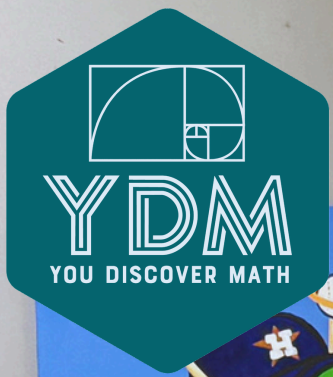




We chose to build anyway

2025 - 2026 Impact Report

Rebuilding through youth leadership,
STEM access, family empowerment,
and community collaboration.

A letter from LEADERSHIP

Not long ago, YDM was at a crossroads.



Before this fiscal year began, I had spent time developing a five-year strategic plan for everything I believed YDM could become. It reflected the potential I saw in the organization, the needs we were seeing in our community, and the kind of long-term impact I hoped we could build over time.

“But when I stepped into the presidency, I realized we might not have five years.”

Our board reflected deeply on what we had already seen YDM become for students and families, even in its earliest stages. We looked at the trust that had been built, the relationships forming around the organization, and the growing need for spaces where students felt supported, challenged, and included.

We had to decide whether we were going to fully rebuild and reimagine this organization or whether it was time to shut down and ensure the resources we still had could be put to good use elsewhere.



“Ultimately, we chose to keep building.”

That decision changed the direction of this organization.

We began investing more intentionally in youth leadership, creating opportunities for students not only to participate, but to lead. We expanded accessible STEM experiences through partnerships, community collaboration, and hands-on learning opportunities. We also began engaging families more directly and thinking more deeply about the barriers many students face beyond the classroom.



Over time, something became increasingly clear: YDM was no longer becoming just a math organization. It was becoming a community-centered ecosystem shaped by the students, families, educators, and partners growing alongside it.



What gives me hope now is that this growth did not happen because we had everything figured out. It happened because people continued showing up.

Students stepped into leadership. Families trusted us. Educators volunteered their time. Partners invested in the vision. Community members chose to build alongside us.



And through all of it, YDM found a clearer sense of purpose.

Today, we believe more deeply than ever in the power of youth empowerment, accessible STEM education, financial literacy, and family inclusion to create long-term, generational change especially for students and families who may not otherwise receive these opportunities.



This report reflects a year of transition, growth, and intentional rebuilding. More importantly, it reflects a community choosing to believe that something bigger was possible.

Dulce Mireles
President & Executive Director



A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

386 People Reached & Engaged

240+ Students Directly Engaged

1,300+ Tutoring Hours Delivered since Founding

30 Zip Codes Reached through DST+

188 Raising Cane's Kid Combo Vouchers distributed

A snapshot of YDM's FY 2025–26 impact across organizational and collaborative programming.

Our Journey

Virtual Tutoring



DST+ Growth



Youth Leadership



Family Engagement



Learning Gardens



Institutional Partnerships



FYF Launch



Tutoring Expansion

Youth Leadership

\$9,800+

Invested in Youth Stipends

Community Power

36

Event Volunteers

4

Organizational Support Volunteers

30+

Community & Institutional Partners

Educational Ecosystem

20

Organizations Participating across DST+

19

through paid roles, volunteer service, service-learning, internships & leadership

FYF

Launching Fall 2026

“YDM was becoming more than a math organization.”



Discover STEM Together+ (DST+)

Discover STEM Together+ was co-created by *You Discover Math* and *Houston's Young Monarchs* to make high-quality STEM learning accessible to every family.

What began as a shared vision grew into a collaborative initiative that united educators, students, volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, and community partners to create joyful, hands-on learning experiences across Houston.

227

PEOPLE
ENGAGED

30+

ZIP CODES
REACHED

60+

HANDS-ON
STEM
EXPERIENCES

25+

PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS

24

VOLUNTEERS

22

STUDENT
CONTRIBUTORS

Across Four Community Events

1

Dec 2025



DENVER HARBOR
MSC

2

Mar 2026



WOODLAND
PARK

3

Apr 2026



BURNETT-
BAYLAND

4

May 2026



HARTMAN PARK

Built by Community

STUDENTS



FAMILIES

VOLUNTEERS



EDUCATORS

ORGANIZATIONS



BUSINESSES

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS





WHY DST+ MATTERS

DST+ creates spaces where students discover confidence., families explore together, and community partners invest side by side in the future of Houston's youth. Every event reflects the belief that opportunity grows when communities choose to build together.

