



Jenkins Youth
& Family Village

OUR STORY OF IMPACT

A Year of Growth, Impact & Innovation in Review



IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025



Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

As we reflect on this remarkable year, I am filled with deep gratitude and renewed purpose. The Jenkins Youth and Family Village continues to build upon more than a century of legacy; a legacy of hope, empowerment, and transformation.

Since its founding as the historic Jenkins Orphanage, this institution has stood as a beacon for children and families in need. Today, as the Jenkins Youth and Family Village, we are building on that legacy to uplift our community through a vibrant ecosystem of care, music, learning, innovation, and opportunity.

This year, we launched transformative programs such as the **Jenkins-E3 Foundation Freedom School, the Jenkins Jazz Heritage Project,** and the upcoming **Music & Arts After School Academy,** each designed to nurture minds, talents, and futures. We are also laying the foundation for our six core pillars that will sustain our mission and create pathways for generational success:

1. Workforce Housing
2. Music & Arts
3. Nonprofit Center for Excellence
4. Technology & AI Hub
5. Financial Literacy (Budgeting, Investments, Securities)
6. Agriculture & Sustainability

These initiatives are made possible through your generosity, faith, and belief in the Jenkins mission. Every donation, every partnership, and every hour of volunteer service helps us extend hope to a new generation of children and families.

Together, we are not just preserving history. We are shaping the future.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy J. McCottry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy J. McCottry
Executive Director, Jenkins Youth and Family Village



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OUR MISSION

Jenkins Youth and Family Village mission is to honor the visionary legacy of Reverend Daniel Joseph Jenkins by providing a nurturing and supportive environment where children and families can thrive, grow, and build brighter futures.



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OUR VISION

A commitment to empowerment, social justice, and a future that continues to uplift and inspire generations to come.

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OUR LEGACY AND EVOLUTION

Founded in 1891 by Reverend Daniel Joseph Jenkins, the original Jenkins Orphanage became a cultural cornerstone of Charleston and a national treasure, home to the world-renowned Jenkins Orphanage Band, which helped shape the early sound of jazz.

Today, that same spirit of innovation and resilience continues through Jenkins Youth and Family Village. While our name has evolved, our mission remains steadfast to serve children and families with compassion, creativity, and opportunity.

THE SIX PILLARS OF JENKINS YOUTH & FAMILY VILLAGE

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1

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Creating stable, affordable housing options for working families which is the cornerstone of community empowerment and long-term economic independence.

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MUSIC AND ARTS

Reviving the soul of Jenkins through creative education, performance, and cultural exchange. **The Jenkins Jazz Heritage Project and Music & Arts After School Academy** ensure that every child has the opportunity to express themselves and learn through the arts.

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NONPROFIT CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

Establishing a collaborative hub to provide training, resources, and shared services to strengthen local nonprofit organizations and leaders.

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TECHNOLOGY & AI HUB

Preparing youth for the future of work through digital literacy, coding, and artificial intelligence exposure and ensuring equitable access to 21st-century opportunities.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

Empowering families to build generational wealth through financial education, budgeting, entrepreneurship training, and investment readiness.

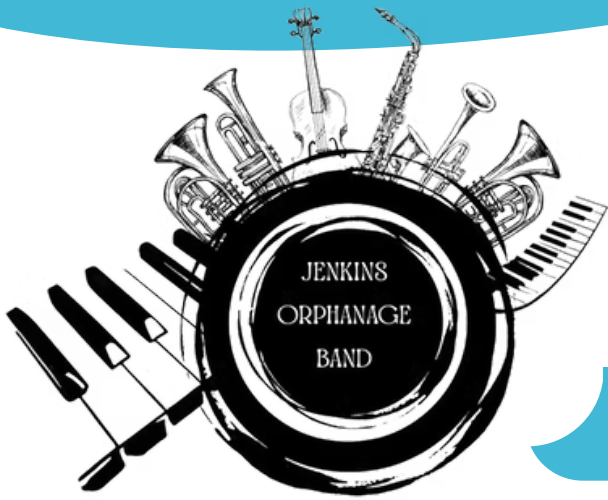
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AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY

Promoting healthy living and self-sufficiency through urban farming, green energy education, and sustainable food initiatives that connect families to the land and their community.

Jenkins Jazz Heritage Project Series



Celebrating the musical legacy of the Jenkins Orphanage Band through performances, education, and community engagement. This series highlights the transformative power of music and its role in preserving African American cultural heritage.

