Welcome to LEAP!

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Friends of LEAP,

We are happy to share our report on 2020, a remarkably unique year. LEAP took on new challenges, built new partnerships, and served children and families in new ways.

For the first time, in response to COVID-19, we ran significant parts of our programming online. We also provided families with funds for food and paid landlords to help our children’s families with rent. Some $200,000 was made available for pandemic relief through our community support initiatives. We worked hard to bring programming back in person, mandating vaccinations for all our staff, ages 16 and up, requiring masks, and providing trainings with doctors and public health professionals. This allowed us to expand our 2020 summer camp to serve three times as many children as a year ago. Following federal, state, and city guidelines we reopened our pool and began swim lessons.

We have taken on the new role of managing the Dixwell Q House for the City of New Haven and the Q House Advisory Board. This partnership also includes the Stetson branch of the New Haven Public Library, the Cornell Scott Hill Health Center, and the Dixwell-Newhallville Senior Center. In combination with our existing LEAP community center and 5 neighborhood sites, this new facility will allow us to expand to serve hundreds of additional children and families.

While it is no longer easy to predict what a new year will bring, our goal is to continue to expand in both the quality of programs we provide and the number of children we serve. The last year taught us how important LEAP is to the families we work with, and how much need remains. Indeed, some 200 New Haven young people wound up on wait lists for our summer program. We have added staff with expertise in developing curriculum and providing training, to ensure that our growth is well supported.

As a community and as a nation, we face new challenges in the coming year – even if we are not sure exactly what those challenges will be. But if COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is that we are one. What impacts any of us, impacts all of us. To succeed, we must all take care of each other.

We are proud that our partners, donors, friends, staff, counselors, and families have seen LEAP as an avenue for their generosity and shared community. So, most of all, I want to thank all of you for standing with LEAP in Creating A New Haven for Our Children.

Thank You,

Henry Fernandez
In 1992, Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP) was founded by leading educators, students, and community activists in New Haven to address a need: They saw that youth and communities of color were systematically underserved and as a result faced barriers such as unequal educational opportunities and generational poverty.

LEAP was founded on the belief that young people in New Haven have the ability to be strong leaders, powerful role models, and great mentors. LEAP’s mission is to develop the strengths and talents of young leaders who create and implement year-round, neighborhood-based programs designed to achieve positive outcomes for children living in high-poverty urban neighborhoods. We believe that the best people to support youth in a given community are other young people from that same community. Not only do these young people serve as strong role models, but they are also empowered as leaders in their communities and beyond.

In order to allow youth to develop their leadership skills and flourish as individuals, LEAP uses a unique multi-tier mentorship model. This model includes a literacy and enrichment-focused children’s program for youth aged 7-12, a Leaders in Training program for youth aged 13-15, and employment, professional development, and peer support for young people 16-24 years old, who are mentors, instructors, and counselors in the children’s program.

Since our founding, LEAP has grown to become a trusted community institution serving and empowering over 1,000 local youth each year.
LEAP by the Numbers: Get to Know LEAP

5 school-based sites located in some of the most underserved neighborhoods in New Haven: Dixwell, Dwight-Kensington, Fair Haven, the Hill, and Newhallville.

3 components of the LEAP year: fall/winter after-school, spring after-school, and, of course, summer camp!

3 million dollar operating budget and growing allowing LEAP to be one of the largest youth employers in New Haven.

4 age groups find a home at LEAP. We have different programs for 7-12 year-olds, 13-15 year-olds, 16-18 year-olds, and college-aged young adults, enabling youth to grow within LEAP.

1 community center on Jefferson Street, where LEAP kids come to swim, dance, code, garden, cook, laugh, and learn.
LEAP's Impact 2021

Overall
Implementing a multi-tiered mentorship program, where youth ages 7-24 grow and learn

Over 823 young people impacted

Youth Development Program
Training our youth to be leaders to prepare them for their future

6 Youth Swim Instructors
136 Leaders in Training (ages 13 to 15)
74 Junior Counselors (ages 16 to 18)
LEAP's Impact 2021

Children's Program
Helping our kids grow academically, personally, and socially

719
Program seats filled across the fall/winter, spring, and summer sessions

515
Children ages 7-12 served (unduplicated)

Senior Counselors
Employing college students who serve as role models and community leaders

90 Senior Counselors from over 20 different universities
COVID-19 Response

Due to COVID-19, LEAP held virtual and hybrid after-school programs during the fall/winter and spring sessions. LEAP made a number of adjustments to support the wellbeing of LEAPers during a time characterized largely by stress and isolation.

