmeriCorps Promise  
Fellows

14

Alliance AmeriCorps  
VISTA members

24

Minnesota Youth  
Council  
Representatives

# Investing in Students: AmeriCorps

The Alliance's AmeriCorps programs support exceptional Minnesotans in paid service to young people in schools and organizations statewide. Our AmeriCorps Promise Fellows and VISTAs make a difference in the lives of Minnesota young people, strengthen our communities, and cultivate lifelong leadership in work and life.

In 2022, the Alliance conducted an Impact Study of the AmeriCorps Promise Fellow program, focusing on the program's impact on school attendance. Results from the Impact Study showed significant attendance gains for students served by Promise Fellows.

The study found that, on average, students that participated in the program attended an additional week, or roughly five days of school, relative to students that did not participate. The analysis showed an ever larger benefit for Asian American, Latinx and multiracial students; with each of these student demographic groups showing an increase of approximately 10 additional days of school attendance each year.

Regular school attendance has a proven positive correlation with course grades AND on-time high school graduation.



## Impacting our future: Minnesota Youth Council

The MYC is an accessible avenue for young people to understand and navigate how decisions are made at the state level and how they can influence the process. The MYC advocates for broad systems change that places young people in meaningful positions in the conversations and spaces where decisions are being made about their lives, both at the capitol and beyond.

During the 2022/23 program year, the Minnesota Youth Council co-hosted Youth Day at the Capitol, convening over 400 students for a day of youth-led workshops and advocacy trainings to teach the students how to effectively advocate about issues they are passionate about and then practice those skills in a meeting with their local elected officials.



The Minnesota Youth Council held two committee meetings with elected officials where they heard testimony from bill authors on proposed legislation. Several MYC Representatives provided their own testimony during legislative committee hearings throughout the session, and the MYC as a whole wrote nine feedback letters detailing their opinions and suggestions to lawmakers.



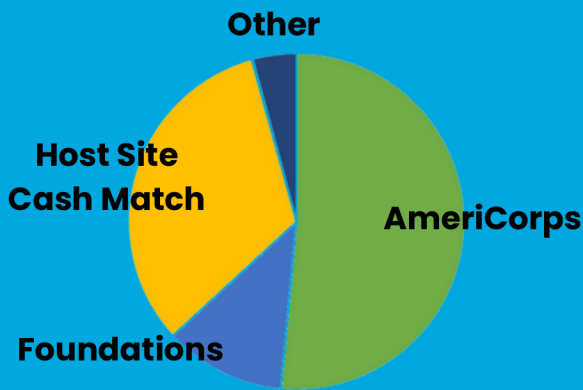
# 2022-2023 Audited Financials

**Financial Audit conducted by Wipfli**

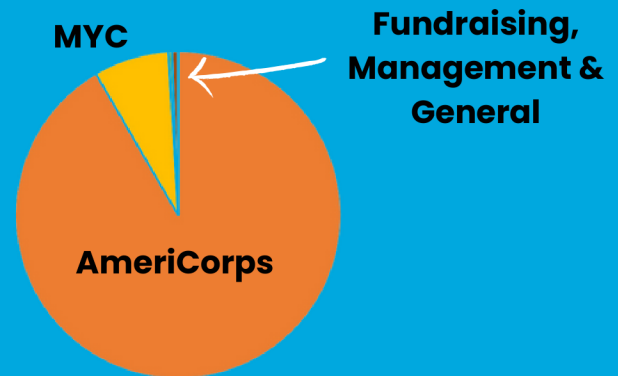
Total public support and revenue: \$2,972,916,

Total functional expenses: \$3,080,584

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



## PROJECTS

**AmeriCorps  
Promise Fellows**



## IMPACT

1159 students were served by Promise Fellows during the school year.



## OUTCOME

53% of the students served by AmeriCorps Promise Fellows showing increased school attendance.

**Alliance  
AmeriCorps  
VISTA**

47 organizations received capacity building services from a VISTA member.

107,218 individuals were served by Alliance VISTA members.

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**Minnesota Alliance With Youth's mission is to work in partnership with youth to ensure that ALL young people have equitable educational opportunities that foster their individual assets, honor their voices, and prepare them to reach their goals.**



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