

HCEF: IN MOTION

From the record-breaking The I AM Gala to launching Teen CEO summer internships, June was a month of momentum across HCEF.

CELEBRATE THE JOYS



As the school year came to a close, **K-8 students** celebrated a year filled with learning, growth and joyful moments. Through tutoring, enrichment activities and supportive relationships, students strengthened academic skills, built confidence and created lasting memories. Angelee spent the afternoon learning sign language while her sister Reinallee completed schoolwork on a library computer. Nearby, students laughed and played with bubbles as they enjoyed end-of-year activities. These simple moments of curiosity, connection and joy remind us that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and simply be a kid.

BY THE NUMBERS

-  428 Students Supported
-  264 Hours of Direct Support
-  70 Mobile Learning Tutoring Sessions
-  63 Volunteers & Advocates Engaged
-  15 Briefings, Tours & Site Visits Hosted



TEEN CEO SUMMER KICKOFF

From selecting professional attire to stepping into internships across Allegheny County, **Teen CEO (Career Exploration Opportunity)** participants spent June preparing for an exciting summer of learning and leadership. Through professional clothing shopping, career readiness activities and orientation, students gained the tools, knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in the workplace. On June 23, participants officially began their paid internships, ready to build workplace skills, explore career pathways and take the next step in **HCEF's Childhood-to-Career Continuum**.



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Founders of the **STEM Explorers Initiative** supported by HCEF helped guide guests through the **Immersive Experience** at **The I AM Gala presented by Dollar Bank**, bringing the realities of childhood homelessness to life through personal belongings, storytelling and interactive experiences sponsored by **Duquesne Light Company (DLC)** and **DLC's President and CEO Kevin Walker**. By sharing authentic stories and perspectives, students helped guests better understand the challenges many children face while inspiring meaningful conversations and action. The experience highlighted the power of youth leadership and storytelling to build awareness and deepen community understanding.



PARTNERS IN BRILLIANCE



PICAF AND
BLAYRE HOLMES DAVIS



PITTSBURGH
SCHOLAR HOUSE

Nearly **500 supporters** gathered for **The I AM Gala presented by Dollar Bank**, helping raise a record **\$427,000** to support children and youth experiencing homelessness. During the evening and at the Dollar Bank VIP Reception, HCEF also recognized the individuals and organizations whose leadership and partnership continue to move our mission forward.

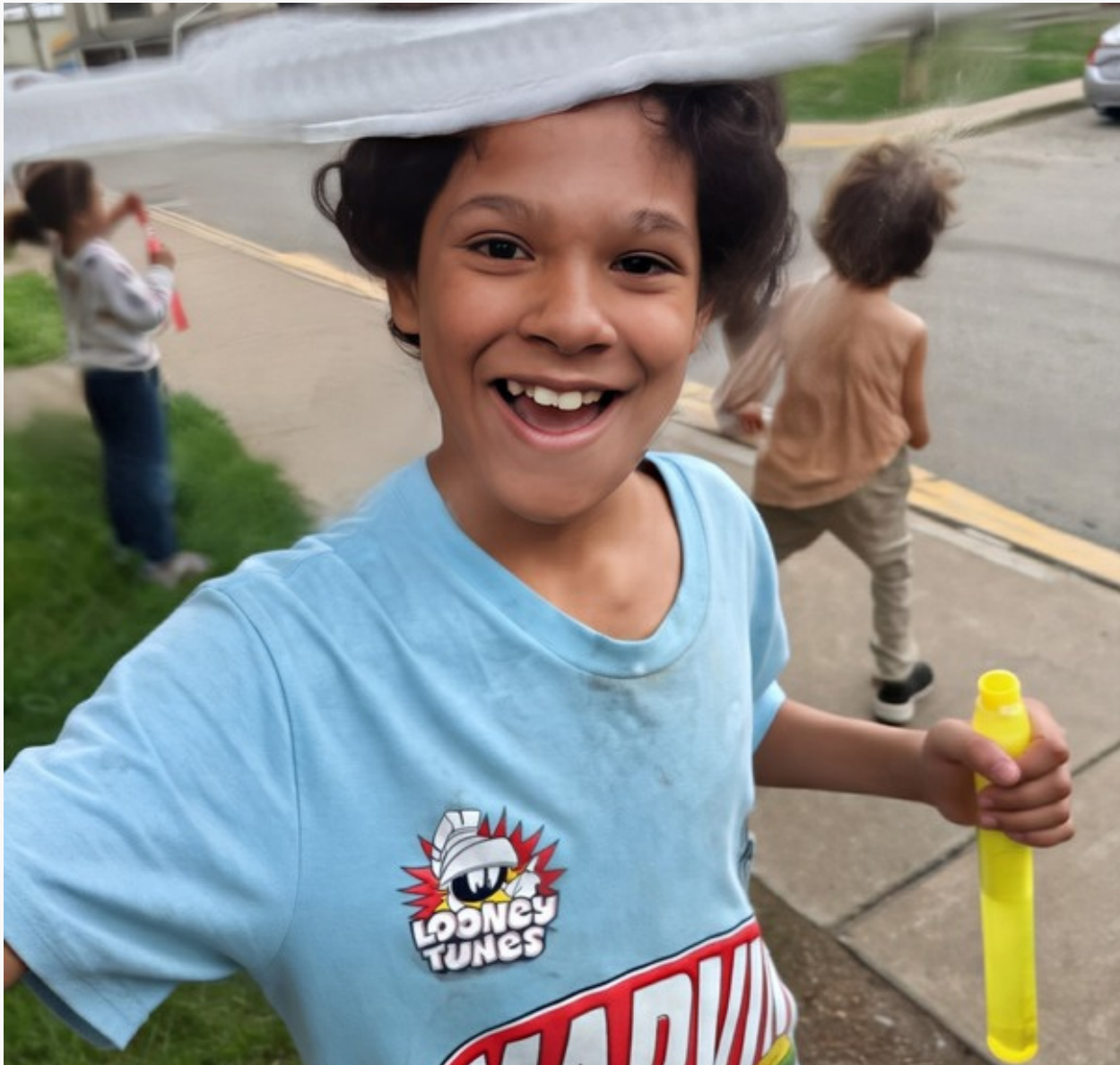
During the evening, HCEF recognized **Pittsburgh Indian Community and Friends (PICAF)** with the Dr. Joseph Lagana Champions for Children Award for its longstanding commitment to supporting students and families. **Blayre Holmes Davis** received the inaugural President's Award for Transformational Impact, honoring her exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing educational equity. **Pittsburgh Scholar House** was named the 2026 Homeless Education Network Collaborative Impact Grant recipient, recognizing its vital role in supporting families on their path to stability.

Together, these honorees represent the partnerships, leadership and shared commitment that continue to expand opportunities for children, youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.



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