



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"With a **new home, new programs, and the same unwavering mission**, YBLC is positioning ourselves to transform more futures than ever before."

Dear YBLC Community,

This year marks a truly historic chapter for YouthBuild Lake County. YBLC is officially the proud owner of a 30,000 square-foot Career Training and Workforce Hub that will serve as the new home of YBLC. This milestone serves as a permanent foundation for our mission and a testament to the vision, commitment, and generosity of our community of supporters.

The new facility will feature two year-round construction workshops, community event space, classrooms, wellness rooms, and more, ensuring that our participants can build their skills and confidence in an environment designed specifically for their success. It will also provide the flexibility to adapt as our programs continue to grow, allowing YBLC to transform more futures than ever before.

In addition to this transformational step, we proudly launched our Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program in Facility Maintenance and Repair. This program creates a direct pipeline from YBLC to lasting careers, equipping our participants with industry-recognized credentials, hands-on experience, and opportunities for upward mobility in a sector where skilled workers are in high demand.

As we celebrate these achievements, we are mindful of the world around us. Although the current climate brings uncertainty and challenges that affect our communities in countless ways, YouthBuild's mission has and will continue to speak to our shared humanity and remains centered on service to our community. We believe firmly that investing in young people and empowering them with education and skills is work that unites us all. Our commitment to Lake County, the surrounding communities, and to the young people who call it home will remain as steadfast as it has for over two decades.

The progress and milestones we celebrated this year are the direct result of the passion of our staff, our board, employer partners, volunteers, and our generous donors. Because of all of you, YouthBuild Lake County is changing more lives than ever before, and we will continue to reach new heights in this exhilarating time in our agency's history.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tameka Wilson
Executive Director