



HARVEST DINNER

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
GARY COMER YOUTH CENTER



ABOUT GARY COMER YOUTH CENTER

Opening our doors in 2006, GCYC provides meaningful opportunities to youth and young adults for exploration, discovery, and guided growth. Through dynamic enrichment, extended learning opportunities, career exploration, and wraparound academic support GCYC fosters the advancement of young people on Chicago's Southside.



EVENT

Guests will be welcomed onto Campus with live music, small bites, and craft cocktails in our Exhibit Hall, where they can take a youth-led tour of our rooftop garden. Then, move out to our farm to savor a multi-course dinner prepared by our apprentices and their mentor chefs, featuring produce grown and harvested from our youth-run farm.



INVESTMENT

In addition to funding our award-winning youth programs, your investment will provide our apprentices with essential support such as professional dress, specialty tools and equipment, transportation, professional development, and more. Learn from our young people directly how your support is contributing to their personal and professional growth.



Our programs provide Southside youth a safe space to access valuable resources and experiences. Where youth build skills, explore their interests, and create brighter futures for themselves.



3,500

YOUTH & FAMILIES
SERVED IN 2024

111

SCHOOLS

14

NEIGHBORHOODS

95%

of youth have a clearer idea of what they want to do with their life after completing their program

100%

of participants learned a new skill or improved an existing skill in program

300

hours of service learning at local food pantries

97%

of youth say their instructor is an adult they trust

15,797

Free meals served to youth

16,980

pounds of produce harvested from our farm and campus gardens

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum **\$25,000**

Seating: 12 guests, premium location

Logo/Name: Logo on event website, logo on event signage, recognition in pre- and post- event social media posts, recognized on printed invitation (if received by May 19th)

Engagement: Option for group volunteer experience, group Campus tour, or GCYC staff presentation at your offices

Mission Advancement: Supports cost of living stipends for 10 Apprentices for 1 year

Silver **\$10,000**

Seating: 10 guests

Logo/Name: Listed on event website, name on event signage, listed in group social media posts, recognized on printed invitation (if received by May 19th)

Engagement: Option for group Campus tour

Mission Advancement: Supports free, daily summer meals for 40 youth

Gold **\$15,000**

Seating: 10 guests, premium location

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Engagement: Option for group volunteer experience or group Campus tour

Mission Advancement: Supports the cost of 1-year of specialty professional development workshops for all youth employment programs

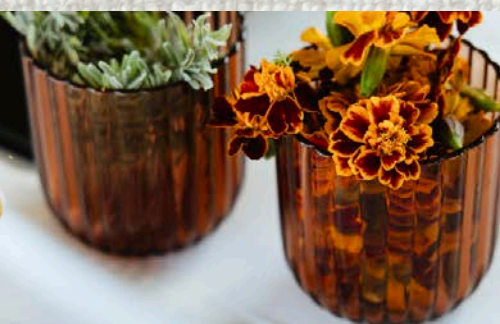
Bronze **\$5,000**

Seating: 8 guests

Logo/Name: Listed on event website, name on event signage, recognized on printed invitation (if received by May 19th)

Mission Advancement: Supports specialty STEAM programs for one semester for up to 30 middle schoolers

*For custom sponsorship opportunities or questions, please contact **Nia Anderson**, nanderson@gcychome.org*



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