Jenkins Jazz Heritage Series Launch

The inaugural **Jenkins Jazz Heritage Series** was a resounding success, drawing an audience of over 100 guests for an unforgettable evening of music, history, and celebration. The concert featured acclaimed pianist **Tuffus Zimbabwe**, great-grandson of Rev. Daniel J. Jenkins and pianist for Saturday Night Live, alongside an all-star lineup of artists including **Charlton Singleton**, two-time Grammy Award-winning trumpeter; **Kevin Patton**, saxophonist; **Kevin Hamilton**, Grammy Award-winning bassist; and **Eddie Hamilton**, drummer.

The evening was enriched by Dr. Wilmot A. Fraser, who delivered an insightful presentation on the history of Jenkins Orphanage and its pivotal role in the origins of jazz. His remarks connected the legacy of Rev. Daniel J. Jenkins and the Jenkins Orphanage Band to the enduring influence of jazz around the world.

This concert marks the beginning of a continuing series that will both honor the rich cultural heritage of the Jenkins legacy and serve as an educational platform to inspire and teach youth about the roots of jazz and its deep connection to the Jenkins Orphanage Band.

Jenkins Jazz Heritage Experience | June 28, 2025



Music & Arts After School Academy

Launching in 2026 this innovative program blends academic enrichment with music and arts instruction for middle school students ages 11–14. By integrating platforms like IXL with creative arts, the program nurtures academic excellence and self-expression.



Beyond Our Walls & Jenkins Youth & Family Village 2024 Summer Enrichment Program

Program Impact Overview



S T E A M

The program served children **ages 3-12**, offering a wide range of educational, artistic, and recreational activities. Students engaged in a strong **STEAM** curriculum (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math), along with nature walks, field trips, and computer lab sessions to help prevent summer learning loss.



Beyond Our Walls & Jenkins Youth & Family Village

2024 Summer Enrichment Program

Program Impact Overview

A **six-week** summer program held on the 55-acre Jenkins campus, approximately **120 children** participated in free, structured enrichment designed to support academic success and provide a safe space during summer break.

Approximately 90 families were engaged through the program, strengthening family involvement and building deeper connections within the North Charleston community.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 BOWS SUMMER

- Meet and Greet with Dr. Benjamin Chavis
- Boeing
- Life Skills Through Role Play
- Music and Arts
- Gardening
- Golf
- Soccer
- Pickleball
- Trident Technical College S.C. Aeronautical Training Facility
- YES Empowerment
- ARISE
- Spanish
- Swimming

6
Weeks

90
Families

120
Children



2025 CDF Freedom Schools® E3 Foundation Site Jenkins Youth & Family Village Program Impact Overview



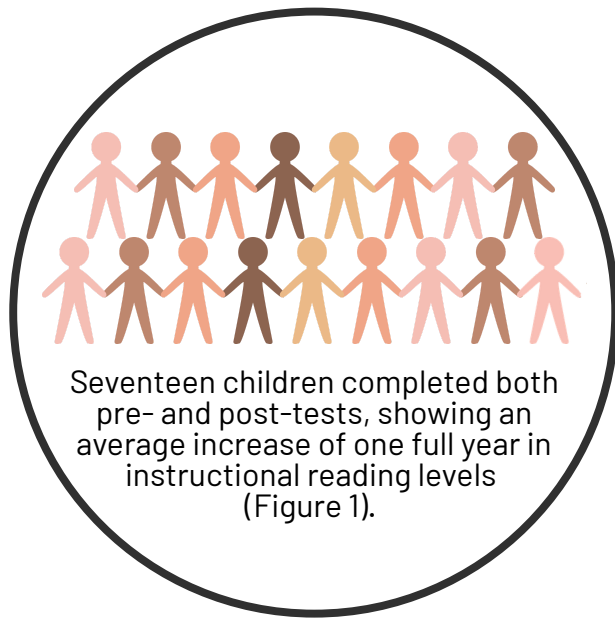
The 2025 CDF Freedom Schools® program at the E3 Foundation site, Jenkins Youth and Family Village, served 30 scholars and demonstrated significant growth in children's reading achievement, social-emotional learning, and leadership development among participants, parents, and servant leader interns (SLIs).

OVERVIEW TO INCLUDE:

- Achievements & Growth
- Participation Feedback
- Emerging Leader Impact
- Participation Rating
- Summary

2025 CDF Freedom Schools® – E3 Foundation Site Jenkins Youth & Family Village Program Impact Overview

READING ACHIEVEMENT AND ACADEMIC GROWTH



All children
→ **100%**

either **maintained or improved** their instructional reading levels, avoiding the typical summer learning loss.

- Scholars showed an average gain of **one full year** in instructional reading levels.
- On average, children read 10.9 books during the program.

