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Impact Report- FY 2024-2025

The Turner Foundation for Community Advocacy, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping youth in underserved Atlanta communities with the tools, networks, and experiences they need to succeed in college, leadership, and life. Through our signature Youth Community Advocacy Mentorship (YCAM) program, we are building the next generation of changemakers by combining mentorship, civic action, and college readiness.

Program Highlights

- **YCAM Mentorship Program:** Our 14-week in-school mentoring program served 11 students at Frederick Douglass High School during the 2024 spring cycle. Students led community projects, met with city officials, and completed over 550 hours of service.
- **Financial Empowerment:** Through our partnership with Regions Bank, students attended hands-on workshops and received financial coaching. Each graduate earned a \$1,000 scholarship deposited into a 529 college savings plan.
- **Youth Advocacy and Public Safety:** Students became Youth Ambassadors with the Atlanta Police Department, attending monthly meetings and helping shape local safety initiatives.
- **College Readiness Support:** With help from Dormoney.ai, we offered one-on-one coaching, essay support, FAFSA help, and milestone tracking through our secure online student portal.

Key Impact Metrics (2024-2025)

- **Number of Students Served:** 11 high school students completed the YCAM program
- **College Enrollment Support:** 100% received college coaching and FAFSA assistance
- **Scholarships Awarded:** \$11,000 in total, (each student received \$1,000)
- **Community Service:** 550+ hours completed through neighborhood cleanups, trail maintenance, and civic projects
- **Public Policy Engagement:** Students presented solutions to city agencies including Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and APD
- **Peer Mentorship:** 100% of 2023 cohort returned as Leaders in Training (LITs)

Community Engagement

- **Partnerships:** We collaborated with over 12 partners, including Frederick Douglass High School, Atlanta Police Department, Regions Bank, Dormoney.ai, SCAD, and Trees Atlanta.
- **Outreach:** Our student-led work contributed to over \$1.2 million in city investment in park revitalization and infrastructure in the Stone Hogan corridor.
- **Youth-Led Advocacy:** YCAM students helped improve safety, accessibility, and public use of parks in underserved areas, which earned them recognition from Atlanta City Council and local media.

Looking Ahead

In 2025 -2026, we will grow our YCAM cohort to 20 students, expand summer college tours, and deepen our impact through new school and city partnerships. We are also preparing to hire our first part-time Program Coordinator to support the program long-term.

We're grateful for the opportunity to serve students in Atlanta Public Schools with your support.

With gratitude,

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