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# HCEF: IN MOTION

## OUR TEAM IN MOTION



**KAITLYN NYKWEST**  
VP of Operations



**LAMEKA-LESHE DOLBY**  
Indiv & Corp Giving Coordinator

**Kaitlyn Nykwest** has been promoted to *Vice President of Operations*, where she continues to lead our program team while strengthening the systems that carry our work forward. In close partnership with our President and CEO, Board of Trustees, and committees, Kaitlyn is helping ensure our Continuum of Programming doesn't just grow, but holds strong.

**LaMeka-LeShe Dolby** has been promoted to *Individual and Corporate Giving Coordinator*, growing our individual donor base by 15% through thoughtful strategy and genuine connection. She brings both heart and lived experience to every conversation, reminding our community that this work is personal.

Together, this is what forward looks like.



## WARM HEARTS. COLD DAYS.

Winter weather didn't slow the work. In January, 57 volunteers showed up across the region, contributing 111 hours of tutoring, mentoring, and direct support to students and families.



## TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

In partnership with the Raikes Foundation and Mark Teoh, HCEF convened leaders from Eden Hall Foundation, Grable Foundation, Posner Foundation, SchoolHouse Connection, the Department of Human Services, and APOST. Together, we examined youth homelessness and education, grounding the discussion in direct service to identify what's working and where stronger alignment is needed.



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## BUILDING SKILLS. BUILDING CONFIDENCE.



Our K-8 programs returned in full, delivering Mobile Learning tutoring, STEAM programming, and in-shelter afterschool support. Whether on Winnie's Wagon or virtual, instructors worked alongside students to strengthen math, literacy, and critical thinking skills. New instructors joined this year, expanding our reach and deepening impact.



## WHERE ACCESS MEETS OPPORTUNITY

William Generett Jr., Esq. from Duquesne University joined our Teen CEO and College Readiness teams to connect students to what's possible beyond high school. Conversations like this bring college pathways into view and help students take the next step with clarity and confidence.



## BY THE NUMBERS

- 128 students supported
- 18 school and shelter site visits
- 9 active programs
- 123 hours of direct support
- 38 Mobile Learning tutoring sessions
- 36 Mobile Learning tutoring hours
- Teen CEO active at 1 location
- 2 workforce experiences
- 5 supply and material deliveries
- 10 emergency fund requests fulfilled
- 7 coordinated referrals and follow-ups
- 4 volunteer and advocate engagements
- 7 briefings, tours, and site visits hosted

**HCEF: In Motion is a monthly look at what's moving—real-time updates, momentum, and the work happening across our community and beyond.**