

# 20 22 ANNUAL REPORT



*Our mission is to create a culture of brotherhood among young men of color while providing dynamic tools and resources that empowers them to redefine, reshape, and reimagine the outcomes for their lives.*



# A Message from the Founder and Executive Director



“ JOY and PAIN are like  
SUNSHINE and RAIN ”

Frankie Beverly & Maze

As I reflect over the past three years of leading this transformational organization the lyrics to that song are what come to mind. There have been moments that have filled my heart with great joy and moments of great pain that have been difficult to persevere through but the beautiful thing is here we are, still standing and better than ever.

To date we have impacted the lives of over 1,400 young men of color and successfully ensured that young men graduated from high school on time and were prepared to enlist, enroll, employ, or become an entrepreneur. That’s right, we have maintained our 100% high school graduation rate since 2020! Why is this such a celebration? I’m glad you asked because nationally only 64% of young men of color graduate high school on time. We will remain committed to seeing our vision of “ensuring that young men of color have an equal opportunity to achieve personal and professional success come to fruition.” This work isn’t accomplished without the support of our donors, corporate sponsors, and partners who generously support us and ensure our Kings (members) have all of the programs and resources they need to re-define, re-shape, and re-imagine the outcomes for their lives.

Now, more than ever, we need your continued support in helping us fulfill our mission. From donating financially or in-kind, or through a corporate sponsorship, partnership, or volunteerism, we can’t do it without you. What we learned in the last year was that when we have the support of the entire community we have the opportunity to make a greater impact on the lives of the young men of color we are serving.

As you read through our annual report I want to invite you to not just see it as metrics and outcomes but lives changed for generations to come! For every young man of color’s life that changes the trajectory of that one more strong man that will be a productive citizen in our society. That’s one more young man of color that will become a strong husband and/or father, who then becomes a strong grandfather and great grandfather! You see the impact that we make here at Forever Kings will impact generations to come. I don’t know about you but that makes me exhilarated to know that there is going to be a generation of men that we’ve raised up who are going into the world and use what they learned here at Forever Kings to transform our world and society.

Thank you for your support past and present! Together we can ensure that young men of color have an equitable opportunity to achieve personal and professional success.

Jordan Bankston,  
Founder and Executive Director  
#WeAreForeverKings!

## Our Board of Directors

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# Program Spotlights



"Forever Kings has given us the opportunity to get outside of our comfort zone and grow a brotherhood with other young men that look like us."  
#WeAreForeverKings



## Boys II Kings

- Curriculum designed to promote self-worth and productive introspection to equip boys and young men to navigate the world successfully
- Custom curriculum site-based program
- Available to boys and young men of color in grades 4th-12th

## Every King Succeeds

- Academic enrichment program designed to support boys and young men of color who struggle academically or need additional academic support with reading and math.
- Provides high school students with support in preparation for the ACT & SAT.
- Focus is on ensuring members remain on track to graduate high school on time.

## Kings Retreat

- 4 day, 3 night summer retreat away from the chaos and trauma of life to explore nature while living in it.
- Young men learn the basis of camping and life skills, enjoy recreational activities, and take place in team building activities.

## Kings Workshop

Custom tailored workshops that create a pipeline for the 4 E's - Enrollment in college or trade school, Enlistment in the military, Employment or Entrepreneurship. ( Topics include job readiness, workforce development, mental health, and wellness to name a few.

# 85%

Kings feel connected to a "brotherhood" by participating in our programs.



# Making an Impact in the Community



1,400

Young men of color impacted



100%

On-Time Graduation Rate!



"Forever Kings has given us another place to call home and brothers to talk about life with."

King Jireh Burton



81%

Kings completed a full year



100%

Post Secondary Education Acceptance Rate

\*College, Trade, Entrepreneurship, Military



\$60,000

Earned/Awarded Scholarships from respective high schools



100%

8th graders matriculated to high school



40%

3.0 or Higher GPA

60%

2.5 - 2.9 GPA

95% Kings that return each year.

