



# INSIGHTS



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | WINTER 2024-25



## *A Message* FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Ilene Harper, PhD**, Executive Director, Family Life and Community Resource Center



FLCRC marked another highly successful year in 2024. We provided support to 328 families and 134 crime victims. Our Youth Ambassador Leadership Education (Y.A.L.E.) leaders accumulated 414 service-learning volunteer hours and carried out 16 service projects. The 8th Annual FLCRC Banquet was a sold-out event, yielding over \$13,000 in proceeds. We honored our Scholarship and Award recipients and recognized crime survivors. Live performances by our Y.A.L.E. leaders and the keynote speaker message left a lasting impact on attendees.

In October, FLCRC took part in the Annual Fort Bend County District Attorney Bike Ride, advocating for crime survivors, and collaborated with the NAACP and YMCA on several

successful events. FLCRC also hosted the first in-person National Bullying Awareness Conference since the COVID-19 pandemic. We facilitated an open discussion on personal experiences with bullying and potential solutions. The event was capped off with a live Y.A.L.E. Podcast, led by Y.A.L.E. leaders.

Finally, we launched the annual community survey to collect first-hand information and feedback regarding our programs. FLCRC's motto is to THRIVE IN 2025! We invite you to join us on this remarkable journey. In the summer, we will unveil the FLCRC 2025-2030 five-year strategic plan. To stay informed about our programs and services, download the FLCRC App or visit our homepage.

*Top image: We honored 11 Scholarship and Award recipients at the 8th Annual FLCRC Banquet on Saturday, December 7th.*





## Biking for Survivors

On **October 5th**, FLCRC staff members participated in Fort Bend County DA Brian Middleton's Fourth Annual **Ride for Survivors**. This annual fundraiser provides grants to local non-profits that help provide emergency support services for domestic violence survivors. FLCRC is proud to offer free services to crime survivors. Learn more at [FamilyLifeCRC.org/vip](https://FamilyLifeCRC.org/vip).



## Dr. Harper Completes Fort Bend County Citizens Police Academy

On **October 11th**, FLCRC Executive Director Dr. Ilene Harper received her Certificate of Completion of the 2024 Fort Bend County Citizens Police Academy. This 9-month program trains community members to be effective advocates for law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

# Standing AGAINST BULLYING

On **October 26th**, students, parents and community members attended the FLCRC National Bullying Awareness Community Conference. This fun and engaging event gave students insights into the realities of bullying and how to combat it. Activities included breakout sessions, a podcast discussion, live entertainment, and a "cake therapy" session.



## FLCRC Participates in the Annual NAACP Business and Community Showcase

On **November 16th**, FLCRC volunteers shared materials about our programs and services at the **NAACP Missouri City & Vicinity Branch Business and Community Showcase**. This annual event provides an opportunity for local businesses and nonprofits to connect with community members and network with other organizations.



## T.W. Davis Family YMCA to Reopen in 2027

On **November 18th**, Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy presented an award of \$2.5 million to the Richmond YMCA Board of Trustees. This grant will support the rebuilding of the T.W. Davis Family YMCA, scheduled to re-open in 2027. Dr. Ilene Harper, who serves as a YMCA Board Member, was pleased to participate in this exciting event marking a new chapter for the Richmond YMCA!





# 8th Annual FLCRC BANQUET

A BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE

On **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, 140 staff members, volunteers, supporters and friends of FLCRC gathered to celebrate an incredible year of growth and impact. The program included a silent auction, an inspiring keynote message from State Farm Insurance Manager and leadership mentor Damion Simon, fantastic catering by Micheaux's Southern Cuisine, and live performances from our Y.A.L.E. student leaders. We honored our 2024 Y.A.L.E. leaders, presented scholarships and awards, and recognized CSSJ Richmond Chapter members. The sold-out event raised **over \$13,000** in proceeds.



## 2024 Scholarship & Award Recipients and the FLCRC Volunteer of the Year



**Kendon Thibodeaux**  
Pre-Y.A.L.E. Leader of the Year Award



**Jordan Thomas**  
Y.A.L.E. Emerging Leader Scholarship



**Evan Ung**  
FLCRC Outstanding Student Scholarship



**Bryan Ung**  
Y.A.L.E. Service-Learning Scholarship



**Jovann Bledsoe**  
Y.A.L.E. Leader of Year Scholarship



**Jeremy Zhu**  
FLCRC Service-Learning Scholarship



**Rachel Nwosu**  
Dakota Merriweather Scholarship



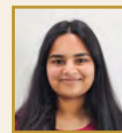
**Stephanie Uwalaka**  
Dakota Merriweather Scholarship



**Trinidy Brown**  
The Hildred Jones-Drain Community Scholarship



**Hannah Hu**  
FLCRC Outstanding Senior Scholarship



**Siri Reddy**  
FLCRC Outstanding College Student Scholarship



**Dr. Sharon Delesbore**  
FLCRC Volunteer of the Year Award

# 2024 IN NUMBERS

We are pleased to share these numbers highlighting the reach and impact of our various programs throughout 2024. Special thanks to our donors and sponsors for making this important work possible!