**Mental Health** LEAP hired a social worker to support counselors’ mental health in one-on-one and group sessions as well as to advise counselors on how to best support their students.

**Academic Support** LEAP implemented smaller children-to-counselor ratios and built in time for counselors to meet with kids twice a week for one-on-one homework help, in light of New Haven public schools remaining virtual for over a year.

**Outdoor Saturdays** With lower COVID-19 transmission rates in the late spring, LEAP offered families and counselors the option of in-person, outdoor programs on Saturday mornings. Kids and counselors masked up to do fun activities like sports, kite-making, tie-dye, chalk art, and more!

**COVID-19 Education** LEAP held several vaccine info sessions with Black and Latinx doctors for LEAP families and counselors, added an extensive resource page to our website, and partnered with community health clinics to provide easily accessible testing and vaccines.
A Rich Virtual Curriculum

LEAP provided a rich virtual curriculum throughout the school year. In addition to homework help and literacy activities, LEAP held a weekly mindfulness day, which included a calming activity and a lesson on a social-emotional topic. LEAP also offered classes on international-themed topics, such as West African dance and French cooking. Other engaging parts of the curriculum included activities relating to Black History and Women’s History Months, as well as the conducting of science experiments. LEAP delivered the appropriate materials to children's and counselor's homes, such as cooking ingredients and art supplies, so that everyone was equipped to actively participate over Zoom.

LEAPers worked with their counselors in one-on-one and small group settings, with 1:1 or 2:1 kid-to-counselor ratios (top). LEAPers displayed their hand-drawn "life maps," which they completed for an icebreaker activity during the first week of programming (bottom left). During our end-of-program virtual showcase, a LEAP counselor talked about her experience at LEAP (bottom right).
With the introduction of the vaccine and declining rates of COVID-19 in Connecticut, LEAP introduced in-person programming during the summer at full capacity, with a focus on literacy, social-emotional support, diverse enrichment, and physical activity. LEAP also reopened our pool and computer learning center at limited capacity, reintroducing swimming and coding lessons to our young people.

To ensure the safety of our community, we implemented the following protocols:

1. Most of the programming was conducted in outdoor classrooms.
2. Everyone was required to wear a mask when indoors.
3. All staff and counselors were required to be vaccinated.
4. A mobile vaccine clinic was made available to LEAPers.

This summer, LEAP served:

430 children (7-12 year olds)  
76 young teens (13-15 year olds)  
113 counselors (16-24 year olds)
LEAP's Impact During COVID-19

- 87% of parents said that LEAP was helpful to them and their family during COVID-19.
- 95% of parents said that LEAP was the only enrichment program currently available for their children.
- 78% of children said that they enjoyed doing LEAP activities online.

$221,383 in cash assistance to families during the pandemic in the form of grocery gift cards, technology, and rent payments.
In the Children's Program, youth ages 7-12 explore opportunities that are often unavailable to them because of historic barriers of race and poverty. LEAP creates meaningful access for children, allowing them to build new skills while enjoying literacy activities, swim instruction, coding and robotics, gardening, cooking, dancing, biking, and so much more. LEAP is purposefully structured so that children are surrounded by strong role models—college and high school students trained by LEAP to be mentors, instructors, and counselors. Following our mentorship model, many children who participate in LEAP grow up to become counselors themselves, or even full-time program staff.

This past year, LEAP provided free after-school and summer programming to 515 children from five low-income New Haven neighborhoods, filling 719 program seats. 100% of LEAP children receive free or reduced school meals, an indicator of poverty or near-poverty status.
Though LEAPers participate in a wide variety of activities, LEAP places a special emphasis on literacy. During most summer mornings and school-year afternoons, LEAPers engage with an evidence-based literacy curriculum. This curriculum includes hands-on literacy activities, as well as independent and group reading time.

LEAP believes that literacy not only is a necessary skill for improving academic performance and professional readiness, but that it also helps to empower young people and build a sense of self.

At book fairs held at each school site this summer, LEAP kids were given 10 age-appropriate books that feature diverse characters and stories. At LEAP, we value the importance of representation, and we choose to provide books highlighting authors and characters of color that are especially relevant to the LEAPers that we serve.

**4,200 books given to LEAPers to take home**

We are so excited that LEAPers are expanding their at-home libraries so that reading can be a fun activity both at LEAP and at home.

**14 books read on average per LEAPer**
LEAP children have the opportunity to participate in a wealth of different enrichment activities that we call "resources." These include swimming, computer coding, African dance, yoga, chess, photography, visual art, healthy cooking, gardening, guitar, capoeira, soccer, and more.

