

## REFLECTIONS

From Our Co-Founder and Executive Director

Love God, love your neighbor (from Mark 12:30)-five words that changed our lives in 1990 when my husband Tim and I moved into the Phillips neighborhood, an impoverished neighborhood with high crime and low educational outcomes. Living out this calling continues to be the opportunity of our lives, as neighbors and co founders of Banyan Community, a Christian community development organization.

Over time, I have learned that through our history of struggle, labor, doubt, success, and growth we are emerging as a strong community that demonstrates endurance, strength, problem solving, stability, and responsiveness. What started as neighbors continues as neighbors, plus staff, board, partners, and committed supporters in order to reach our goal of effective connectedness and development within our community that leads to transformational change.

BANYAN IS ROOTED in upholding the dignity of each person in tangible ways. Human dignity necessitates among other things, excellent education, affirmation from and celebration of community, desirable employment opportunities, stable housing and supportive family life, At Banyan, we focus on developing youth by supporting youth with resources, access to high performing schools, and pathways of success that lead to graduation from high school, college, and beginning careers. Strengthening families levels the playing field by bringing resource connections and nurturing an empowering voice in our parents. Creating community forms a wholesome thriving community that builds the well-being of all.
BANYAN IS RISING. This year we celebrate:
Preschool power, magnificent three and four year olds learning and growing in our midst. A wonderfu partnership with St. David's Child Development Center made this program possible. Together we bring a holistic

child and parent education grounded in the community which positions our preschoolers and parents for a better future
Youth, kinder to college, making strides in our after school and summer programs and celebrating graduations (both high school and college). Now young adults are beginning their careers! A new segment of our community is growing and thriving

Families and adults joining in over 65 connection events/ classes and home visits with staff providing connections to stimulate stability and support. Our Community Council formed and lived out a mission statement demonstrating growth in leadership development.
Community thriving with 34 block clubs led by neighborhood leaders. Leaders are connecting, problem solving, and training. Several block club leaders are rising up to connect with city officials to galvanize voice and solutions for our community.
BANYAN IS REACHING new levels of support to accomplish our work together. Thank you for your critica role in our work!

Love God, love your neighbor-five words that challenge us all. Here's to another great year of community building together!
Blessed,
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## Our 2019 High School Graduates

 creating a pathway to graduation beginning in kindergarten, and now preschool. Banyan walks ave for learning create curiosity and a maps, and explore career options. Participating in Banyan programs ensures kids get their homework done while they grow socially and

The City of Minneapolis four-year high school graduation rate is $\mathbf{6 9 \%}$ and drops to $62 \%$ for Black or African American youth and for Latino youth.' The graduatio rate for Banyan youth is $98 \%$


## BANYAN PROGRAMS



## Youth

Banyan inspires young people to invest themselves in education and community. Youth are prepared to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through programs that cultivate social, emotional and educational growth. Our
youth have fun while they develop youth have fun while they develop into Committed Learners and Reconciled People.
Youth development programs:
Preschool: St. David's Center Early Childhood Education Program at Banyan Community
Elementary: After School, Kids Club and Cool Off Days Summer Program

Middle School: SOAR (Southside Adolescents Rising), Learning Circles and Cool Off Days Summer Program High School: ASPIRE! Tutoring, Higher Ground Scholarship and High School Employment
College: Banyan Scholars and College Employment
"I like science here, like when we do the experiments. -Ce'Aija, 5th grade


Families
Banyan brings hope to families by strengthening relationships between parents and children Our families have close bonds that enable us to work together toward a brighter future. Banyan helps parents become advocates for their children in all arenas of life, while children become an inspiration to their parents. Banyan families are Future Oriented, because they see that their future is bright.
FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS:
Family Support
Goal-Setting Conferences
Home Visits
Parent Classes


Community
Banyan connects members of the neighborhood with each other creating bonds that encourage communication and belonging. Building trust between residents, and training leaders on every block, brings hope and safety to every home. Banyan acts as a "resource hub," connecting residents with supportive systems and equipping them as Leading Citizens.
community connecting programs
Lighthouse Network (LHN)
Gathering Events
Community Council Leadership Development


2 members on the
Community Council
$90 \%$ of families believe they can have an impact on making their neighborhoce a better place to live report they can say "no" to wrong or dangerous behaviors


$100 \%$ of youth report feeling safe at Banyan

$84 \%$ of college students are actively engaged in a volunteer organization

participated
in National
Night Out

97\% Parmily retention rate
\% OF SENIORS
graduated from high school

93\% OF YOUTH report being socially engaged with their peers

## 22 bloces

Banyan offered youth an average of
9 hours of plav/ physical activities a week
$70 \%$ of adults report positive changes in their lives from participating in CLEC events

$100 \%$ of craduating seniors plan to attend a college of their choice

## Banyan Gouth

We have 173 youth and 107 families in our youth programs.


