

# 2022

## SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

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**Life's most persistent and urgent question  
is: What are you doing for others?**

**-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Jacob's Ladder remains committed to meeting youth's immediate needs and providing community services and supports such as education, food, mental health, workforce development, and essential resources.

Considering the social climate encapsulating our nation and area, in 2022, Jacob's Ladder has focused on programming to expand our efforts to address academics, crime, and outreach within communities in need. Rooted in our mission to reduce the number of juveniles entering and returning to the juvenile justice system, Jacob's Ladder has expanded program efforts to engage youth connected to the juvenile justice system or in danger of connection.

Our 2022 Semi-Annual Report highlights our year-to-date accomplishments and sets the foundation for what will be one of our most impactful years.

# ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world**

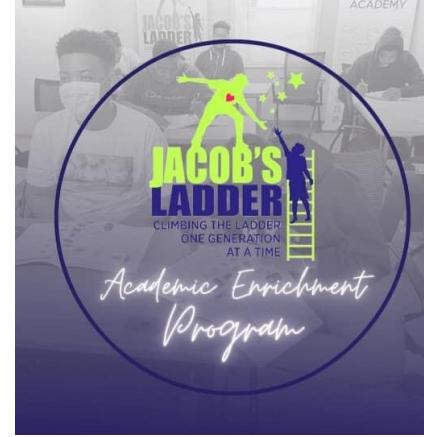
**- Nelson Mandela**

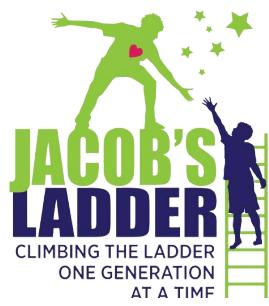
Jacob's Ladder's academic enrichment programs work to increase the rate at which youth complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Our year-round programming combines tutoring, counseling, mentoring, cultural enrichment, work-prep programs, and education or counseling services designed to improve students' financial and economic literacy to develop well-rounded students prepared to succeed in life and career. In addition, our efforts positioned us as the lead community organization for recruitment for the University of Maryland's Upward Bound Program.

In 2022, we saw our first Upward Bound participant receive a full college scholarship. It's an honor that one of our guys was accepted and headed towards a full college scholarship!

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## The Power of **ACADEMIC AND ATHLETICS**

When paired with academics, athletics has a significant and profound impact on youth that cannot be overlooked. Athletics is powerful because it can bridge gaps, bring people who otherwise might not interact together, and provide opportunities not available elsewhere. In addition, studies have consistently demonstrated that youth involved in sports are more likely to adopt positive behaviors and perform better on tests of cerebral or intellectual ability.

Jacob's Ladder enjoys a partnership with the Prince George's County Football Coaches Association (PGCFCA). As a result, youth representing all 21 Prince George's County high schools participate in our academic enrichment programs and excel in organized sports.

**Academics and athletics create opportunities for our future leaders!**



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

# TRADE CAREERS

2.5 million skilled trade job openings are expected this year in various industries, including construction, healthcare, information technology, energy, manufacturing, public services, and others. Unfortunately, many of these positions go unfulfilled within our area due to a widening gap of skilled talent unavailable to fill vacancies.



Jacob's Ladder works to introduce youth to alternative post-secondary options that lead to high-demand and growing career fields. Our Trade Career Summer Camp prepares future generations for this growth by providing opportunities to gain workforce skills and positioning youth to obtain employment.

Our Trade Career Camp helps teens develop a plan for their future - thus reducing crime, poverty, and chronic underemployment in our communities.

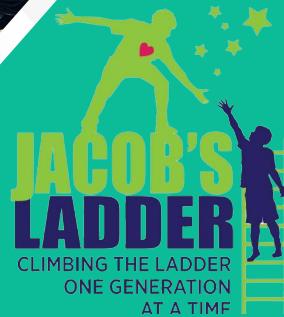
# DIVERSION & RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

## *Re-Entry Programs*

Our Juvenile Reentry Program is for juveniles that are pending release from detention. Our goal is for successful rehabilitation, to help them develop a plan for their future, and to end destructive behaviors. Our Juvenile Reentry Program reduces recidivism and improves public safety.