Trained LEAP staff provide instruction for swimming and coding resources at LEAP’s community center. Additionally, LEAP partners with expert instructors and local organizations, such as Art Simplicated, Bradley Bike Co-op, and Zen Zilla Yoga, to teach unique resources. At LEAP, we aim to educate and nurture children both in and out of the classroom by exposing them to hands-on, diverse learning experiences.
Children's Program Impact

Child Survey Results

- Being at LEAP makes me happier. 86%
- I can talk to my counselor about what's on my mind. 71%

Parent Survey Results

- I trust LEAP to keep my child/children safe. 96%
- I would recommend LEAP to other families. 96%
Meet a LEAP Kid: Jayda

Jayda is 12 years old and has been at LEAP for five years since joining at age seven. Her favorite resource is Sportsometry, an activity in which kids play athletic games that reinforce math concepts. She says she likes Sportsometry because she enjoys math.

She described how LEAP has impacted her: "I started to get more into reading last year...reading at LEAP, school and home, helped me with that. I started to watch movies and I wanted to read the books with the movies." LEAP puts a special emphasis on literacy, with time dedicated each day to reading and writing. We love to help kids find power in navigating the world of words and find a place for themselves.

Her favorite thing about LEAP is that: "It's like a family. The counselors have known you since you were little, and they become site coordinators, and they're like, 'Oh my gosh, you were the little one.'" LEAP loves to see that many of our young people return to LEAP year after year. They grow up through LEAP, starting as LEAP kids, becoming Leaders in Training, then counselors, and sometimes even site coordinators.
Youth Development

LEAP is committed to developing strong young leaders who are prepared to mentor LEAP children and strengthen their communities. Our Youth Development Program includes our Leaders in Training (LITs) who are 13-15 years old and our Junior Counselors (JCs) who are high school students. This year, LEAP served 136 LITs and employed 74 JCs.

Leaders in Training: Our Leaders in Training (LITs) are in transition from camper to counselor and middle school to high school, so their curriculum recognizes the social and educational development needs of their age group while preparing them to take on leadership roles in their community. LITs participate in training and workshops that help them problem-solve issues teenagers face, make good decisions around their own health and sexuality, and set goals for their future. This summer, LITs are back in person at the LEAP community center using the garden as their outdoor classrooms. They were read Monster by Walter Dean Myers, swam, gardened, and attended a coding class where they learned Python and 3-D printing.

Junior Counselors: Our Junior Counselors (JCs) are 16-18-year-old high school students, who are paid members of the LEAP staff. Each JC works under the supervision of a Senior Counselor who mentors them as they lead groups of LEAP children. JCs are given a significant amount of responsibility and receive training to be successful in their roles. Our JCs also receive resources such as professional development, financial literacy workshops, and academic coaching. This summer, 43% of our Junior Counselors were former LEAP kids, LITs, and/or returning counselors!
One of our primary goals for the Youth Development Program is to prepare our young adults for successful futures. Part of this is ensuring that they can pursue higher education. Our college access programming for LITs and JCs includes PSAT/SAT prep classes, college essay writing workshops, career fairs, college advising, and financial aid training for parents.

LEAP also awards $15,000 in scholarships to our youth to reward them for their dedication and service to our LEAP community. In 2021, five LEAP counselors received the Regina Winters Scholarship and the Stiefel and Williams Family Scholarship. This year, 100% of our 19 high school seniors graduated from high school on time. Of our seniors, 15 will be matriculating to 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall, 1 will be joining the army, and 3 are taking gap years with plans to attend college afterward. They will be attending a broad range of schools including Howard University, Stanford University, Gateway Community College, Providence College, the University of Connecticut, and Harvard University. We can't wait to see what they do next!
Youth Development Impact

LEAP's resources have a positive impact on my emotional health.  
71%

Working at LEAP has prepared me to be a leader in my community.  
81%

I feel more prepared for future careers because of the LIT program.  
79%

I am on track to graduate on time.  
96%
Meet a Leader in Training: Kaiden

"My favorite thing about LEAP is the community. We’re just a big happy Brady Bunch," says Kaiden, one of our LITs who has been with LEAP for two years.

Kaiden was happy to be back in person this summer, as the LIT program was virtual last year during the pandemic. She recognizes the impact of seeing her peers face to face and values this "refreshing experience," with daily commutes to the LEAP building, now with outdoor classrooms in the garden. She also loves LEAP because she looks forward to her photography class. She said that she had an existing interest in photography and when she "found out they were doing it as a resource it just made me feel happy." The LIT program offers mentorship, professional development, and literacy support to empower the next generation.

