

# Thank you

FROM THE

# 150

scholars and their families who received **your support** in 2020.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

MENTORSHIP

YEAR-ROUND ENRICHMENT

## IMPACT REPORT 2020

For over 30 years, summer camp has provided WAYFINDERS scholars with an opportunity for learning and self-discovery. This past summer, the coronavirus pandemic presented unique challenges for our scholars and mentors, when all but one of our residential camp partners closed for in-person camp. **90% of our scholars are in households at or below the federal poverty level.** We knew that our scholars were the most vulnerable and at risk of falling behind with virtual learning and that our support and programming was even more essential during this time.

**Our mentors and community partners stepped up** and supported us and our scholars through this challenging year. Mentors engaged with scholars virtually and through socially-distanced activities and connected their families with critical resources.



**WAYFINDERS**  
HELPING OPPORTUNITY FIND EVERY CHILD

VISION MISSION

We ignite students' potential by expanding their confidence, connections, and horizons. We achieve this through summer camp experiences, year-round enrichment programs, and mentor relationships for self-motivated, underserved students.

Every child, regardless of zip code, has access to transformative life experiences through camp, mentorship, and educational opportunities.

In 2020, our program had to shift to continue **"helping opportunity find every child."**

**750** CARE PACKAGES DELIVERED

To complement camps, we hosted **virtual and in-person activities** and provided monthly, **themed care packages.**



We provided **laptops and hotspots** to our scholars without the technology to access virtual learning.

**131**  
CAMP EXPERIENCES

Given the new format, **many scholars participated in multiple camps last summer**, giving them multiple chances to stay engaged and prevent summer learning loss.

## BY THE NUMBERS



Individual  
Social  
Capital

**118** Adult  
Volunteer  
Mentors

**45%**  
of scholars attended two or more camp/  
leadership experiences.

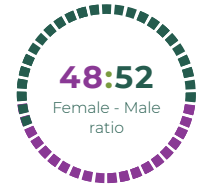
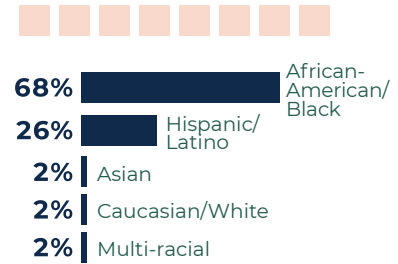
Social and  
Emotional  
Development

**100%**  
of parents reported an increased level  
of responsibility and maturity

**98%**  
of parents reported improved  
levels of self-esteem in their child

College  
and Career  
Readiness

**100%**  
of scholars entered 9th  
grade on time



## 2020 TESTIMONIAL

Hilda has been part of Wayfinders for eight years. Thanks to generous people like you, she attended camps that have built her independence, confidence, and developed her interest in pursuing college and a career in medicine.

**94%**  
SCHOLAR  
RETENTION RATE

**89%**  
MENTOR  
RETENTION RATE



This past summer, Hilda attended the Wake Forest Summer Immersion Medicine Institute virtual camp at no cost to her family. She learned how to help if someone is having a heart attack or stroke and interviewed surgeons, nurses, and pharmacists. Throughout her time as a Wayfinders scholar, Hilda has benefited from the support, guidance, and encouragement of her mentors, Jim and Candy.

*“Wayfinders has helped me achieve my dream of going to college.”*

And now, Hilda is poised for a bright future as her college acceptance letters pile up. She has been accepted thus far at UNC Charlotte, Wingate University, High Point University, and Western Carolina. Congratulations, Hilda – we can’t wait to see which college you choose!

## DONORS

*Thank you*

We are proud of the ways in which we have been able to continue to provide enrichment for our scholars during this difficult year. We could not have achieved this without the support of our many mentors, donors, and community partners. If you would like to support Wayfinders, you can do so online at [Wayfindersnc.org/donate](https://wayfindersnc.org/donate).

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