What Our Community Made Possible



90

HOUSTON ZOO
TICKETS
DISTRIBUTED



\$1,500

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
PROVIDED THROUGH
RAISING CANE'S



158

KIDS' COMBO
VOUCHERS
DISTRIBUTED



\$400+

PRIZES
AWARDED



100s

OF LEARNING
RESOURCES
SHARED

What Families Experience



HANDS-ON
EXPLORATION



YOUTH-LED
STATIONS



FAMILY
LEARNING



PROBLEM
SOLVING &
CREATIVITY

SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING,
MATH



FREE BOOKS
& SCHOOL
SUPPLIES

Community builds community.

Every student, volunteer, educator, family, and partner helped transform DST+ into something bigger than any one organization could have built alone.

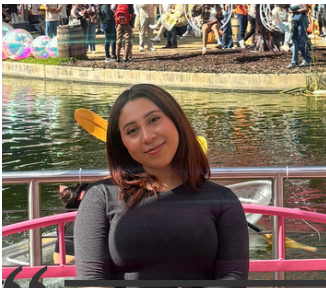
BUILDING OPPORTUNITY

YDM BELIEVES EVERY YOUNG PERSON DESERVES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER WHAT THEY'RE CAPABLE OF.

By removing barriers, creating meaningful learning experiences, and inviting students and families to contribute alongside us, we help build confidence, expand opportunity, and strengthen communities, together.



Opportunity, in their words



“You Discover Math has helped me grow into the person I am today. They’ve helped me recognize my potential and realize that the possibilities for my future are truly endless.”

- MAY



“Helping kids learn, create, and explore showed me that the best part of STEM is inspiring curiosity, making learning fun, and giving them the opportunity to discover what they might want to pursue in the future!”

- SOPHIE



“Seeing people try new things and get things they might not have gotten otherwise made me happy. I liked knowing they got to do something they wanted to do.”

- AMELIA

19 students grew with ydm

through paid roles, volunteer service, service learning, and organizational leadership.

LOOK WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER!

Houston's Young Monarchs



Growing Leaders. Changing Futures.

We grew programming TOGETHER

- Co-led 4 DST+ Events
- Co-led a 9-week Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)
- expanded access to STEM, leadership, and enrichment opportunities for local youth.



You helped families participate.

- Distributed 188 kids vouchers
- Donated \$1,500 in school supplies
- Reduced barriers for students and families

ROSS
STORES, INC.

You invested in possibility.

- Largest corporate gift in YDM's history
- Helped fund DST Events
- Strengthened operations to expand community programming



You opened your doors

Hosted DST+ and 9-week SEP

BRACEWELL

You helped us grow

Connected students with hands-on nonprofit experience and helped advance communications

TOGETHER, WE CREATED SOMETHING BIGGER
THAN ANY ONE OF US COULD HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED ALONE.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

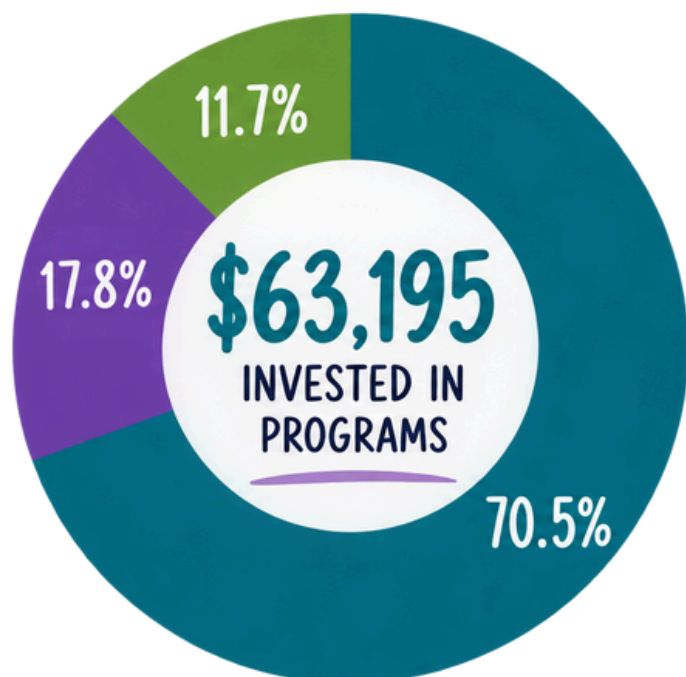
We are committed to stewarding every dollar and in-kind gift with care, transparency, and purpose; so more young people and families can access opportunities that can change lives.

