Message from the ED

We give our sincere thanks to all those who support the African Youth & Community Organization (AYCO) and our Portland community. It is incredible to see how we have grown and developed over time. Never would have I imagined that the basketball game I played with those 6 Somali boys (who became AYCO’s first mentees and peer mentors) would turn into the AYCO of today—a multifaceted and holistic agency that has positively impacted over 30,000 immigrants and refugees in the Metro area through mentorship, health, education, culture, and wrap around support.

We have made true the promises we committed to last year. In addition to purchasing our forever home and Dream Center, the beautiful Flex-building on SE 82nd Avenue, we have dedicated ourselves to deepening our partnerships with local school districts, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Human Services, and others, continuing to expand our programs and services across all departments. We now serve over 30 schools throughout the Portland Metro through our UPLIFT programming. Our Community Health & Education program has re-launched with a new “post-pandemic” lens to bring health and wellness to our community, supported by CareOregon and OHA. The Afghani refugee/newcomer program we launched last year through our partnership with DHS has more than doubled in size, with over 60 families/350+ individuals receiving culturally-specific case management and assistance. Our Victims of Crime Advocacy and Violence Prevention programs, supported by the Department of Justice and OCADSV, have also doubled in services and staff, with increased outreach, education, and direct support for victims of crime, domestic and sexual violence survivors, high-risk & previously incarcerated youth, etc.

We are determined to be a lasting community hub for Portland’s immigrant and refugee communities. Thank you for being a crucial part of our transformative journey!

Sincerely yours,

Jamal Dar, Founder & Executive Director
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About AYCO

AYCO began working with immigrant and refugee youth in 2009, developing opportunities for mentorship and sports activities. Since its inception, the need for more comprehensive family and community support has moved AYCO toward family mentorship, parent-school mediation, cultural brokering and training with mainstream institutions, inclusionary programming for people with disabilities, English language classes, community health, and more. Today, AYCO’s new Dream Center, purchased in 2022, is a beacon of light for Portland’s immigrant and refugee communities.
Mission

“To settle the past, engage in the present, and hope for the future.”

Vision

African Youth & Community Organization (AYCO) is a culturally specific, community-based nonprofit organization led by and for the East African immigrant and refugee community in the Portland Metropolitan Area. We envision a future where a strong cultural identity within immigrant communities of the Pan African Diaspora is supported by inclusive educational and economic opportunities.

Values

We are proud to reflect the community that we serve, as our work is only possible with their unwavering support and that of our partners. Our programs are strength-based and trauma-informed. Our two main departments, UPLIFT Youth & Education Services and BRIDGE Community Health & Engagement, reflect our values and investment in the community.
MATT GOLDMAN
BOARD CHAIR
Matt is a Tigard-based attorney with a focus on business law, estate planning & probate, and real property matters in Oregon and Washington. Originally from Florida, he is committed to serving the community through various endeavors, including promoting interfaith unity, mentoring youth, and empowering others to understand their legal rights.

MAHAD AHMED
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Mahad is presently a department lead for Nike Air MI and a community leader who has invested his time and resources into organizations such as AYCO. As one of the pioneering youth mentors since 2009, he takes pride in supporting numerous underserved youths in the community.

NIMO ALI
BOARD TREASURER
Born in Somalia and raised in a refugee camp in Northern Kenya, Nimo is a dedicated advocate for underserved communities, currently working as a Community Health Worker at IRCO. With a background in Youth Behavioral Health, Mental Health, Social Service and Addiction Counseling, and Community Health, Nimo is committed to supporting immigrants and refugees through various organizations like World Relief Organization, Catholic Charity, and Multnomah County.
Board of Directors

**ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM**
BOARD MEMBER

Born and raised in Sudan, Abu coming from a resilient and motivated family. After completing college, he pursued his dreams and family vision, establishing his own company called Portland Auto Services, which he has successfully run for over 20 years, with 8 staff members. Dedicated to supporting the community and small businesses, he serves on the board and aims to foster economic stability and a strong community.

