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Expanding
Horizons



Our Mission

New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) improves the well-being of youth and families in the child welfare system, with an emphasis on older youth aging out of foster care. NYFC provides direct educational, financial, and emotional support, and develops programs that fill gaps in the system in partnership with foster care agencies, community organizations, and the NYC Administration for Children’s Services.

What We Do

NYFC serves a dual purpose as both a provider of direct services to young people impacted by the foster care system and as a thought leader in the child welfare sector, incubating and pioneering new programs in response to developing needs.

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Leadership Letter

Dear Friends,

In February, the Board of Directors named Alan Yu as the Executive Director of this storied organization ushering in a new chapter at New Yorkers For Children (NYFC).

Much has changed in the child welfare landscape since NYFC was founded in 1996. As we reflect on our history and what we have accomplished, we are proud of the myriad ways the organization is showing up for our young people and meeting them where they are.

In 2023 NYFC launched two new direct service programs to youth aging out of foster care. In May we started our Cohort Connection program which adapts programmatic elements of our successful Nick's Scholars program but in a

group setting that also incorporates peer-to-peer support to help youth persist and graduate from college. As a more scalable model we are able to reach more individuals to provide pooled resources and foster peer connections to help them succeed in higher education. The Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) pilot created in partnership with Children's Defense Fund and YouthNPower began in June, and the program provides unconditional cash payments of \$1,000 as a form of universal basic income on a monthly basis to 100 youth for one year. It is being combined with a research study that is collecting data and interviews and comparing the program participants to a control group with similar demographic backgrounds.

NYFC's mission is a reminder of the collective responsibility we share to recognize and nurture the inherent potential of all young people in New York.

2 NEW

direct service programs launched to youth aging out of foster care in 2023.

97 GRANTS

were distributed awarded to youth in the amount of \$35,000 in 2023.



Our intermediary work with other nonprofit organizations also continued to grow through our Post-Permanency Support Program (PPSP) and Small Grants Program (SGP). In collaboration with Spence-Chapin, PPSP has worked with three organizations to set up families for success in preserving and stabilizing placements once children have been adopted or placed in kinship guardianship. To enhance the array of supportive service offerings in New York NYFC partnered with the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation through the SGP to provide grants and technical assistance to eight nonprofits that are working to erase disparities in education, employment, and well-being that affect transition-age foster youth.

The mission of NYFC is a reminder of the collective responsibility we share to recognize and nurture the

inherent potential of all young people in New York so that regardless of circumstances they have the necessary resources to cultivate their talents and self-actualize as they mature into adulthood.

During a year of renewed energy our ability to do this critical work would not have been possible without our important partnerships with agencies and nonprofits in the sector. We are also sincerely grateful for the continued support of our donors and the engagement and experience of our corporate volunteers. As we look ahead to working on a new strategic plan in 2024 we are confident that the core values of our founder, Nicholas Scoppetta, will guide us to new heights as we expand our ability to serve more youth and continue creating innovative programs with them to meet new challenges.

Thank you for being New Yorkers for Children!



Alan Yu
Executive Director



Susan Burden
Board Co-President



Denise Maybank
Board Co-President

Signature Programs

NYFC offers direct services to provide youth who have aged out of the foster care system with the supports and services they need to flourish academically, professionally, and personally.

This programming has helped to level the playing field for these young people, with increased college persistence and graduation rates, equipping them with the tools to succeed in the workplace, and empowering them with the life skills to thrive as an independent adult.

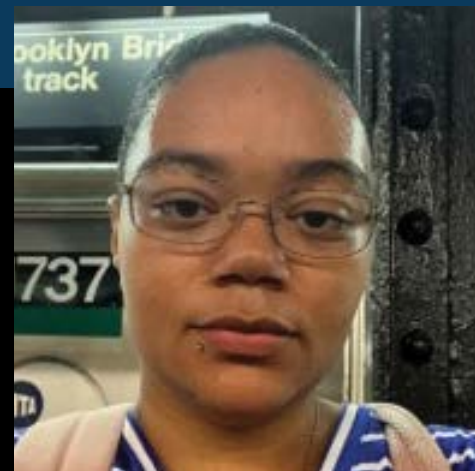
Since its inception in 2006, the **Nick's Scholars Program** has been dedicated to supporting youth as they pursue their bachelor's degrees, offering assistance from enrollment through graduation. This comprehensive program empowers students to achieve their educational and personal aspirations by providing vital financial, academic, emotional, and peer support services.

