

# KIPP FOR LIFE

## Funding Our Future

### Our Partnerships

Ciji Pittman, Superintendent, KIPP Columbus: There's an African proverb that says: If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.

Hannah Powell, School Leader/Executive Director (2008-2022), KIPP Columbus: Our partnerships allow us to provide a more well-rounded, holistic, dimensional experience for our students. It makes wonderful sense to partner with people in our community who are experts in different places and have different resources and can bring that to the table to support children not only at KIPP, but throughout our community. The partnership with Children's Hospital began a number of years ago when we were actually at our former building, so, eight or nine years ago. We saw a lot of kids needing to leave during the school day for appointments and the impact that that was having on families and kids, and it can be challenging to do that. So, I reached out to Children's and I heard they had this mobile van that was a clinic, and I said, I promise you, if you come, we'll fill it.

Nick Jones, Director, Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families, Nationwide Children's Hospital: Nationwide Children's partnership with KIPP is around our school-based healthcare services. We have primary care services, so anything you would receive in a doctor's office, we have here for KIPP students, and that includes behavioral health services as well, and then just assisting teachers with any healthcare needs that they may come across. I think the partnership between KIPP and Nationwide Children's Hospital is really just serving the whole child.

Stephanie Hightower, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Columbus Urban League: The partnership between KIPP and the Columbus Urban League allows us to look at our pillars for housing, look at our pillars for jobs and career placement, look at our pillars for health and support of services. Those are the things that we at the Columbus Urban League are really engaged in, and so what our partnership with KIPP does, it gives us an opportunity to deliver those additional services to KIPP children and their families so that they can thrive in our community. KIPP adds a level of educational support and support of services for families that is pretty much unprecedented. They believe in families. The believe is the work that their leaders and educators do here. And, you can see that in everything they do. You can see it in the children they serve.

DeAndra Jordan, KIPP Family Member: I do believe that KIPP Columbus is an integral part of the community. They don't just serve children within their school. They also expand out to the community to help with things that most programs can't help, or most schools can't help.

Dustin Wood, Director of Student Life, KIPP Columbus: After School All Stars is another partnership that we've had. They're very intimately involved in our schools. They have staff that have stayed with us for several years. They've really gotten to know our students and gone deep

with them. They've had them engaged with experiences that have been really unique. They've had some of the professional athletes and sports teams from the city come in and just work with our students. Having been very intentional throughout their partnership with getting kids off campus and having them experience our city. And so, getting them in different museums, taking them to the Freedom Center, taking them to the National Veterans Museum even this past week. They're really wanting kids to know Columbus and get involved in the city.

Nick Jones: I think the effect that KIPP has on its students is – it's pretty cliché - but it's life-changing.

Ciji Pittman: Our partnerships make us unique in Columbus, and I would say in the nation. I find that when we are working with people who are aligned in what our purpose is, it is truly wonderful and awesome to see that, and what is possible, there are no limits.