**RAIFE NEUMAN**
LEGAL COUNSEL

Raife Neuman, a co-founder of AYCO, obtained the organization’s 501(c)3 status and ensures its compliance with government agencies. They are a certified member of the Oregon State Bar, actively contributing to the legal community through various leadership roles.

**MARSHAWNA WILLIAMS**
BOARD MEMBER

Marshawna, a Portland, Oregon native, holds a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from the University of Portland and a Master’s of Science in Education, Leadership, and Policy. With a background in nonprofit management, higher education, and adult learning, she brings over seven years of board leadership experience, emphasizing racial equity and community sustainability. She currently serves as Brown Hope’s Chief Operations Officer.
AYCO was founded in 2009 by Jamal Dar based on his experience of displacement and desire to re-engage and support immigrant and refugee youth struggling in the U.S. education system. Jamal knows that mentoring through sports is one tangible way to influence people’s lives and keep youth engaged in schools, communities, and away from negative influences. He says that we must “play to youth skills and pay it forward.”

Jamal believes in the mantra, “You help me succeed today, and I will help someone else succeed tomorrow.”

With a Bachelor's degree from WP and a Master's from SNHU, Askina has built the foundation for his pursuits in authorship, blogging, and entrepreneurship. As an author, he articulates health nuances, while his blog inspires and informs. In entrepreneurship, he innovates health-focused solutions. Public speaking is his canvas, where he empowers others with insights on health and wellness. Beyond his professional life, he finds joy in photography, fitness, and culinary creativity.

Angelica (Ahn-HEL-ee-ka) is a proud Xicana with a B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology from Lewis & Clark College and over thirteen years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She is passionate about dismantling systems of oppression, uplifting cultural ways of knowing, and empowering diverse communities. Angelica is honored and excited to use her knowledge and skills with grants, fundraising, strategic planning, program development & delivery to support AYCO’s continued growth and long-term sustainability.
AYCO Team: Development/Finance

ABDIRAHMAN ABDIRAHMAN
SENIOR PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

NABIL ABDULLAHI
FINANCE & CONTRACTS COORDINATOR

MANA MOALIMSIDOW
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
We are thrilled to announce that through the generous contributions from our sponsors, partners, and community members, we have successfully relocated into our new home! This move marks a significant milestone in our commitment to serving the community.

Come pay us a visit!

2110 SE 82nd Ave, Portland, OR 97216
We extend our sincerest thanks to each of the community members, attendees & partners for not only supporting AYCO’s vision but also gracing us with your presence at our Annual Fundraising Event, which concluded in September 2023. Your generosity and support have set the stage for transformative changes as we embark on the journey of tentative improvements in our new building. The evening was truly special, and it would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our sponsors.
What began in 2009 as a small mentoring initiative of 6 young Somali boys who had dropped out of Jackson Middle School has transformed into a youth-empowerment powerhouse. Partnering with 5 school districts and 30 schools, AYCO now impacts nearly 1,000 students yearly through direct services. Rooted in a belief in mentorship and academic support, Jamal Dar's commitment laid the foundation for an impressive journey of expansion. AYCO's success lies in its holistic approach, offering tutoring, college readiness workshops, and student engagement initiatives. The organization's growth is evident in improved academic performance, increased self-confidence, and a sense of purpose among students. AYCO's impact speaks volumes, becoming a cornerstone in education and inspiring organizations to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young individuals.

### Student Impact

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AYCO Team: UPLIFT

MAXWELL OLWA
EDUCATION MANAGER

ABDINASIR SIDO
YOUTH LIFE COUNSELOR

ABDILADIF ALINUR
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR

AHMED ALI
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR LEAD

AISHA AWO
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR LEAD

AMINA AWO
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR

AMINA MOHAMED
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR

HODO ADAN
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR

IFRAH ABDI
CULTURAL NAVIGATOR
Athletics Programs: We diligently oversee a diverse range of youth sports programs, providing an array of opportunities for personal growth and development. Our dedicated program coordinators and coaches foster an environment that promotes team building, sportsmanship, the cultivation of transferable life skills, and, of course, an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all participants.

