



TULSA CHANGEMAKERS MIDYEAR REPORT



2025-2026



A MID YEAR REFLECTION

During the first six months of our 2025-26 program year, we felt more momentum towards our vision than ever before.

Our vision is a future where Tulsa is a model city for youth-driven impact.

Youth are core catalysts for impact in their communities, and communities are actively engaged in identifying, developing, and empowering youth as leaders.

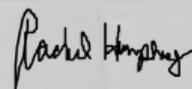
Young people across Tulsa are
asking questions,
facilitating sessions,
crafting workshops,
starting organizations,
advising adult leaders,
and **building confidence in themselves along the way.**

Because our mission is to build capacity in youth, adults, and systems to support youth in driving positive impact in Tulsa right now and into the future,

we are cheering them on every step of the way.

We hope you feel as much hope as we do as you read about what young people are doing in Tulsa. Thank you for believing in youth voice, choice, and power!

With gratitude,
Hannah Jarman and Rachel Humphrey





LISTEN, LISTEN, ACT

Tulsa Changemakers is a semester long afterschool youth leadership development and action program that empowers elementary, middle, and high school students, primarily from Tulsa Public Schools and Union Public Schools, to make meaningful change in their schools and communities.

We specialize in an asset-based and youth-driven approach to community impact. cohorts leverage their unique perspectives, conduct listening campaigns to identify community strengths and challenges, and work collaboratively to drive real and measurable change.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 308 Students in K-12 across Tulsa
- 38 Coaches
- 36 Elementary, middle, and high schools
- 38 Impact projects
- 200+ Students and community members at the Networking Event
- 400+ Community members at Pitch Nights

READ ABOUT THE
PROJECTS HERE!



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YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS

Over the last year, we have worked alongside our Changemakers Leadership Council to improve our end-of-program survey for youth in LLA. Based on youth and adult feedback, we revamped the survey to be a more accurate depiction of our work. We're excited to dig into this program evaluation further to best understand our impact!

- 96% of students liked coming to Changemakers
- 87% recognize their voice matters
- 79% consider different perspectives before taking action
- 94% improved teamwork skills
- 79% feel more confident in their ability to solve problems in their communities
- 89% understand how to set goals while working on a project
- 90% are motivated to take action to make my community a better place
- 94% proud of the work they did with Tulsa Changemakers this semester
- Hope Scores increased by +3.8 points going from "moderately hopeful" to "highly hopeful"

Changemakers identified public speaking, interviewing, and managing a project as the top skills they learned in the program!



PARENT AND GUARDIAN FEEDBACK

From your perspective, what was the most valuable thing your Changemaker gained from being involved in the program?

- "The skill of thinking of others, analyzing his community (his surroundings), being critical and objective, working in a team and presenting formally in front of a large group."
- "My student was able to more confidently express her ideas and learned valuable public speaking skills."
- "I believe she gained confidence in believing she could make a change/difference in the community & the world."

POWER OF YOUTH

Power of Youth is our crash course in civic advocacy. It's designed for students in 6th-12th grade who want to make a positive change in our community. Through eight sessions, youth learn critical skills in community advocacy and impact and then apply those skills for causes of their choice.

**16 STUDENTS FROM
11 SCHOOLS
WITH
2 PAID, YOUTH FACILITATORS**

After Power of youth...

- 92% of participants recognize that their voice matters.
- 100% learned something new
- 100% consider different perspectives before taking action
- 83% feel more connected to students from other parts of Tulsa
- 83% are more confident in their ability to solve community problems

What is the most important thing you learned in Power of Youth?

"That the youth have the power to make change"

"I learned that my voice matters"

"How to make change around my community and to have a voice for myself."

"I loved making new friends and something to look forward to on MONDAY."



TPS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

TPS Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is an opportunity to build student leadership and advocacy and provide a space for students to connect with TPS district leaders.

This year, the TPS Youth Advisory Council has two impact pathways they are following.