Kaiden believes that being a LIT has improved her maturity because "at LEAP, you’re learning how to navigate in your environment by yourself as a young person."
Our Senior Counselors (SCs) are college students who are responsible for overseeing children grouped by age and gender. They receive extensive training to prepare them for the tremendous responsibilities of teaching, inspiring, and caring for children, as well as mentoring the Junior Counselors (JCs) with whom they partner. Their preparation includes training in literacy education, CPR, conflict resolution, classroom management, and trauma-informed education. As part of their holistic development, SCs are also provided with workshops and sessions on topics ranging from poetry to financial literacy. Through our unique model, SCs gain experience in a substantial leadership role while receiving support from their supervisors.

LEAP values the opportunity for young people to grow within our organization, progressively taking on increased responsibility and leadership. Our success is reflected in our high retention rate. Of our 62 SCs in summer 2021, 27 were returning counselors, and 4 first got their start in the Children’s Program or Youth Development Program.
**Senior Counselor Impact**

- Working at LEAP helped prepare me to be a leader in the community. 
  
  **81%**

- I feel that I have been a successful mentor to my students. 
  
  **89%**

- LEAP’s training prepared me to work effectively with students during the COVID-19 pandemic. 
  
  **82%**

- Working at LEAP helped prepare me for future careers. 
  
  **79%**
Meet a Senior Counselor: Javon

Javon, a 2021 graduate from the University of Connecticut, began his journey at LEAP as a Senior Counselor in 2018. He has since returned to LEAP as a swim instructor and lifeguard. Javon reflected on his favorite part about being a counselor at LEAP and what he looks forward to about being back in-person, saying:

“I like mentorship and being able to help guide younger kids to be in better positions. I’ve had a lot of that in my life as well, so paying that forward and putting that back into the community that I’m from is the most important reason I work at LEAP.”

“The biggest thing for me is just to continue doing the work in terms of being a mentor for younger people. I think the pandemic...kind of severed a certain aspect of the social life that we were used to. So getting the kids into the swing of things and able to navigate this new normal is the ideal thing for me.”

LEAP is grateful to be able to employ so many amazing young people like Javon who serve as strong mentors for LEAP children.
LEAP Community Center

At LEAP's Roslyn Milstein Meyer Community Center at 31 Jefferson Street, LEAPers have a space of their own equipped with a community garden, gym, pool, computer learning center, kitchen, and other learning resources.

The Community Center is the home base for all of LEAP’s activities and operations. The Leaders in Training, ages 13 - 15 receive academic enrichment, counseling, and peer support onsite. The LEAP children visit from their school-based sites to participate in enrichment activities such as swimming and computer coding. The Community Center also houses the offices of LEAP's full-time staff and is where much of our professional development takes place, including LEAP's extensive counselor training throughout the year.
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the drowning rate for African American children is over 5.5 times that of their white peers. At LEAP, we seek to change this statistic by providing children with swimming lessons in our pool as part of our after-school and summer programs. We train high school and college students, who are primarily young people of color from the same neighborhoods as our children, to become lifeguards and swim instructors. In fact, many of them first learned to swim at LEAP. They serve as excellent examples that we can all become strong swimmers and act as peer support for LEAP swimmers who are learning to gain confidence in the water.

LEAP's pool closed along with the rest of our building in March 2020 to adhere to safety precautions during COVID-19. However, this summer, we reopened the pool to offer swimming lessons to our LITs, many of whom were learning to swim for the first time. We hope to fully reopen our pool to all LEAP children and community members when it is safe to do so.

6 Swim instructors ages 16 to 21 served as teachers and mentors.

71 LEAP kids took swimming lessons.
In our LCLC, LEAPers get the opportunity to learn about coding, robotics, computer science, and STEM careers. Our LCLC curriculum varies by age group, and includes building and coding a robot, designing apps, creating video games, vlogging, video editing, creating a blog, learning the basics of programming languages like Python, and even 3-D printing, our newest curriculum addition!

Even though LEAPers could not come to the LCLC in person during the school year, our LCLC Director Albert brought the curriculum to them virtually. During our in-person summer, Albert and his team of youth instructors opened the LCLC to our LIT program onsite and brought Chromebooks to our younger LEAPers at their sites. With this mobile program, LEAPers were still able to explore new technological concepts in a COVID-safe way!

92 LEAP kids took lessons in the LCLC.

55% of LCLC participants were girls.
The Q-House is a historic, newly reconstructed community center and settlement house in New Haven's Dixwell neighborhood. The new building features a full-size gym, studios for art, music, and dance, meeting spaces, a teaching kitchen, and more.