Services provided include:

- Individual college advisement and coaching meetings led by a youth counselor
- Monthly stipends to cover living expenses
- Tuition assistance and stipends for textbooks
- Funding for summer or winter courses not covered by financial aid
- Networking events to advance professional goals
- Referrals to personalized services such as academic tutoring, housing resources, specialized career counseling, and private mental health services

46 STUDENTS

in Cohort Connection Program
in six different cohorts



Sage E.

"NYFC has impacted my life in many ways — one of them being financial support which helps me take care of myself throughout the school year; another is the mental [health] support I receive from the monthly meetings and their offered tutoring services, which has helped me tremendously. When combined, these things give me the most motivation to be the best me that I can be."



Tianna M.

"Throughout this program I have gained a sense of self and where I want to be. I have also benefited from seeing my fellow peers and cohort members thrive, especially when they share educational, personal, and professional advice. I also feel a sense of community that I can turn to when I don't know about something. I know my peers can help me because they are at different levels and have all experienced something that I may not have experienced."

The monthly meetings are also like a check in for me during the month where I can share and express my feelings about different topics that we choose. It is a safe environment, and the stipend helps a lot, especially when I need more pull ups for my daughter, or an unexpected expense [arises]."



3.5 GPA

The cumulative GPA maintained by our 23 **Nick's Scholars** in 2023

In 2023, NYFC expanded and implemented its **Cohort Connection Program**, tailored to small groups of young adults. This initiative integrates tutoring, academic guidance, financial counseling, goal setting, and workforce development, customized to meet the specific needs of each cohort. Participants in the program benefit from a peer-led group dynamic alongside individualized support from NYFC's youth counselors. During 2023, NYFC worked with 46 students in this program over six different cohorts.

The Cohort Connection Program offers:

- Academic Counseling
- Financial Literacy
- Workforce Development
- Goal Setting
- Tutoring



Ravine H.

"Participating in this program has given me a unique platform to share the wealth of knowledge I gained during my college years, along with hard-earned lessons that have been instrumental in shaping me into a disciplined and goal-oriented individual."



in times of crisis. Between these two funds, NYFC gave more than \$35,000 in 97 grants during 2023. Additionally, the Spirit Award is a merit-based scholarship awarded to young adults currently or formerly in NYC foster care who are attending a four-year college with plans to complete a bachelor's degree.

Youth Advisory Board & Peer Mentoring Program

The Youth Advisory Board is a peer leadership initiative dedicated to leveraging the lived experiences of youth who have been in foster care as agents of change. Members aim to inform policy, drive systematic change, foster community, combat stigma, advocate for reform, and educate the public about NYFC programs and resources. Central to its mission, the Youth Advisory Board advises New Yorkers For Children on how best to meet the needs of youth. It ensures that NYFC's programs and services are informed by the voices of young people with direct experience in foster care.

NYFC's Peer Mentoring program follows a peer-to-peer mentoring model that provides youth with an opportunity to become mentors for youth who are currently transitioning into independence and adulthood. Peer Mentors can provide 1:1 mentoring support to youth in care, support foster care agencies with workshops/even facilitation, or support NYFC with PMP workshops. Mentors become Certified Peer Educators by attending a 12-hour training and all participants receive a monthly incentive.



277

students enrolled in college
or vocations with financial support

Grants & Awards

NYFC offers a suite of financial aid to meet the needs of youth who have aged out of the foster care system.