Big Picture: Long Term

Supporting TPS in elevating student voice in the strategic planning process and long term plans.

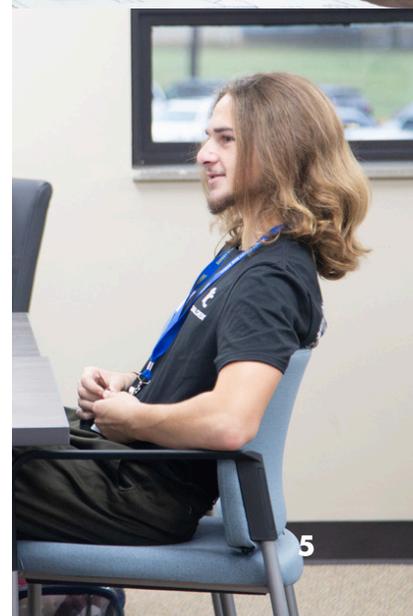
Direct Impact: Short Term

Creating solutions and advocating for changes that can be implemented right away.

Groups have identified the following topics that they have been creating and sharing ideas for:

Curriculum, Teaching, Safety and Belonging,
Clubs and Electives, Student Athletics

36 young people
9 High Schools
Represented



CHANGEMAKERS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Our Changemakers Leadership Council is guiding the strategic direction of Tulsa Changemakers. This intergenerational group had strong momentum this fall and are excited to build on that momentum in the spring.

Youth Led Legislative Lunch

The CLC planned a legislative lunch. Youth facilitated the entire event. Three rounds of conversations happened around education, public safety, and legislative process.

Food Bank Volunteer Event

The CLC volunteered at the Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank.

Shared Shelf: Media Club

To discuss different media around topics of interest, the CLC started Shared Shelf. The first meeting was a discussion around AI in Education.



THE LEMON-AID PROJECT X TULSA CHANGEMAKERS

Started in 1994, The Lemon-Aid Project is a city-wide charity event where kids are provided with all the materials to set up lemonade stands to raise money for those in need. It is a free and fun Tulsa tradition that empowers kids of all ages to be impactful entrepreneurs and philanthropists within their community.

We were so excited and grateful to partner with the Lemon-Aid Project Labor Day Weekend 2025. We look forward to future success for Labor Day 2026!

**School site stands included
Monroe, Emerson, Council
Oak, Mendez, East Central
Middle, Dolores Huerta**

**Hundreds of kid
volunteers**

**20+ Individual Stands
and 4 Satellite Stands**

15 zip codes across tulsa

\$25,000 raised



LOOKING AHEAD

CITY OF TULSA YOUTH COUNCIL

The City of Tulsa Youth Council seeks to 1) build the belief that youth voice is crucial to the infrastructure of the city, 2) position youth as active and consistent participants in Tulsa's civic sphere, and 3) advise City Councilors, the Mayor, and City Employees on issues and programs directly impacting youth through a community engagement proposal.

HALE PHILANTHROPISTS

14 Hale High School students, representing all grade levels will determine how to spend funds to make an impact and leave a legacy in their community. This fall the group identified 2 priority areas: 1) Credibility and Recognition for Academics and 2) Student Involvement Resources. To increase student involvement, they provided transportation for students to the senior night football game. Next semester, they plan to host a spirit week that is focused on opioid awareness and will use funds to support increased student involvement. They are excited about shifting culture.

MONROE PHILANTHROPISTS

In partnership with the Ed Darby Foundation and Monroe Demonstration Academy, the Monroe Philanthropists will have \$5,000 to create change in their school community. The Monroe Philanthropists are being recruited as we speak! They will meet once a week after school starting in January. We're excited to see what they come up with this year!

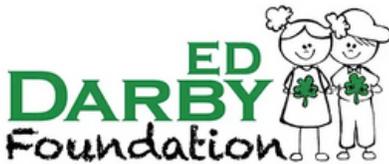
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This year, our individual donors helped us surpass our goal by raising \$6,012!

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