

Looking Forward to the Next 25 Years



THANK YOU everyone for investing in better futures for our students, teachers, and communities!

As Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) begins our graduation season for the Class of 2024 we want to again THANK everyone who celebrated our historic 25th anniversary in 2023, which included helping us raise over \$3 million to fulfill our mission, graduating nearly 2,000 students, awarding over \$650K in scholarships/capacity building grants and our induction into the Indiana Historical Society because of your partnership and investment in our mission. You are the reason for our success, especially with the support of our newest partners: JCPenney Communities Foundation, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Indiana University Health, Inc., LiveView, Old National Bank Foundation, Flock Safety, KeyBank Foundation, OneAmerica, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Indy Chamber, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Marian University.

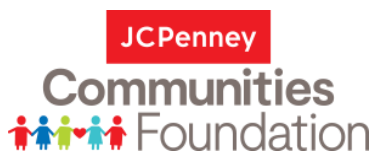
SYF's impact across the country is broad and deep, supporting more than 28,000 students and families since inception in 1998 through our Simon Youth Academies. This success was made possible because of our partnership with 25 public school districts across 12 states where our 32 academies are located. In January of this year SYF kicked off the development of our new strategic plan that will provide the framework over the next three to five years for growing and sustaining our ability to graduate more students, support teachers while exploring the opportunities to develop a talent pipeline for employment if college is not a choice.

Together we are turning tassels through our partnership with Simon Property Group, local and national foundations, and business communities across our network. These partnerships gives us the ability to change lives, families, communities and the workforce one high school graduate at a time.

On behalf of our graduating 2024 Class, Thank You!

Andrea Neely, President and CEO, Simon Youth Foundation

Welcome SYF's Newest Partners!



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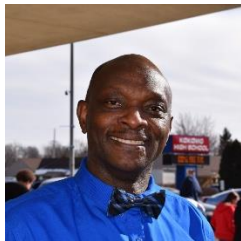
Indiana University Health



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Marian University Partnership



Partnerships allow SYF to leverage our relationships with other high-quality institutions and organizations to the benefit of our Academies and educators. Recently, the Indianapolis Recorder wrote about the partnership between SYF and Marian University’s Fred S. Klipsch Educator’s College. One part of our partnership provides tuition discounts to SYF Academy staff and educators as they work toward licensure or a graduate degree in education. Iduwu Iku, Principal of McKinley Alternative School in Kokomo, Indiana is an SYF educator pursuing his doctorate at Marian University. Idu, as he is known to his friends, stated, “The professors and staff at Marian are knowledgeable and caring. I’m becoming a better educator because of my experience and opportunities provided to me through Marian University”. You can read more about our partnership with Marian University in the [Indianapolis Recorder](#). [Click here to read more.](#)

JCPenney Project Teacher

In late 2023, JCPenney teamed up with Warner Bros. to introduce a limited edition “Abbott Elementary” collection. The collection included a colorful mix of sweaters, jackets, dresses, skirts, woven shirts, and knitted tops for people in inclusive sizes. This collection was created with teachers in mind with pieces that could be mixed and matched and that are both comfortable and fashionable. This past January, JCPenney created “Project Teacher” – and donated approximately 300 items from the collection to our educators. They loved their new outfits! We are so thankful to our wonderful new partner, JCPenney. Check out our stylish educators below!

[Click here to read more.](#)



Scholarship Program – Awards and Key Dates



SYF awarded more than \$545,000 in scholarships to over 190 students across all three SYF scholarship programs for the 2022-2023 academic year. The application window for the 2023-2024 academic year closed on March 11. Students will begin to receive notifications of scholarship awards in May 2024.

[Click here to read more.](#)

2024 SYF Spring Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation time is almost upon us! Graduation allows SYF staff to celebrate our students triumphing over adversity and completing all the challenging work required to earn their high school diplomas. We also celebrate the village of family, friends, educators, and so many others that help each student get to their graduation day. As a supporter of SYF, you are also invited to Simon Youth Academy graduation ceremonies. Should you be interested in attending one of these graduations, please contact the SYF Program Services Team at SYF.Programs@simon.com. [Click here for graduation times and locations.](#)



Nurturing Futures BETA's Commitment to Supporting Students' Unique Journeys



In SYF's ongoing mission to celebrate and support the diverse paths our students take to graduation, we are thrilled to share the latest updates from the extraordinary team at Simon Youth Academy at BETA in Orlando, Florida. This Academy is unique in that it serves pregnant and parenting students. Kevia Rucker, Academy Leader at BETA, shared recent updates from their academy. [Click here to read more.](#)

MLK/ SYF & Pacers Foundation Night

Simon Youth Foundation recently organized a dynamic and inclusive event at an Indiana Pacers basketball game. This initiative aimed to bring together donors, students, administrators, and teachers in a vibrant celebration of community and support for our Academies.

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SYF Experiential Trips



As part of SYF's commitment to its network of Alternative Education school district partners, the Foundation provides opportunities for students to participate in a variety of experiences that they normally would not have access to. These experiences range from activities that take place for a couple of hours during a day trip to overnight trips to Washington, D.C. and various sites that commemorate the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s throughout Georgia and Alabama.

SYF currently provides Simon Youth Academy students and teachers the opportunity to participate in the following experiential trip opportunities:

Close Up Experience

Civil Rights Journey

Simon Youth Foundation – Simon Property Group Regional Events/Activities

[Click here to read more.](#)

Elementary School Program Increases Engagement & Attendance

Simon Youth Academy at Northshore Mall is making a positive impact on their community through their partnership with Welch Elementary. This initiative, which began just last year, allows students from SYA at

Northshore Mall to engage with elementary students to practice sight words. The program has enhanced literacy skills for the partnering elementary students and contributed to a remarkable rise in attendance for our students at Northshore.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Exploring Growth – Clark-Pleasant’s Green Initiative



Students at Simon Youth Clark-Pleasant Academy have a unique opportunity to partner with the high school agricultural department and receive hands-on gardening experience. [Click here to read more.](#)

Simon Youth Foundation 2024 Summer Events

Do you want to have fun and support SYF? Simon Youth Foundation’s summer events are the perfect opportunity to do both in just one weekend. The weekend kicks off on Friday, July 19, with the annual Tees for Education Golf Outing at [Pebble Brook Golf Club](#) in Noblesville, Indiana. The weekend continues with the Founders Celebration event on Saturday, July 20, for the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Learn about the sponsorship opportunities at [2024 SYF Annual Summer Events | Simon Youth Foundation \(SYF\)](#) or by contacting Alexia Evans
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Tees for Education



Founders Celebration – ALL



2024 SPG REGIONAL EVENTS

as of April 12, 2024

Location	Event Type	Date
Philadelphia	Top Golf	May 15
Atlanta	Top Golf	May 16
Miami	Baseball Game	June 4
Del Mar	Thoroughbred Racetrack	Sept 5
New York	Baseball Game	Sept 16
Boston	Bowling	Oct 4
Washington, D.C.	TBD	TBD
Grapevine	TBD	TBD
Orlando	TBD	TBD

Simon Youth Foundation (SYF), a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Indianapolis, is committed to helping students graduate. SYF believes that all youth, no matter their personal circumstances, should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams through education.

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