Environmental Literacy: AYCO’s goal is to create an exciting nexus between youth development and programs that connect students to the natural world. We are proud to partner with Johnson Creek Watershed, Leach Botanical Garden, Metro Parks and Nature, Zenger Farms, Camp Elso, BluePrint Foundation, and others to participate in environmental efforts while educating and empowering the next generation.

AYCO Scholarship: We believe in changing the lives and futures of the immigrant youth that we serve. Through the generous donation of community members, we are able to award limited scholarships with the reality of helping our youth fulfill their dreams of pursuing their college degrees.
The 3rd Annual Youth Leadership Program united young boys and girls in a transformative initiative, empowering them with essential skills for positive community impact. Designed to foster leadership qualities and instill responsibility, the program included a goal-setting session, encouraging students to articulate achievable aspirations. Emphasizing academic excellence, participants learned effective study habits and time management. Practical skills workshops on interview techniques prepared them for future job opportunities. Exploring diverse career paths through professional interactions broadened their horizons. The youth also embarked on environmental field trips which heightened their ecological awareness, and instilled a sense of responsibility as stewards of the planet. Overall, the program successfully empowered youth with skills, knowledge, and a positive mindset for impactful contributions to their communities.
AYCO's 8-week summer internship program stands out as a comprehensive initiative dedicated to holistic youth development, offering students invaluable insights into organizational operations and environmental education. Divided into two phases, the program begins with a four-week Operations Immersion, where interns delve into AYCO's day-to-day functions, gaining exposure to various departments and developing essential skills in organizational dynamics, project coordination, and effective communication. The subsequent four weeks focus on Environmental Education and Sports Programs, integrating interns into AYCO's commitment to environmental awareness and community engagement through sports initiatives. By seamlessly merging operational insights with environmental education and community engagement, AYCO empowers interns to emerge as well-rounded professionals ready to make a positive impact in their future careers and communities.

Key elements include: workshops, field trips, community outreach, sports programming & coaching, event management, and more.
AYCO's Girls Group initiative is a transformative program dedicated to empowering young women through personal growth, skill development, and mentorship. With a focus on leadership, communication, and inclusivity, dynamic workshops have equipped participants with essential life skills from securing jobs to excelling in interviews, fostering good study habits, and more.

The leadership component instills confidence and resilience, preparing participants for future challenges. Communication skills are honed through interactive sessions, ensuring effective and assertive expression. Beyond career skills, workshops delve into cultivating good habits for academic success, providing practical tips and strategies.

Girls Group fosters a community where every participant feels valued and supported as they are. As these young women graduate, they carry not only gained knowledge but also the confidence to navigate future challenges. AYCO's commitment to leadership, communication, and inclusivity underscores its dedication to building a brighter and more empowered future for the young women in our community.
AYCO was excited to host our annual Back to School event in our new Dream Center this summer. The focal point of the day was the distribution of 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to help set students up for success with the start of a new academic year.

It was a lively afternoon with laughter filling the air as students enjoyed activities like face painting and balloon making. Students were also able to receive free haircuts adding an extra layer of excitement to the back-to-school experience. AYCO's commitment to community well-being was further showcased through raffles, where lucky winners went home with exciting prizes for youth and families, fostering a sense of community.

