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TEEN CEO WORKSITE MIXER



The Teen CEO Worksite Mixer brought together returning and new employer partners, including **AHN, Alcosan, Dollar Bank, Carnegie Libraries and Museums, Giant Eagle, Pittsburgh Penguins, and Neighborhood Allies.**

As a **Partner4Work** Learn and Earn site, HCEF's **Teen CEO** program connects students experiencing housing insecurity paid internships and career readiness training.

Participating worksites learned more about this summer's program, and HCEF's Teen Outreach Team introduced new summer instructors **Brittney Arnett, Brian Jones, and Hailee McCorckle.**

BY THE NUMBERS

257 Students and Caregivers Supported
215 Hours of Direct Support
12 Schools and Shelter Site Visits
9 Active Programs
56 Volunteer and Advocate Participants
4 Workforce Experiences



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

HCEF's K-8 team attended the **August Wilson Block Party.** Staff and volunteers engaged more than 200 children and caregivers.

In partnership with **STEM Explorers** and **Restoring Rainbows**, staff facilitated hands-on activities including slime-making, mask creation, and robotics interactions.

The event also introduced attendees to Winnie's Wagon and additional HCEF programming.



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THE I AM GALA

On June 13, HCEF will host **The I AM Gala presented by Dollar Bank** at The Westin Pittsburgh.

The event will feature immersive elements reflecting student experiences, student storytelling and performances, the launch of **Echoes of Brilliance**, a new collection of student stories and reflections, and the **After Gala Power Party**.

The evening will also honor **Pittsburgh Indian Community and Friends** with the Dr. Joseph Lagana Champions for Children Award and **Blayre Holmes Davis** with the inaugural President's Award for Transformational Impact.

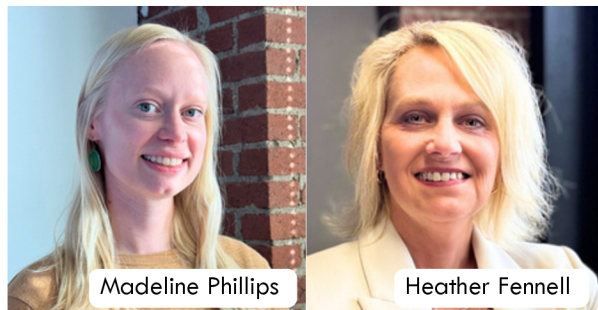
Tickets, tables, and sponsorship opportunities remain available.

Learn More

Scan the QR Code to learn more or email gala@homelessfund.org.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Madeline Phillips joined HCEF as **Education Support Coordinator** for the **Mobile Learning Program**, which mobilizes educators and support services to students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity wherever they are.

Heather Fennell joined HCEF as the organization's first **Major Gifts Officer**.

In this role, she leads major donor engagement efforts to support HCEF's long-term fundraising and growth strategies.

Both roles support ongoing program operations, student engagement, and organizational development efforts across HCEF.

HCEF: In Motion is a monthly snapshot of the work, progress, and movement happening across our community and beyond.