Beginning in fall 2021, LEAP, in partnership with the City of New Haven and the Q-House Advisory Board, will take on a new role managing the Q-House, adding a LEAP site that will serve **an additional 100 children** and **20 counselors**! In addition to LEAP's youth programs, the new building will house the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, the Stetson branch library, and the Dixwell-Newhallville senior center. LEAP will coordinate these partners' shared work and engage other organizations and local leaders to organize community programming for all ages.

The Q-House has an incredible legacy dating back to the 1920s as a home and hub for New Haven's Dixwell neighborhood and the city's larger Black community. Managing the Q-House will be both an opportunity for LEAP to expand its scope, reach, and impact, as well as honor the Q-House's deep roots as a beloved institution and vibrant community resource. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to serve more young people and bring the community together in new ways.
**Events**

**Read-In on the Green(s)**

LEAP’s annual Read-In on the New Haven Green in July brings all LEAP campers and counselors together with community volunteers who read to and connect with our youth. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to get a little creative. Unlike in past years where the event was held on the New Haven Green, this year the event took place on several “Greens” - at our five LEAP sites! Volunteers shared their love of reading through the stories they chose, and two guest musicians from the New Haven Symphony Orchestra visited to spread the joy of music and connect melodies with picture books.

**Julia's Run**

Julia’s Run is a 4-mile run throughout Yale’s campus in April that celebrates the memory of Julia Rusinek. The run combines Julia’s passion for running with her commitment to making a difference in the lives of children. Due to COVID-19, the usual run was made virtual this year; instead, everyone was encouraged to run, walk, or bike a 5K on their own. Proceeds from the event benefit LEAP, and every year, you can find LEAP staff volunteering or running in the race!
LEAP Year Event 2021

Our LEAP Year Event, held on the last Thursday of every February, is an elegant evening of fine dining and conversation. Following a cocktail reception, attendees choose from a wealth of distinguished speakers to hear from at intimate dinner parties across 30 homes and venues in Greater New Haven. Due to COVID-19, over 590 community members joined us for our 26th annual, first-ever virtual LEAP Year Event 2021, raising over $280,000 for LEAP programming. In addition, the 360 meals purchased during LEAP Year Event supported 10 local eateries during a difficult year for small businesses.

LEAP Year Event Dinner Hosts

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LEAP Year Event Guests of Honor

Ziad Ahmed and Esi Eggleston Bracey
Emily Bazelon
Dr. Khallilah L. Brown-Dean
Jennifer Clair, Home Cooking NYC
Karla Cornejo Villavicencio and Kica Matos
Christina Swarns and Miriam Gohara
Jack Hitt and Jake Halpern
Alasdair Neale with musical excerpts from members of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith and Dr. Gary Desir
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100% of funds raised from LEAP Year Event went to programming for our LEAP children.
The incredible support we have from this community allows us to offer our programming free to all participants, while simultaneously being one of the largest employers of youth in New Haven. However, our government funding has decreased significantly, from comprising 40% of LEAP’s budget in 2014 to only 10% in 2021. We increasingly rely on individuals to help make up this difference so we can continue to improve our programming and serve at least as many youth as we have in the past.

### Fiscal Year 2021 Total Expenditures

$2,766,192

### Income

- **Government**: 10%
- **Private and Corporate Foundations**: 23%
- **Individuals**: 67%

### Expenses

- **Administration**: 6%
- **Fundraising**: 13%
- **Programming for children and youth**: 81%
Meet Our Staff

In addition to our Senior Counselors and Junior Counselors, LEAP has a dedicated full-time staff with offices at our community center at 31 Jefferson Street.

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LEAP has built vibrant community partnerships that enable us to provide free, accessible, high quality programs for young people. University programs such as the Yale President's Public Fellows, the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut’s Summer Community Service Fellowship, and the University of New Haven's Community Work Study Program help connect passionate interns to paid opportunities in LEAP's office. New Haven Public Schools provide free classroom space in our five school sites. Neighborworks New Horizons provides free housing to LEAP counselors during the summer so they can reside in the same neighborhoods where their kids live.

A broad variety of local groups and individuals provide services to LEAP that benefit our young people. Our partners provide support at our annual events, occasional workshops at the LEAP Community Center, and a carefully planned curriculum of activities – Zen Zilla Yoga's yoga classes for all ages, Art Simplicated’s arts workshops, and Bradley St. Bike Co-Op’s bike excursions – for children every week. These partnerships play a vital role in connecting young people from New Haven's low-income communities with the city's rich cultural and educational resources.

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