

FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD

As we complete our 24th year, we are proud to report that America SCORES is thriving! Our innovative “affiliate first” structure has strengthened the value of the network. Among other things, this year we held local and regional all-star poetry slams, expanded our annual training at SCORESCon to all affiliate staff, built out a robust communications infrastructure, and began updating our elementary school Writing for the Community curriculum.

At the same time, operating as an “affiliate first” network has strengthened America SCORES’ position as an international youth development leader. Just in the past year, America SCORES delegations went overseas, by invitation, to participate in: the 2018 Street Child World Cup (as the USA team, in partnership with National Network for Youth and Open Goal Project) (Moscow); the FIFA Football for Hope Festival at the 2018 World Cup (Moscow); the International Peace & Sport Forum (Monaco); The Eleven Campaign (Switzerland); and The Akaye Project (Haiti).

Meanwhile, the more than 13,000 children in high-poverty neighborhoods who we serve every day continue to thrive. We’ve long had data proving SCORES kids are more physically fit and self-confident than their peers. New studies this year confirm what we’ve always believed -- that SCORES kids also perform better in school. Recent evaluations of our NY, LA, and DC programs show that SCORES poet-athletes outperform their peers on standardized tests, are three times more likely than their peers to meet ELA standards, and that 98% of America SCORES participants graduate high school.

None of this would be possible without you. To ensure that all kids have access to a safe place to express themselves, a supportive team, and great mentors, we never charge kids to participate. You make that possible, by supporting America SCORES with your treasure, time, and voice. We are deeply grateful that you are part of our kids’ team.



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