FY 2025-26 At A Glance

\$517

YEAR-END SURPLUS

Our responsible fiscal management resulted in a positive year-end surplus that strengthens our sustainability and future impact.



70.5% PROGRAMS \$63,195

Directly delivering programs and supporting youth through stipends, events, learning resources, and more.

17.8% FUNDRAISING \$15,985

Individual and corporate giving, grants, partnerships, and fundraising activities.

11.7% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL \$10,452

Operations, administration, technology, insurance, and governance.

**Adjusted operating expenses: \$89,632. Excludes \$130,750 in pro bono legal services recognized as both contribution revenue and Management & General Expense.*

What those resources made possible

PROGRAMS

Hands-on STEM, family learning, community events, educational resources.



PEOPLE

Youth stipends, student leadership, program delivery, organizational support.



ACCESS

In-kind resources, donated services, supplies, prizes, and experiences that stretched every dollar further.



Platinum
Transparency
2026

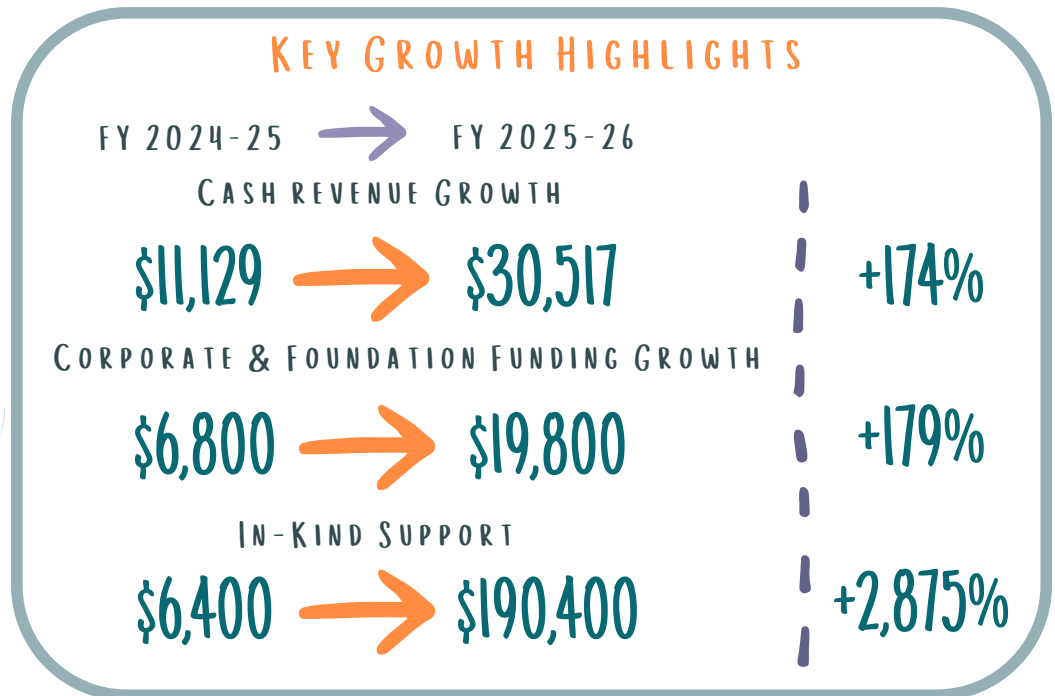
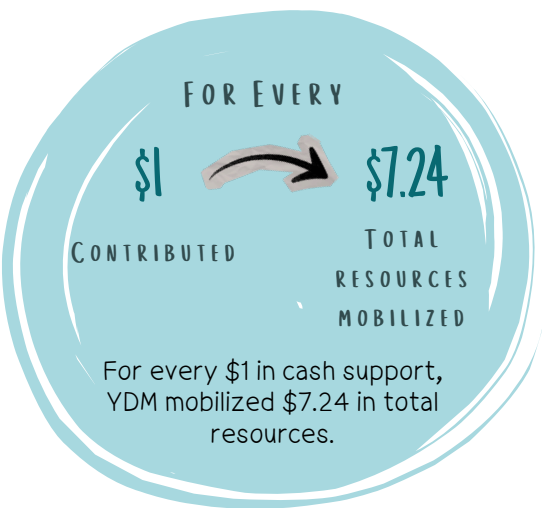
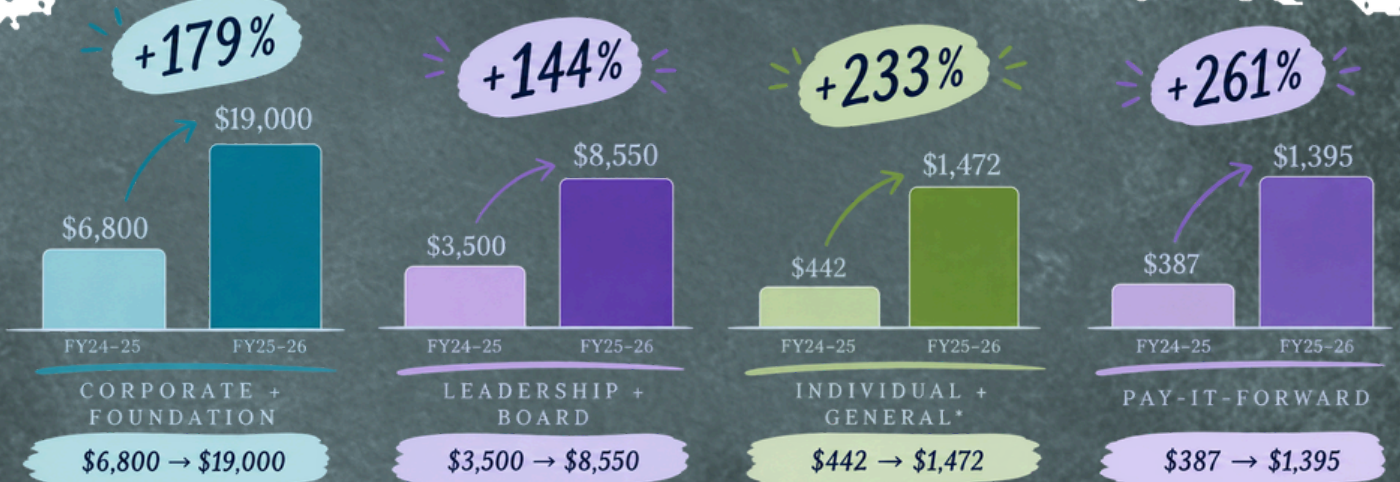
Candid.