## Demographics

80%

\*Low - moderate income families

67%

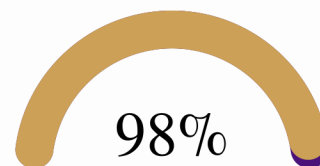
\*Single parent households



23 Zip codes across Hamilton County



45 Cincinnati Public, Charter and Parochial Schools in Hamilton County



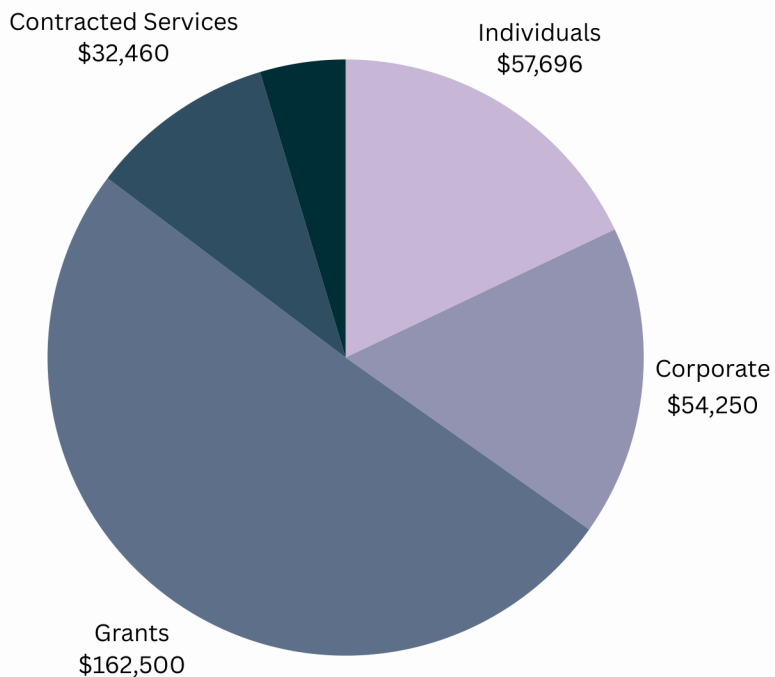
African American  
2% Hispanic



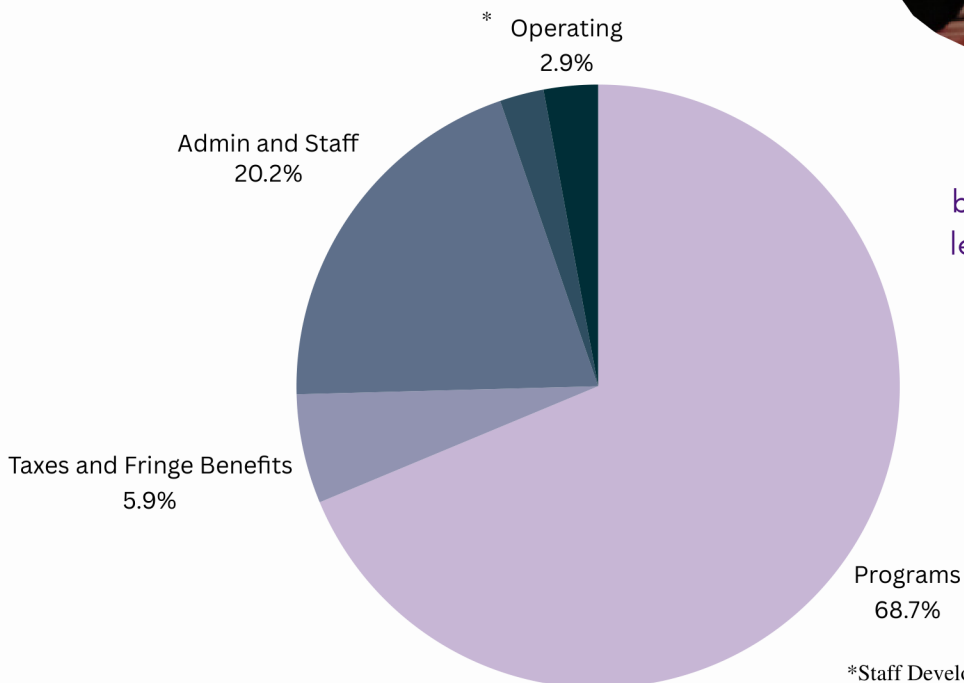
100% Boys and Young Men

# Financial Snapshot

**Revenue: \$321,832.86**



**Expenses: \$307,506.96**



"Forever Kings has had a positive impact on my son by allowing him to be around like-minded young men and learning about how he can continue to be a productive citizen today and in the future."

Gloria Samuel, Forever King Mom

\*Staff Development, Insurance, Maintenance, Misc Expenses



# Our Family of Supporters

Forever Kings is grateful for the generosity of our loyal supporters, partners and volunteers. Because of your generosity we are able to create a culture of brotherhood among young men of color to provide quality and affordable healthcare in our community. We are honored by your commitment and on behalf of our staff and patients, thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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"Forever Kings has given me a way to express myself in a way that I don't get to with other people because we(as a brotherhood)can relate to each other in certain ways that make us stand out."  
 King Jeffery Samuel, Jr.

# Our Family of Supporters...*(continued)*

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## Forever Kings Graduating Class of 2022!

Pictured left to right: King Xander Wynn, King Jayden Potts, King Kenneth Gaines, King Monte Flowers Jr.; and King Jeremiah Bolden

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# 2022 King of the Year: **King Xander**

*"Without Forever Kings, I would be lost in a world that doesn't want to see me win."*

Since 2019, Xander has been a part of Forever Kings. "I truly believe that this organization was built for someone like me who had no idea what he wanted to do or what there was out there in the world for a young Black boy in America," says Xander. By being a part of Forever Kings, Xander eyes were open to the many opportunities and paths. "I would never have seen or been a part of otherwise." Throughout his involvement in our program, Xander has come into his own. Xander shared, "in terms of understanding what the color of my skin means, the power that I have, and knowing that there are people in the world that look just like me succeeding. In addition to succeeding in their careers, they are taking care of their kids and showing what it means to be in a happy, loving, loyal relationship with their wives."

Xander is a leader for both the Elementary and Jr. High cohorts. "The opportunity to have been in a leadership role has helped me evolve and take on the role of being a big brother and mentor to the younger kings," says Xander. He goes on to share, "I have a group of young boys who I spend a lot of time with the outside of the program, making sure their homework is done, going out to eat, and going out to have fun and relax. Having those younger brothers in my life keeps me on the right track as much as I keep them on the right track."

In Forever Kings, Xander has learned that you get out of it exactly what you put into it. He shares, "we open up and have raw, unfiltered conversations about what it means to be a brother's keeper. We take time to learn more about each other, what our strengths and weaknesses are and where we can step in and help younger kings be better young Black man in society. Without Forever Kings, I would be lost in a world that doesn't want to see me win. Even though I am no longer in the program, I will forever have bonds."



Jordan Bankston, Founder and Executive Director,  
and King Xander Wynn

**Forever Kings** is fortunate to be part of a generous, mission-driven, and collaborative community of educators and caregivers all dedicated to the personal growth of our boys and young men of color. **In 2022, we are accelerating the movement by connecting our Kings with mentors, community leaders and local businesses.** To learn more about our brotherhood movement or support our work, please visit us [www.foreverkingsinc.org](http://www.foreverkingsinc.org).



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