

# CREATING YOUTH OPPORTUNITY



## THE CHALLENGE

More than 44% of families in our region struggle to afford quality childcare programs and out-of-school support. Many families also struggle to afford books. Studies show that students from low-income families are more likely to fall behind in reading and learning, preventing them from success in school and in life.

## OUR SOLUTION

Children thrive when they have access to safe, supportive and enriching environments. We help families access quality childcare, wrap around services and expanded learning opportunities. By focusing on literacy and STEAM supports in classrooms, out-of-school time programming, and a community-based approach to learning and teaching, we work toward more beneficial outcomes that prepare children to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

## PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- Ready. Set. GO! Weekend Food Bags
- Ready. Set. GO! Clothing & Hygiene
- Ready. Set. READ!
- Think Make Create (TMC) STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Trailer
- Power of \$10 Children Food Programs

## OUR IMPACT



**More than  
37,000 books**  
were distributed  
to K-6 students through  
Ready. Set. READ!



Community partners can  
bring hands-on  
learning to students with our  
TMC STEAM Trailer, which offers  
over 200 STEM activities for  
grades K-12.



**4,542  
backpacks**  
were delivered  
to students to  
ensure they have food over  
the weekend.



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“Speaking with many of the families we have helped with the Ready. Set. GO! Weekend Food Bags, the response is always a heartfelt thank you and appreciation that we are there to support them even in their darkest hour.”

**Nick Browneller,**  
School Counselor

\$10 a week can send a Ready. Set. GO! Weekend Food Bag home with a student, ensuring they don't go hungry over the weekend.