

# Future Foundation

READY TO STEP UP

## Who We Are

The Future Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides two-generation services to interrupt generational poverty. Through our Second Family afterschool model, we serve students in grades 6–12 and their families, empowering them to address the needs they see in their communities.

We work with youth to elevate their voice, support their academic success, and reinforce the skills they need to thrive in adulthood. We actively invite families to shape how Future Foundation serves students and we coordinate with local community organizations to deliver services. In this way, we build a foundation for a better future for us all.

## What We Do

Our collaborative Second Family model supports students in Atlanta-area schools by addressing—

ACADEMIC,  
RELATIONSHIP,  
AND LIFE SKILLS

FAMILY  
ENGAGEMENT

SOCIAL-  
EMOTIONAL  
WELL-BEING

WHOLE-SELF  
HEALTH

*"What I really love about Future Foundation is that they are very kind teachers...[who] help us with our homework... and they teach different stuff like being careful in life and making sure you are doing the right thing in life."*

— ANIYAH, FUTURE FOUNDATION YOUTH AMBASSADOR

*"At the time [my family and I were introduced to Future Foundation] I only thought that this was a no-cost after school care program that would assist with transportation and be a safe haven for my daughter while I worked late hours. However, we were introduced to something much larger than what we expected; we met a second family!"*

— BRIANNA HOOD, PARENT OF FUTURE FOUNDATION YOUTH AMBASSADOR

*"I love Future Foundation because of the staff. They are fun. I also like Future Foundation because it gives my mommy time to pick me up after she gets off work and I don't have to worry about where I will be after school. And the kids are fun."*

— JETT, FUTURE FOUNDATION YOUTH AMBASSADOR

*"I consider Future Foundation a kitchen table for [students]. In traditional homes, so much happens around the kitchen table. [For example] kids talk, they get encouragement... do their homework... Future Foundation offers that to our kids who, oftentimes, do not have the kitchen table experience."*

— BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR



# Future Foundation Is Evaluation Ready

The Annie E. Casey Foundation invested in Future Foundation as a Building Evidence to Advance Equity grantee to build evaluation capacity.

Being evaluation ready means a program has the knowledge, skills, and practices to test the effectiveness of its services. Future Foundation has a solid foundation for evaluation based on its program logic model and fidelity tools to measure performance, and it is prepared for responsible and data-driven growth. The voices of students and families are at the center of Future Foundation's decision-making and guide all evaluation and programmatic planning.

Solomon Shomade,  
Future Foundation  
Collegiate Intern with  
Future Foundation  
co-Founder, Shareef  
Abdur-Rahim



## Accomplishments

Since the Future Foundation was founded in 2001, we have impacted over 30,000 students and families. Our most recent accomplishments include—



**100% high school graduation rate** for students (compared to 80.6% for nonparticipants)<sup>1</sup>



**Over half of students improved their math and English language arts grades<sup>2</sup>**



**Over 2/3 of students reported improved social and emotional wellness and decreased risky behaviors<sup>2</sup>**



**Almost all parents reported improved communication with their children about academics (80%) and risky behaviors (90%)<sup>2</sup>**



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