52\% Female



## COLLEGE GRADUATES <br> from the Phillips neighborhood!

May is an exciting month for many Banyan youth who are celebrating graduation from preschool elementary, middle, and high school. But none are quite as excited as our college graduates. This list of Scholars brings the total to 20 college graduates! Let's give a special shout out to the Banyan

## BANYAN YOUTH BECOME BANYAN LEADERS

The next generation of leaders are growing up Banyan! Hakeem Smith has a strong presence at Banyan particularly since taking on his new role as Physical Education Specialist for Banyan's elementary and middle school youth. As a former "Banyan youth" himsel Hakeem has celebrity status among the kids who are keen to spend time with one of the "big kids.
Now in his junior year at Augsburg, majoring in Health Education, Hakeem hopes to become a teacher when he graduates. At home in the classroom and on the court, Hakeem blends his love of teaching with his ten-year history at Banyan to offer a very special gift to Banyan history. His Baw movern is infused with his hopes and dreams for those he work with.
"I always encourage the kids to stay positive, to keep an open mind, and to live in the here and now," says Hakeem.

'I want the kids to know that there is always another way to achieve anything; that they can determine for themselves how to define success."
When asked about the greatest gift he received from Banyan, Hakeem says that Banyan helped him find himself. "I know it sounds trite, but it's true. My happiness used to be tied to other people's happiness. Now I know that I can be happy regardless of what other peopl think; regardless of how others think I should feel.

Scholars who have completed their college journey!
"Thank you so much for helping me with my graduation plans. I now feel like I know exactly what I need to do to graduate." —Banyan Scholar
"I cannot thank Banyan enough for all of the resources and opportunities this organization has provided to my kids. I am so proud to say that I will have two kids in college this fall with amazing financial aid awards."

Preschool graduation

The one-year
anniversary of our partnership with St. David's with a preschool graduation ceremony. The parents, siblings and staff cheering the milestone and bright futures.


St.David's Center

Coffee with the Doc
One of the most popular Community, Leadership, Education and Connection (CLEC) sessions is "Coffee with the Doc" where Walker, clinical psychologist, in casual setting to discuss issues related to child development and parenting. Sessions have covered parenting. Sessions have covered a child's behavior or learnine how to nurture a child's socia and emotional development and how to balance discipline and how to balance discipline happy environment. Meeting with a mental health professiona remains taboo for many but remains taboo for many, but Banyan's communty is a place where parents can speak freely and know all will b accepted.

## A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF BANYAN COMMUNITY <br> A Visual of Banyan Happenings

Banyan has worked to develop a new "normal" for the neighborhood providing the impetus for a community to develop-in the truest, most authentic sense of the word.

Our goals-to develop youth, strengthen families and create community-are deeply intertwined. Far more than a youth development program, Banyan is a community development organization that provides a nucleus where families in the Phillips neighborhood connect with and support each other, and where parents are empowered to be deeply involved in their children's education. Families develop authentic relationships and partnerships with staff, with the outcome of helping youth succeed. Neighbors get to know each other building trust and connections leading to a stronger community.
Each one of our areas of focus-youth, family, and community-is nurtured to grow and thrive in order for people to more fully participate in all aspects of life


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ASPIRE! (Grades 9-12)
Jutoring session on Monday
and Wednesday evenings, plus
optional study session
daily and over breaks
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Cool Off Days A five week summer
program, plus one we program, plus one we
of residential camp

## PARTNERS TO PATHWAYS

Banyan Community is blessed with many donors who support our mission year after year. Partners to Pathways celebrate this tradition of consistent giving. Every gift makes a difference and allows us to build pathways for the development of youth, the strengthening of families, and the creation of community Thank you for your tremendous loyalty and support to Banyan Community.

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"I realize that sometimes I don't always think about how blessed we are at Banyan but I am so happy that we are connected not only for family but also community." -Banyan parent


Partner to Pathway Feature
Letter from Dairy Products. Inc.
We at Dairy Products Inc. were We can see firsthand the amazing looking for a grassroots organization that fostered faith, education and sense of community in our local youth. And as fate would have it, in 2009 we were introduced to Banyan Community via St. Bartholomew's church in Wayzata, MN.
We quickly realized that Banyan Community was all this and much more. Their passionate pursuit of supporting the youth and communities in south Minneapolis was exactly the initiative we wanted to support.
re calts of Banyan's efforts in ndividual child.
We have followed the progress of the Banyan children from grade school high school, college and have seen hem enter the professional work force as well-rounded young men and women who take these values back into the community
has been an amazing thing to watch. The Banyan Community family will always have our support. Mark Welch
CEO Dairy Products Inc

## We Asked, You Answered

## Words or Phrases of Banyan

Guests at the Annual Dinner had a chance to share the words and phrases that come to mind when thinking of Banyan. We agree with you and thank you for sharing your insight.

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2018 Annual Dinner: A Celebration of 20 Years

Crystal, a Banyan alumna and parent of a preschooler, shared her Banyan story and the sense of JOY she has reflecting on the impact Banyan continues to have in her life. She was the first Banyan Higher Grounc Scholar and graduate of DeLaSalle High School. Today, there are ove 50 Banyan youth following in her footsteps. She now leads the nex generation of Banyan with the enrollment of her son in the inaugura preschool class.


