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FY2021 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

21
EVENTS

4,732
ATTENDEES/PEOPLE SERVED

600+
VOLUNTEER HOURS LOGGED

You Matter 2 provides youth with a safe space to develop positive relationships, leadership skills, and discover their passions. Our mission is to provide opportunities for youth to serve and make a difference in their community.

As a result of our programs, our vision is for youth to remain civically engaged, be empowered to forge their own path, and have academic and lifelong success.

You Matter 2 worked with 7th-12th grade students to pivot service projects and community events to fit the needs of youth and CDC restrictions. Students were able to connect with You Matter 2 alumni to receive tips on applying to college and to learn about the overall college experience.

You Matter 2 continued serving its partners Respond Now through our Fright Night Drive-In Movie Night in partnership with PR Pop-Ups, and South Suburban PADS remotely through MLK Day of Service.

We launched an initiative to meet the need for social interaction, Study Break on Us, to offer students an opportunity to engage with others outside of academics virtually, learn a new skill, and discover a new passion, such as candle-making. The pandemic gave You Matter 2 the opportunity to reach new students, serve more people, and organize impactful community events.

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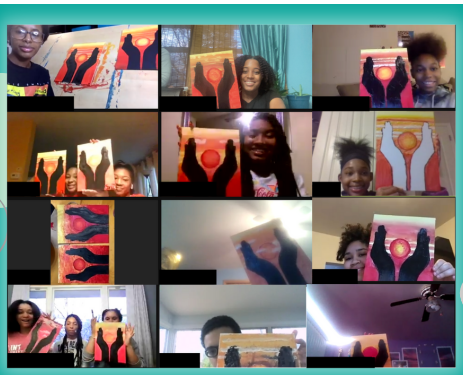
MLK DAY OF SERVICE

South Suburban PADS
479 LUNCHES
Project Kennedy
40 BLANKETS

In January 2021, we partnered with the Village of Flossmoor to host a community-wide service project in honor of MLK Day. We partnered with South Suburban PADS to provide lunches to their clients, and Project Kennedy to provide blankets to cancer patients and families. With the help of community members remotely, an impact was made.

STUDY BREAK ON US



The Study Break on Us Initiative was created to provide virtual opportunities and experiences for youth to participate in, learn a new skill, and engage with others, during the pandemic. Miannah Lawrence, Creator of Art by Miannah led youth through a step-by-step painting.

ART BY MIANNAH

WE CARE FOR OUR CUSTODIANS

Members of You Matter 2 created 66 care packages for custodians in District 153, 161, and 223 to show appreciation for keeping the schools clean and open during the midst of COVID-19.

HF COMMUNITY GARDEN

Members of You Matter 2 volunteered at the HF Community Garden and learned how to pluck weeds, prepare a garden bed with soil, and planted radishes, kale, and onions.

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL by YOU MATTER 2
CELEBRATING BLACK CULTURE, PRIDE, AND POWER

The inaugural Homewood-Flossmoor Juneteenth Festival attracted over 3,000+ attendees, featuring 80+ Black-owned businesses! The HF Juneteenth Festival is a celebration of African American culture as expressed through food, music, dance, and arts. Our mission is to provide an environment that celebrates and showcases the uniqueness, power, and endurance of African Americans. Thank you to our sponsors and partners for making this event a huge success.

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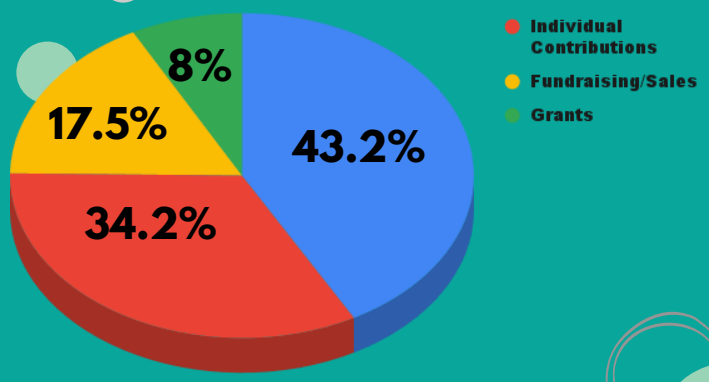
You Matter 2 is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In FY21, multiple revenue streams totaled: $78,824.89.