## *Diversion Programs*

Our diversion program is for juveniles that have been referred by the community or introduced to the juvenile justice system. Our goal is to provide juveniles and their families with effective strategies to end patterns of destructive behavior before criminal arrests and adulthood.



**You're either part of the problem... Or part of the solution!**

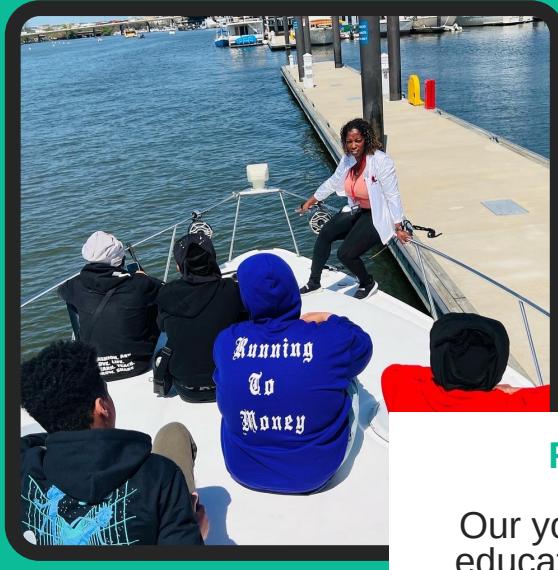
IN PICTURES

# YOUTH EXPERIENCES



## Re-Entry and Diversion Program field trip to the African-American History Museum

The African American Museum allowed our participants to learn about significant contributions to society by African Americans and to gain a greater sense of their culture and heritage.



## Re-Entry and Diversion Program Boating Excursion

Our youth enjoying a day out on the water! Youth received boating education and learned ways to use boating as a natural therapy for emotional concerns.

**NEW EXPERIENCES ALLOW TEENS TO IDENTIFY THEIR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP NEW RELATIONSHIPS!**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members**

- Coretta Scott King

Jacob's Ladder aspires to be an agent of positive change within the communities we serve and call home. Seeing our area realize its fullest potential is the greatest gift we could ever receive as an organization, and we will continue to do all we can to support this cause. Here is a snapshot of some of our 2022 Community Outreach initiatives.

## Infant Supply Distribution

As the nation experienced supply chain shortages, Jacob's Ladder worked to gather valuable diapers and infant supplies to distribute to families desperate for these resources.



## Community Beautification

Jacob's Ladder is proud to participate in Growing Green with Pride - a Prince George's County-hosted community cleanup program. We thoroughly enjoyed working with the following organizations to beautify the areas we call home:

- City of New Carrollton
- Prince George's Sierra Club
- Suitland Civic Association, Inc
- Riverbend Citizen Association
- Crossland High School
- High Point High School



# WE'RE HONORED! AWARDS & RECOGNITION

## 2022 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT RECIPIENT

Jacob's Ladder is a proud recipient of the 2022 Prince George's County Community Partnership Grant because of our outstanding contribution to our community.

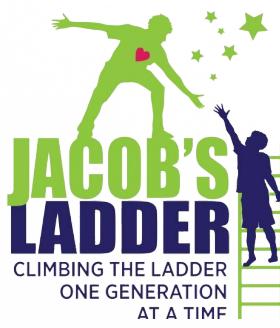
## HOPE IN ACTION ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENT

Jacob's Ladder was selected for the Hope in Action Anti-Violence Project because of our Reentry and Diversion Programs. Our programs reduce violent crime through collaboration with local law enforcement and community stakeholders.

# OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SERGEANT WINSTON WILSON, MICHAEL DELANEY, ADONICA RENÉE PICKETT,  
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# PARTNERS

**Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much**  
- Helen Keller

Our mission is supported by a wonderful group of partners committed to providing a helping hand to the many youth and families in need within our area. Jacob's Ladder is grateful for all of our ongoing partnerships!

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