Our Promise of Stewardship

We are committed to transparency, accountability, and responsible use of resources. We carefully evaluate every investment to ensure it advances our mission and creates lasting impact in the communities we serve.

GROWING OUR CAPACITY

Building a stronger, more diversified foundation for the work ahead.



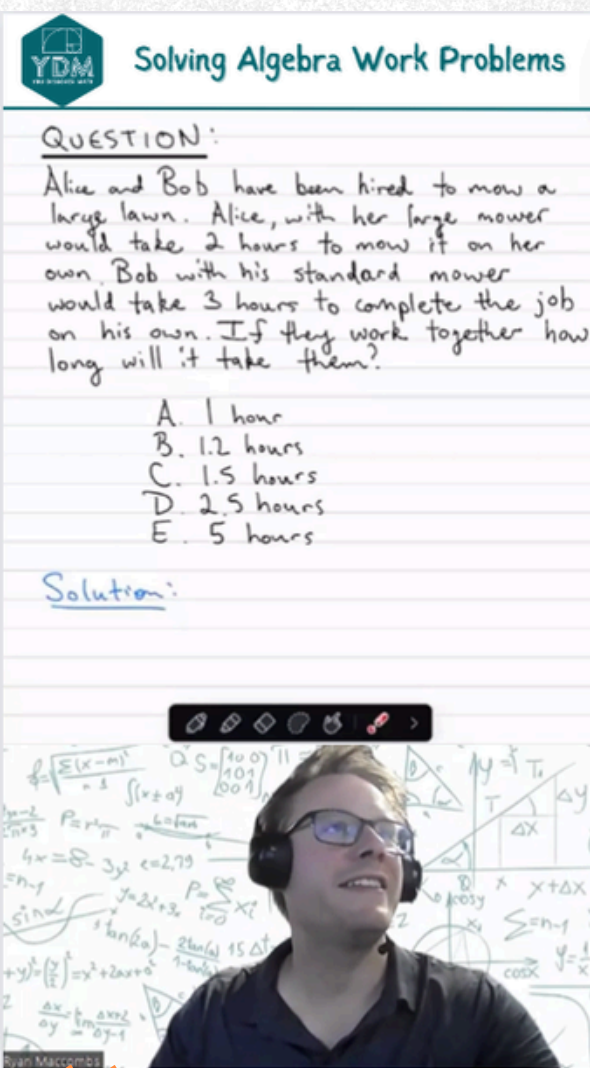
We didn't just raise more. We built more capacity around every dollar we raised.