Character Development and Social-Emotional Learning

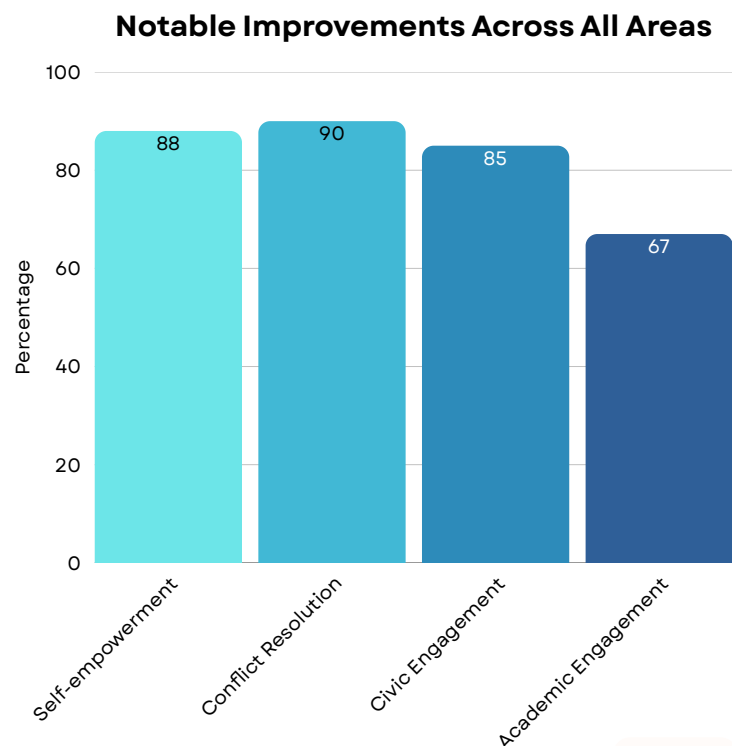
Thirteen scholars completed a survey assessing changes in attitudes and character skills.

Findings revealed notable improvements across all areas, including:

- Self-empowerment: (88%) of children agreed or strongly agreed they had become more confident and self-motivated.
- Conflict resolution: (90%) of children reported better skills for managing disagreements constructively.
- Civic engagement: (85%) of scholars expressed greater readiness for social action and community involvement.
- Academic engagement: (67%) of children showed stronger focus and enthusiasm for learning.

This consistent progress highlights the program's effectiveness in promoting literacy gains and sustaining academic momentum through the summer months.

(FIGURE 2).



Parent Feedback and Family Impact

Surveys from nine parents echoed the program's success. Parents reported positive changes in their children's confidence, behavior, and academic engagement.

Highlights include:

- **100%** said their child gained more confidence and believed they could make a difference.
- Nearly **90% agreed** their understanding of how to help their child succeed had improved.
- **All parents** (100%) stated they would recommend CDF Freedom Schools® to other families.

Parent comments reflected strong satisfaction:

"This was an absolutely wonderful experience! The kids and the parents learned so much... This experience was above and beyond my expectations!"

"He is stronger."

Servant Leader Intern (SLI) Development

Surveys from SLIs indicated that the CDF Freedom Schools® experience had a measurable impact on their leadership growth:

87%

Self-empowerment

67%

Academic/Career
Engagement

56%

Civic engagement

These outcomes underscore the program's dual impact—developing both scholars and young adult leaders as agents of change in their communities.

2025 CDF Freedom Schools® – E3 Foundation Site Jenkins Youth & Family Village Program Impact Overview

SUMMARY

Overall, the E3 Foundation & Jenkins Youth & Family Village site’s 2025 CDF Freedom Schools® program made a tangible, multi-dimensional impact by advancing reading proficiency, strengthening SEL skills, deepening civic engagement, and empowering both children and adults. The program’s success reflects the power of culturally responsive, community-centered learning experiences that equip children and families for continued academic and social success.

Enrichment Activities and Field Trips included

Music, Art, Drama, Soccer, Baking, Golf, STEAM. Boeing Plant Visit, Sapelo Island trip (which included a Ferry ride), International African American Museum, Cummins and more!

PROGRAM SATISFACTION AND EXCITEMENT

Children and parents alike expressed strong enthusiasm for the program:

76%

of children were excited to attend Freedom Schools.

100%

of parents reported satisfaction with their child’s experience. Both groups agreed the program helped children feel ready for the new school year, reinforcing its value as a bridge between academic years.

E3 - Jenkins Youth & Family Village Freedom School



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EDUCATE



As we continue to evolve, the Jenkins Youth and Family Village will expand its programs and partnerships to create a vibrant, multi-generational campus for learning, living, and leading.

Together, we are writing the next chapter of the Jenkins legacy; one that honors our past while boldly embracing the future.

Jenkins Youth and Family Village (Formerly Jenkins Orphanage)

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