The **Charles Evans Educational Emergency Fund** helps youth aged out of foster care who are enrolled in a vocational program or undergraduate educational degree, and have experienced a financial emergency that disrupted their education. NYFC also offers the Aged-Out Not In School Fund, providing a lifeline to young people not in school in the form of cash grants to help



\$35,000

distributed via 97
grants were awarded
to youth in 2023

The **Back-to-School** program provides youth who are enrolled in college or an accredited vocational program with the tools they need to succeed throughout their educational experience. Along with access to youth development events, the package consists of a brand-new laptop computer for first-time recipients and two gift cards per academic year for educational expenses. To date, this program has supported thousands of youth aging out of the foster care system and has impacted almost the entire population of college-aged youth in NYC who are pursuing post-secondary education. In 2023, 116 young people received a laptop and 277 students already enrolled in college or a vocational program received financial support to offset their expenses.



Innovative Programs

NYFC pilots programs that support young people in foster care, both independently and in collaboration with partners in the community, government, and philanthropy.

This work pioneers and scales promising new ways to meet the most pressing needs of the children and families we collectively serve.

In partnership with YouthNPower and the Children's Defense Fund of New York, NYFC helped launch a **Direct Cash Transfer Pilot** in 2023. The program served 100 youth who have aged out of foster care, each of whom received \$1,000 each month for 12 months alongside a voluntary participatory research study on the experiences of transitioning from foster care and advocacy and organizing activities.

Direct Cash Transfer Pilot

100 YOUTH

who have aged out of foster care received \$1,000 each month for 12 months alongside a voluntary participatory research study

The **Post-Permanency Support Program**, which began in 2022, provides families with wraparound services immediately following adoption or kinship guardianship, including trauma-informed care, peer-to-peer support groups, mentorship opportunities, and more. These services offer families the best chance for success in preserving and stabilizing placements during a critical and often challenging time, while emphasizing evidence-based practices that can be scaled up when proven successful. The program was launched in collaboration with Spence-Chapin and works with three providers: MercyFirst, New Alternatives for Children, and the Council on Adoptable Children.

NYC Small Grants Program

Funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the **NYC Small Grants Program** helps small, community-based organizations with monetary grants and technical assistance. The majority of the subgrantee organizations are BIPOC-led and/or led by those with lived experience in foster care, and all are based in New York City. In addition to funding, selected organizations participate in a learning community through a teach-and-learn approach, cross-pollinating innovative ideas and supporting each other. Through this program, NYFC provides these organizations with the resources and skills to strengthen their mission-based work and enrich the quality of public services across NYC for youth and families. During 2023, our eight partners supported more than 1,000 young people involved in the child welfare system.



1,000

youth in child welfare system supported by our partners

Since 2018, NYFC has been working with Youth Villages and ACS to continue implementation of the **LifeSet model**, which aims to improve outcomes for education, housing, and employment among those involved in the foster care system, as well as reduce involvement with law enforcement and other serious incidents. During 2023, 217 young people benefited from participating in this model across four agencies:

- Children's Aid
- SCO Family Services
- Good Shepherd Services
- The New York Foundling



Financials

	2023	2022	2021
Revenue			
Individual	54,398	72,945	536,193
Foundation and Corporate	6,351,765	1,585,066	7,739,992
Government	50,000	—	147,492
Donated Materials & Services	1,325,889	75,192	88,521
Special Events (net)	951,661	881,885	-
Investment Income	659,723	(321,482)	254,289
Total Revenue	9,393,436	2,293,606	8,766,487

Expenses			
Program Services	4,564,377	4,079,241	3,544,697
Management	789,187	728,506	657,210
Fundraising	328,627	250,035	78,636
Total Expenses	5,682,191	5,057,782	4,280,543

Change in Net Assets	3,711,245	(2,764,176)	4,485,944
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Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	9,406,058	12,170,234	7,684,290
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Net Assets - End of the Year	13,117,303	9,406,058	12,170,234
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Supporters

Institutions

- \$1 million +**
Children’s Defense Fund*
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*
Estuniga Inc**
W.K. Kellogg Foundation*
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation*
Spence-Chapin *

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Ichigo Foundation

"The Ichigo Foundation is proud to support New Yorkers For Children's efforts to help young aging out of foster care to reach their potential for full and rewarding lives. Programs like peer mentoring and grants for meeting basic needs are vital for staying on track in school or a first professional experience. We are excited to see these efforts grow and continue to support the young people who need it so much."

Janel Callon

Co-founder and CEO of the Ichigo Foundation



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