Crystal said that "seeing it come ful circle makes me appreciate Banyan more than ever. When they say they transform lives, they really do. My life has changed, I see it with my kid. He is so happy here, he is learning, he is excited to come to preschool. reminds me of when I was younger and so excited to be at Banyan.
Now that we've invested 20 years, what's next?

Growing up our youth and families.
Reaching more youth, families and community members Phillips, enlarging our circle and stabilizing our community.
Studying what parts of our
model might work for other neighborhoods.

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## OUR FINANCIALS



| 2018 | FUNDING SOURCES | $\$ 1,843,561$ |
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| $59 \%$ | FOUNDATIONS/ | $\$ 1,085,124$ |
|  | CORPORATIONS |  |
| $27 \%$ | INDIVIDUALS | $\$ 489,429$ |
| $12 \%$ | SPECIAL EVENTS | $\$ 218,464$ |
| $2 \%$ | GOVERNMENT | $\$ 33,000$ |
| $1 \%$ | CONGREGATIONS | $\$ 15,517$ |
| $0 \%$ | INTEREST/INVESTMENT | $\$ 2,027$ |

2018 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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2019 BUDGET $\$ 1,828,000$ 68\% COMMITTED YTD-3RD Q


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True program costs: Core mission support
Banyan is interested in sharing the true costs of our programs and the vital importance of strong organizational infrastructure Each of our programs is built around, is supported by, and share esponsibility for Core Mission Support. This visual is one way to accurately present the proportionate costs of new format. One that aligns with the strategic and financial reality of how nonprofit organizations really work.

All of the resources we need to accomplish our programs are the True Program Costs, which include four types of expenses:

- Direct Expenses. Program-Specific, \$1,012,650
- Direct Expenses: Shared by Programs, \$358,201
- Core Mission Support: Finance, HR, \& Board \$192,111
- Core Mission Support Fundraising \& Partners, \$174,200

Total 2018 General Operating Expense: $\$ 1,737,162$
The growth and effectiveness of our mission work depends on having a solid core at the center of our organization Investing in our infrastructure is smart, prudent, and absolutely necessary.



## The future looks bright! <br> Highlights from the Banyan Leadership Breakfast

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In April, Banyan partnered with the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal to host a panel of 40 Under 40 honorees for our annual leadership breakfast. The compelling discussion touched on challenges faced by first generation leaders, stories of success, and words of wisdom.
Here are a few of our favorite memories. Dr. Jokho Farah of People's Center Clinics and Services reminded us of the value
of a variety of mentors; Anthony Lando of Bank of America is confident the future looks bright for the next generation of leaders, and Taqee Khaled of Nerdery encouraged all in attendance to mentor-to
We also were thrilled with all the Banyan Scholarswhed with all the Marissa, and Diamord about Banyan's presence in their lives and a few of their favorite
memories-summer camp, apple picking, and homework in the study lounge. They also discussed the passions. Special thank you to Kathy Robideau and the Minneapolis/ St. Paul Business Journal for your partnership.

We are proud of our 1st generation leaders-and we agree, the future is bright!
love God. love yaur Neighbor
The theme for Art Workshop and Kids Club was "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this 'Love your neighbor as yourself' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)
Loving God is a big commitment that takes all of who we are... our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength. Loving God is a BIG deal. Why? Because by loving God we develop the ability and habits to love others. Whom do we love? Our neighbor... those close to us who we see each day - people in our neighborhood, friends at school, colleagues at work. This verse reaches further to people who we do not know and have yet to know, stretching us to reach across barriers and divides. How do we love our neighbor? We love our neighbor as highly as we regard our own needs. Loving our neighbor could be as simple as shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk in the winter or extending kindness to a classmate. It can also mean learning about and engaging with those from other cultures. With people surrounding us, there are many tangible ways to demonstrate God's love and kindness to others.


## Board Chair, Michael Wilczynski

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Banyan Community as the Chair of the Board of Directors. The entire Board is incredibly proud of Banyan's work and impact.


Banyan experienced the theme 'Love God, Love your Neighbor' every day working together. The 18 new youth (and their families) who joined this year felt it as they were welcomed into the Banyan family. Banyan parents felt it as they worked to learn about each other and create harmony. We felt it in the support from you-our donors and partners.

For that we are grateful.
Banyan Community is a unique model of community development. We are holistic in working with youth and families, as well as the neighborhood surrounding and supporting both. We are committed to including more youth and families and building deeper relationships in the East and Midtown Phillips neighborhoods. You are an important part of that future.

The outcomes are truly amazing and a wonderful return on your investment. Every $\$ 1$ given to Banyan in support of our work (achieving a $98 \%$ high school graduation rate) returns $\$ 8$ to society*. It is an honor to build connections with youth and families and walk together on the journey from preschool all the way through college and into a career. We are seeing the fruits of this labor with 20 college graduates from the Banyan ranks and 30 youth currently in college. Banyan families now travel on pathways that were not originally there.

Thank you for continuing to support this important work-we couldn't do it without you!
*Societal return on investment study conducted by Wilder Research