This event is a testament to AYCO's commitment to nurturing bright futures. As backpacks were distributed, balloons soared, and raffles brought cheers, AYCO emerged as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path to a successful school year for all.
AYCO Graduations are an annual effort to celebrate the completion of high school for our students. 2023 marked the first year that we were able to hold one large, united event in our Dream Center to congratulate and celebrate the many high school seniors graduation in our program. We were thrilled to be able to create a beautiful space for our seniors, their families, and their mentors/Cultural Navigators to have fun, reminisce, and ultimately honor them all for their hard work. We had over 85 graduating seniors this year, each of whom was presented individually by their Cultural Navigator with a speech detailing their experience and participation in our programming as well as overall highlights from their academic and extracurricular experience and future plans! Each graduate received a gift from the AYCO team and our best wishes (and continued support) for the future!
The basketball court evolved into a dynamic arena, fostering talents and nurturing a vibrant sense of community as 80 students enthusiastically embraced organized play every weekend for 3 months. Beyond the scoreboard, the league became a transformative space where victories extended far beyond the court becoming a safe haven for self-expression. Students learned from victories and defeats, fostering a profound sense of belonging within the AYCO family. Through basketball, students gained crucial life skills, such as teamwork, resilience, and effective communication, impacting both personal and professional aspects of their lives.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to the 80 dedicated participants whose commitment to excellence and enthusiasm for friendly competition left an enduring impact on the success of Season 2 of the Annual Basketball League. Special thanks to coaches, volunteers, and supporters whose contributions, on and off the court, ensured a smooth and memorable experience. As we cherish the memories created, we look forward to building on this success for future events. The Annual Basketball League reflects AYCO’s commitment to nurturing growth, unity, and positive leadership skills within our community.
AYCO's Girls Sports Program recently provided a safe haven for young female athletes to embrace their passion for sports like basketball and soccer. Spanning during the summer months, the initiative not only promoted physical activity but also cultivated unity and skill development. AYCO's dedication to inclusivity was evident as girls of all skill levels came together, fostering a supportive environment. The program emphasized team bonding and leadership skills, teaching valuable lessons in teamwork, communication, and time management. As the girls engaged passionately in various sports, AYCO's mentors played a pivotal role in nurturing their potential. Beyond competition, the program forged lasting friendships, fostering a sense of community. AYCO's commitment to empowering young girls showcases its dedication to shaping future leaders through sports.
We were very pleased to formally launch our expanded Youth Sports Program this year as part of our positive engagement and youth violence prevention efforts. The program aims to establish a secure environment for youth, emphasizing positive relationships and activities to foster holistic development for youth.

After assessing community needs with input from Cultural Navigators and youth, the project prioritized creating a safe space for boys and girls to participate in sports. Bi-weekly sessions held at Harrison Park Elementary School and the East Portland Community Center attracted 50 students. Activities included a basketball, kickball and soccer tournaments, emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development. Swimming sessions focused on water skills and safety, providing modest swimwear. The program successfully enhanced the sense of self and confidence in participating youth, fostering leadership development, teamwork skills, and reducing stress and depression.

The initiative contributed to redefining sports in communities, promoting a healthy lifestyle for young people of color, and offering a crucial safe space during the summer. It served as an alternative outlet for at-risk youth, providing a meaningful opportunity and steering them away from criminal activities and violence.
Over the summer, we had our first-ever collaboration with the Wind & Oar Boat School and The Willamette Sailing Club. Ten enthusiastic youth participated in two transformative week-long programs, learning woodworking, assembling sailboats, and crafting a canoe from scratch. Guided by experienced instructors, they also mastered the art of sailing, discovering the way of the winds and navigating their own boats.

This unique blend of hands-on learning and creativity provided an extraordinary educational experience, empowering participants with practical skills and a deep appreciation for craftsmanship and sailing. Due to the success of these programs, we're thrilled to announce that they will now be held twice annually every summer, thanks to the ongoing partnership with Wind & Oar and the Willamette Sailing Club.
SHARLAIR SHINE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

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COMMUNITY HEALTH & EDUCATION MANAGER

FAYSAL IBRAHIM
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

JAMSHID SHAMS
AFGHAN CULTURAL SUPPORT

SAHLAN FARAH
VICTIMS OF CRIME ADVOCATE
Community Engagement:
Our Community Engagement team works with parents and families to provide translation services, wrap-around support, emergency assistance, focus groups, needs assessments, parent and family workshops, educational opportunities, and more.

Community Health & Education:
Our Community Health & Education program is dedicated to providing essential health clinics, healthcare assistance, and referrals for community members. In addition, we are committed to empowering the community through comprehensive health education initiatives, with a special focus on serving individuals with disabilities. We offer drop-in services as well as monthly workshops and other activities.

Victims of Crime Advocates (VOCA):
Ilaalinta Xaquivo Xacakra, "Guarding the Rights of the People," is a victim advocacy program developed for the community we serve. VOCA is designed to cater to the overwhelming demand for culturally specific victim services for immigrants and refugees who are survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, and gang violence.

Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVP):
YVP Advocates work with at-risk youth to provide the additional support they need to inhibit gang involvement and violent activity. YVP Advocates work closely with schools on a higher level to advocate for system change and address disproportionate disciplinary measures taken against Somali students.
## Overview Of Direct Services Provided

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![Graph showing increase in households and clients served from 2022 to 2023]
At AYCO, we pride ourselves on serving our community. To conclude 2023, we have made a large impact on our community by allocating $1,236,960.14 through a range of our assistance programs, these programs include, rental, utility, grocery, and other client assistance & community led programs/activities. Through targeted initiatives, we contribute to the overall well-being of our community, fostering positive change and enhancing the quality of life for many individuals. Our dedication to making a difference has created a ripple effect, leaving a lasting and meaningful imprint on the fabric of our local society.
In a proactive effort to enhance community well-being, AYCO hosts an annual Community Health Fair, educating residents on the significance of healthy choices.

2023 marked our 3rd Annual Health Fair and 1st in the Dream Center! AYCO hosted nearly 200 community members during this collaborative event with partners which aimed to empower parents and community members, offering practical insights into lifestyle decisions.

This year’s event focused on establishing connections with family doctors and providing insights on health concerns, particularly diabetes, which has emerged as a main topic of concern for community members. Attendees received essential supplies and hands-on training on using a blood pressure system. Educational sessions were designed to strategically empower parents, fostering inclusivity and demonstrating AYCO's commitment to community well-being.
Funded by the Oregon Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, VOCA “Speak Up” event was held on March 8, 2023. This event focused on educating the community about domestic violence and sexual assault, and informing them about the resources our Victims of Crime Advocacy program at AYCO is able to provide in these difficult situations. We had several government and community agencies come and share, including the Washington County bias crime team, presenting information and resources in multiple languages and formats to promote accessibility. We also had a survivor of domestic and sexual violence share their story.

The “Speak Up” event was really a tool for outreach so that community members can recognize when they are suffering and know how to ask for help. With over 180 in attendance, this event proved to be highly successful and resulted in a significant increase in community members reaching out for support from our VOCA team.
We held our 3rd Annual Wadajir (Unity) Conference focused on mental/behavioral health and community healing on October 14 at the Portland Double Tree. This year’s event, titled “Hope to Inspire”, was an opportunity for AYCO to educate the community about interpersonal violence and connect the community to concrete resources and support.

This conference proved to be our largest yet, with some 350 community members in attendance. We had several speakers from the DOJ share about resources available to victims of crime which included their 24/7 crisis line. We also made a point of using this conference to connect with the community and assess needs with surveys and feedback sessions. Our annual conference is a huge effort to reach our broader community to break the silence on difficult topics and make the concrete connections to support that exist at AYCO and elsewhere. While this year’s conference focused on domestic and sexual violence, 2022’s conference focused on youth and gun violence, and 2021’s on drug usage and mental health. Huge thanks to OCADSV for funding our 2023 efforts.
October 26th marked the formal relaunching of our BRIDGE Health & Education programming with a post-pandemic lens. Held from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at AYCO, with finger food and snacks provided, a total of 70 participants from diverse community backgrounds came together to contribute to our open discussions about health and community needs. The event started off with an introduction to the new health program and an explanation of the plan moving forward for our community members. We received feedback from the participants regarding their needs and expectations from our health program, which help determine our workshop topics for the upcoming year as well as what partnership we pursue to provide services for community members at AYCO.

Our BRIDGE Community Health & Education department is funded by Oregon Health Authority and CareOregon for their public health modernization efforts. In 2024, we will offer the community Oregon Health Plan navigation assistance, vaccine clinics, diabetes education and resources, yoga and nutrition classes,
As part of our new Community Health program, we were pleased to pilot our Community Yoga programming this fall. AYCO hosted nine community yoga sessions from October 29 to December 31 on Sunday afternoons in the Dream Center. Tailored exclusively for women, these sessions focused on meditation and the importance of yoga as a complete practice, providing valuable insights into holistic well-being. Participants also learned about maintaining a healthy diet and improving their understanding of nutrition. This initiative aimed to enhance physical wellness and empower individuals to adopt a balanced lifestyle, positively impacting their overall health and mindfulness.