+1,163%

OVERALL GROWTH

A FOUNDER'S Reflection



The screenshot shows a video call interface. At the top, there's a logo for 'YDM' (You Discover Math) and the text 'Solving Algebra Work Problems'. Below this, a 'QUESTION:' is displayed: 'Alice and Bob have been hired to mow a large lawn. Alice, with her large mower would take 2 hours to mow it on her own. Bob with his standard mower would take 3 hours to complete the job on his own. If they work together how long will it take them?'. Five multiple-choice options are listed: A. 1 hour, B. 1.2 hours, C. 1.5 hours, D. 2.5 hours, E. 5 hours. Below the question, the word 'Solution:' is written. At the bottom of the screenshot, a man wearing glasses and a headset is visible, smiling. The background of the video call shows a whiteboard filled with various mathematical equations and diagrams.

“YDM looks very different today than it did when we started, and I think that's a good thing.”

As one of the founding board members of You Discover Math, one of the most rewarding things for me has been watching YDM grow into something beyond what we originally imagined.

When we started YDM, much of our focus was on tutoring and making math more accessible and enjoyable for students. That goal is still very much a part of who we are, but the ways we pursue it have changed significantly.

This year, I have been especially excited to see YDM become more connected to the community. Through programs like Discover STEM Together, we are bringing students, families, volunteers, educators, and other organizations together around STEM. We are also creating more opportunities for young people to take on leadership roles, and looking ahead to programs like Familias y Finanzas that will allow us to work with students and their families in new ways.

Just as importantly, the organization itself is becoming stronger. In YDM's early years, a small group of people provided much of the time, money, and energy needed to keep us going. This year, it has been exciting to see that circle grow through new grants, donors, partnerships, and volunteers. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but we are building a much stronger foundation for the future.

I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped YDM reach this point. YDM looks very different today than it did when we started, and I think that's a good thing. I'm proud of what we've built and excited to see how it continues to grow.

Ryan Mannick
Founding Board Member
You Discover Math

LOOKING AHEAD

We're carrying what we learned this year into the next.

As we move forward, our focus is on building more intentionally, deepening what works, expanding what's possible, and creating more opportunities for young people and families to thrive.

Tutoring Returns



BACK TO OUR ROOTS.

FORWARD WITH PURPOSE.

Reintroducing consistent academic support while creating opportunities for students to tutor and lead.

Familias y Finanzas



FAMILY
EMPOWERMENT.

Launching Fall 2026 with young people and families learning together around financial knowledge, confidence, and agency.



Beyond the Classroom

HUNGER RELIEF + LEARNING
READINESS

Our work with COR Houston and support from the Kroger Co. Foundation is already underway, with 16 people supported through emergency grocery assistance so far.

Youth Leadership

MORE WAYS TO GROW
WITH YDM.

Continuing to create meaningful volunteer, paid, service-learning, tutoring, and organizational roles for young people.



DST

Discover STEM Together +

DST+ Continues

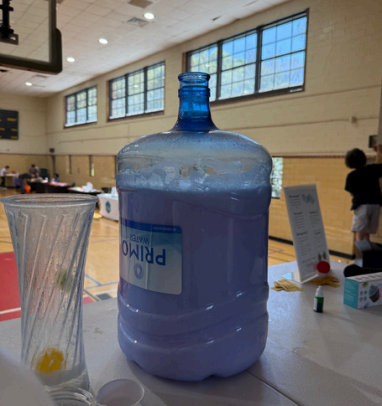
COMMUNITY-POWERED STEM

Building on four FY26 events, Discover STEM Together+ will continue creating accessible, hands-on STEM experiences led by students and strengthened through community partnership.

*The future we build together
starts with the choices we
make today.*

We chose to keep building.

Now, we build what comes next.



GROWING WITH *Intention*

As YDM continues to grow, we are committed to strengthening the foundation that makes this work possible.

We cultivate sustainable partnerships, diversify support, develop our people, and make thoughtful decisions about where we can create the greatest impact.



Thank you

FOR BUILDING WITH US

This year was possible because people chose to show up.



Let's keep building together.