with heart and helping hands, a child can accomplish anything.
Dear Friends,

This past year, Dallas Afterschool embarked on our second decade of improving the quality and availability of afterschool and summer programs in our community. We partnered with over 180 afterschool sites that collectively reached more than 14,000 students, and we continued to improve our ability to advance these sites along the quality continuum. Last year, 20 new partners attained certification, bringing us to a total of 42 certified partner sites, delivering the highest quality programing to over 4,100 students.

Changing for the better seems to be the constant at Dallas Afterschool, and 2018 was no exception. We ended the summer by relocating into a spacious new office equipped with its own training center! We are excited about making this space a community hub, where our partners and supporters will convene and work together to continue to improve the vital Out-of-School Time space.

We could not have accomplished these milestones without you and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you over the coming year. Thank you for your support and for the meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many children in our community.

Sincerely,

Christina K. Hanger, CEO     Kristi Erickson, Board Chair
PARTNERING TO IMPROVE AFTERSCHOOL QUALITY

The Heart House program works with refugee students in the Vickery Meadow apartment complexes. Over the last four years, Dallas Afterschool and Heart House have worked together to create the most impactful improvement plan for their specific needs and challenges. In the words of CEO Lenita Dunlap:

“Heart House is so fortunate to partner with Dallas Afterschool. It has been a four-year journey to have our sites Certified and Dallas Afterschool has walked with us every step of the way. Their quality and leadership teams have supported us and worked hard to understand our program needs and the specific demographic we serve. Thanks to their support, we are now adding four new afterschool sites. Without the training, coaching, mentoring, and personalized care provided by Dallas Afterschool, we wouldn’t be where we are today, with all our sites Certified.”

Heart House’s success is testimony to their own hard work and to the vital importance of the supporting infrastructure provided by Dallas Afterschool. It is also representative of our mission-driven approach—by working to increase the quality of partner programs they gain the confidence and tools to expand and serve more students.

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- Lenita Dunlap -
CEO
Heart House
Dallas Afterschool is committed to increasing the quality and availability of afterschool in our community. Our commitment to research helps improve our interventions and validate our outcomes.

Creating more seats in low-income neighborhoods


- Dallas County only has enough afterschool seats to serve 17% of low-income children.
- Top ten highest-need areas were identified based on community characteristics, community trends, proximity to high performing schools, accessibility to local afterschool programs, and availability of local programs.

Measuring the Effectiveness of our Interventions

We continue to work with SMU’s Center on Research and Evaluation (CORE) to monitor our efforts to improve afterschool.

- Our Afterschool Quality Advancement (AQUA) tool used for evaluating afterschool programs has been proven to be a statistically valid and meaningful measure of quality.
- Students in Dallas Afterschool programs have higher academic results than their peers.
- Early learners in higher quality programs have greater literacy gains.

For more information on our research, visit www.dallasafterschool.org.
Afterschool connects students to their passions

In the sixth grade, Amanda began attending an afterschool program that included the opportunity to write and perform spoken-word poetry. Although Amanda had never read poetry before, she soon found that she enjoyed writing it, but was too shy to perform. After a few months in the program, the staff began to notice Amanda’s talent for writing, and they encouraged her to read aloud in public.

By the end of the school year, Amanda summoned the courage to perform in front of her class... and she received a standing ovation! By the eighth grade, Amanda began leading spoken-word poetry workshops for other students in afterschool. By the time she graduated high school, she had won a National Arts and Letters Award to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, in the process earning a full scholarship to college.

Today, Amanda works as an afterschool site coordinator at a Dallas Afterschool partner site. She knows the benefits that afterschool brought her and she is working to make the same connections with her students.

“Kids need a place for themselves; school is something that is less their own and more what adults have for them. Afterschool provides more freedom for the former. Giving them that space for expression, for imagination, for learning beyond the textbook, that is my goal. I just try to give to my students what I needed at their age.

- Amanda Jackson -
Site Coordinator
Daniel Webster Elementary
DALLAS AFTERSCHOOL
IMPACT REPORT
2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

41 PARTNERS
180 LOCATIONS
14,000+ CHILDREN

42 CERTIFIED SITES = 4,100+ STUDENTS IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY PROGRAMS

150 TRAINING SESSIONS = 1,000+ AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

400 STUDENTS IN SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAMS
72% HAD NO SUMMER LEARNING LOSS
53% GAINED 2 MONTHS OF LITERACY SKILLS

800 STUDENTS IN THE FIRST SCHOOL YEAR LITERACY PROGRAM
50%+ IMPROVED TO GRADE LEVEL

1,100 STUDENTS TESTED FOR SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH (WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION)
50%+ IMPROVED DURING THE YEAR

1,300+ AFTERSCHOOL LESSONS DISTRIBUTED

AFTERSCHOOL LOCATOR
900 AFTERSCHOOL SITES LISTED
3,000+ FAMILIES ASSISTED

5 PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

POWERED BY CURIOUSITY
Dallas Afterschool is proud to partner with wonderful afterschool and summer providers. This year we implemented new processes for driving continuous quality improvement and saw our active partners double their quality scores on average. We also had 21 newly certified sites, more than doubling the number of certified sites. There are now over 4,100 students in programs with the highest quality standards.

Partners in blue are Dallas Afterschool certified sites.

“\nThe trainings provided by DAS to our management staff allowed us to add skills and different approaches to our toolbox and improved my ability to coach my own staff. Our Quality Advisor gave us advice on creating parent information and participant success boards, leading informal surveys each day, and creating leadership roles.\n
- Tonya Burton -
Director of Programming and Leadership Development
Project Transformation

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After-School All-Stars North Texas
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Heart House
HIS BridgeBuilders

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Project Transformation
Readers 2 Leaders
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Trinity River Mission
Tutoring and Epic
Voice of Hope
Wee Can Academy
YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas
Braswell Child Care Development Center
Youth Conversion
For the second year in a row, Dallas Afterschool earned Guidestar’s highest rating!

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Agnes Mockovciak

Dallas Afterschool received its first-ever legacy gift in 2018. In her memory, Dallas Afterschool has begun The Agnes Mockovciak Legacy Society. We hope her enduring generosity serves as an example and inspires others for years to come.

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