**\$702,989**  
Total donations, grants & fundraisers



**328**  
families served



**134**  
crime victims served



**698**  
volunteer hours completed



**11**  
Scholarships and Awards presented



**16**  
service projects completed by Y.A.L.E. leaders



**414**  
service learning hours earned by Y.A.L.E. leaders



**5**  
Y.A.L.E. leaders graduated from high school



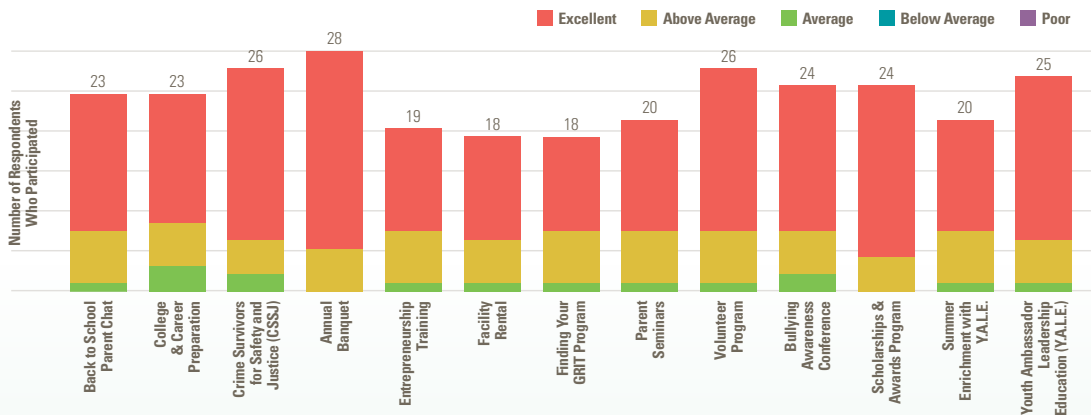
**8**  
Y.A.L.E. leaders enrolled in college



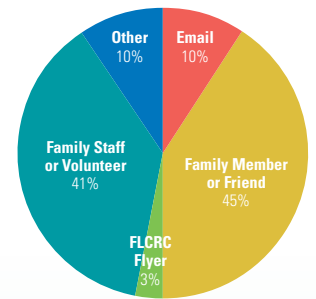
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Y.A.L.E. leaders graduated from college

## 2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

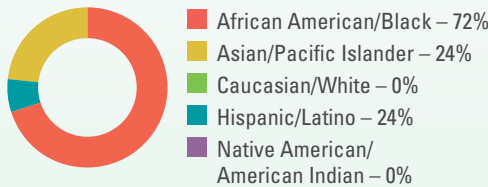
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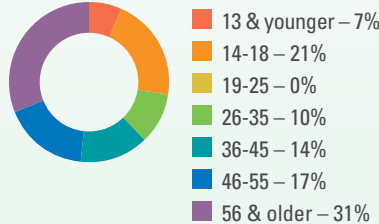
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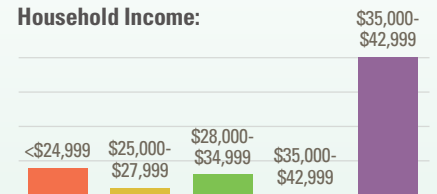
Ethnicity, Origin or Race:



Age Group:



Household Income:



Which best describes your role? Community Member 7% | FLCRC Staff 7% | Parent 28% | Student 28%  
FLCRC Board Member 7% | FLCRC Donor/Sponsor 3% | FLCRC Partner 28% | Volunteer 21%

VIEW THE FULL SURVEY RESULTS AT  
[FamilyLifeCRC.org/2024survey](https://www.FamilyLifeCRC.org/2024survey)



### FLCRC BOARD MEMBERS:

**Dr. Sharon Delesbore**, President  
**Cleo Wadley**, Vice-President  
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**Millie Chatham**, Treasurer  
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