The yoga program was very well received by our community members and will become staple of our 2024 programming. Many of the women and especially moms in our community do not always have the opportunity to “indulge” in self-care; this program is our offering to those women to encourage them to invest in their health and grow their self-confidence and self-worth. They are the backbone of our community and deserve the support to be well and live happy, healthy lives.
AYCO's Community BBQ at Blue Lake brought together 250 community members and youth for a sun-soaked celebration of unity and culture. Held in August, the event exemplified AYCO's commitment to fostering community bonds and shared experiences. The festivities kicked off with the tantalizing aroma of barbecue, drawing families under colorful tents to savor a diverse feast prepared by AYCO volunteers. Cultural henna artists added an artistic touch, encouraging conversations about diverse backgrounds. Water activities provided the youth joy and movement, promoting healthy lifestyle and positive engagement. AYCO's meticulous planning included team-building games and interactive workshops, strengthening unity among attendees. As the sun set, the Blue Lake Community BBQ left an indelible mark, symbolizing AYCO's role in positive community engagement, celebrating diversity, and fostering enduring connections. The ongoing dedication of AYCO ensures that the spirit of unity ignited at Blue Lake will resonate in the community's hearts for years to come.
AYCO's Afghan Program is a lifeline for new refugees, delivering tailored support for a smoother transition to life in the U.S.. The program's comprehensive case management covers Housing & Food Assistance to ensure a stable foundation, Career Planning to guide refugees toward meaningful employment, and Health & Wellness Services, with a focus on Community Health Work and providing refugees access to healthcare resources and holistic well-being guidance. Recognizing the challenges faced by refugee youth, AYCO's program includes Youth Mentoring Services through UPLIFT Refugee Youth Mentors, funded by the Department of Human Services, offering crucial support to vulnerable youth.

What began as a Cultural Nutrition pilot program in 2022 has become a comprehensive and holistic Family Program addressing housing, food, career planning, health, and youth mentoring. This approach aims to empower Afghan refugees not just to survive but to thrive in their new lives, fostering resilience and a sense of belonging. We are pleased to have more than doubled this program in 2023, with over 60 households / 350 individuals receiving case management and support.
Upcoming Vision

Early Childhood Education:
AYCO plans to launch an early childhood program to educate young children promoting cognitive, emotional, & social growth. Our mission is to provide quality education, fostering curiosity & a love for learning. Key components include a well-rounded curriculum, qualified staff, parental involvement, inclusive practices, & a safe, stimulating environment. Join us on this journey to empower young minds, creating a community where every child has the skills to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Big Plans: AYCO is extending its impact to Washington County, marking a pivotal expansion in our mission. This strategic move includes a significant enhancement of our health department, reinforcing our commitment to community well-being. By broadening our reach, we aim to address crucial healthcare needs, promote awareness, and foster a healthier society. This expansion aligns with our core values, emphasizing inclusivity & accessibility in delivering essential services. Together with the strengthened health department, we aspire to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families in Washington County, advancing our vision of a healthier and more resilient community.

Building Dreams, Transforming Lives: AYCO seeks $2.5 million for tentative improvements to the Dream Center, fostering positive change and community empowerment. The campaign targets critical renovations, state-of-the-art facilities, & accessibility upgrades. Engaging with philanthropists, local businesses, and community organizations, we aim to create a safe & inclusive environment through tailored events and online campaigns. Donors will be recognized, contributing to the Dream Center's positive transformation and impacting countless lives. Join us in making this vision a reality, building dreams and creating lasting community impact.
Thank you to our Funders!
Dear Supporters,

We express heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our organization, contributing to a successful year. Your enthusiasm, whether through volunteerism or attendance, has been instrumental in driving our accomplishments. The achievements in this annual report showcase the collective effort and dedication of our community, fostering positive change and creating opportunities. As we thank you, we eagerly anticipate continuing this journey with your crucial ongoing support, shaping the future successes of our organization.

With sincere gratitude,
African Youth & Community Organization