



YouthBuild Lake County is going **bigger** in 2023, and **we need your support to make it happen**. Your donations are integral parts of both the growth and success of our members!

2022 brought about growth for YouthBuild Lake County. We've increased our capacity to serve 25 more underserved individuals in Lake County by implementing a pre-apprentice program and we've made plans for **more expansion in 2023**.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

In 2023 we will launch our first Department of Labor Registered Apprentice Program in Building Maintenance and Repair. This two-year program offers classroom training coupled with paid, hands-on work experience with our employer partners. Apprentices will earn a living wage while working toward Journeyworker status. Upon completion of the apprentice program, individuals will be recognized as Journeyworkers, and will be guaranteed a minimum salary when hired for permanent employment. This apprentice program will offer long-term career stability, growth opportunities, and a **guaranteed wage rate** – all of which are imperative for our participants to build a better future for themselves and their families.

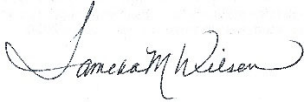
**EDUCATION**

In 2023 we are taking our technology standards to the next level. Smart boards, visual and tactile tools, and interactive teaching methods are key to educational delivery. We offer high school diploma attainment through an online provider called Penn Foster. We supplement the courses taught online with additional in-person curriculum. We want to make earning a high school diploma engaging and these **additional tools will help us do that**.

**WELLNESS**

The mental health of Americans has declined since the onset of COVID, and our young people are no exception to this unfortunate truth. We began providing mental health services in 2006, and in 2023 we will be expanding those services. We are renovating office space to make a wellness room that can be used for individual counseling sessions. It will include comfy seating, ambient lighting, and fidgets so our members will feel comfortable when receiving mental health services. We are also launching a weekly nutrition program to provide lessons on healthy eating, meal planning and budgeting, **as well as** cooking and grocery shopping. These skills are essential to becoming **self-reliant**.

Whether your passion to help is in workforce development, education or wellness, YouthBuild Lake County is making a difference in our community, and making a difference in the lives of young people in Lake County. **Can we count on your donation to further this impact and help underserved Lake County youth become self-sufficient?** Your donation can make an even bigger impact this year! The Health Care Foundation of Northern Lake County will match up to \$10,000 in new or increased donations to YouthBuild Lake County. Double your impact and help YouthBuild Lake County offer more robust workforce development, education, and wellness programs. Donate today at [www.yblc.org](http://www.yblc.org).

Warm Regards,  
  
Tameka M. Wilson  
Executive Director

**Yes! I want to make an investment in the youth of tomorrow.**

**Thank you for your support! New or increased gifts will be matched by a \$10,000 grant from the Health Care Foundation of Northern Lake County.**

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# HEAR WHAT THE MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY!

YouthBuild is expanding to accomodate our members and their needs in new and exciting ways. Learn about why our members are more excited than ever to be attending YouthBuild Lake County!



## EDUCATION

"I'm a **visual learner**. Smart technology in our classrooms will help members like me **understand new subjects and remember the content better!** I'm so excited!"

-Aaron

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"An **indoor construction lab is an amazing idea!** We can keep gaining **hands on experience year round** without stopping because of weather. Overall it will be extremely **helpful for our productivity.**"

-Jeremiah



## WELLNESS PROGRAMS

"I love the wellness program! You **have access to the resources you need** even if you don't need them at that moment. As soon as you do, **the support is there for you.**"

-Andrea

## WATCH THE VIDEO



Want more information about how YouthBuild Lake County is expanding in 2023? Scan the QR code or visit:

[YBLC.ORG/ANNUAL-APPEAL](https://yblc.org/annual-appeal)

