

Organization Name	Organization Details	Title of Program/Project	Explanation the program/project.
College Mentors for Kids INC	College Mentors for Kids matches first through sixth grade elementary school children with college student mentors. The mentor program typically takes place on a university campus, after school, once a week. Anderson University college students continue to mentor youth from Anderson Elementary School during the 2020-21 school year. Of those elementary students, 67% live in poverty and low-income households and 18% of those households are single-parent. 50% of these child participants are potential first-generation college students. As little buddies participate in the program, they are exposed to positive role models and experiential growth opportunities. College Mentors exposes children to higher education and helps them succeed in life. They discover new careers and learn the value of working hard in school today so they can achieve their goals in the future.	Anderson Community Schools/Anderson University Chapter	As a result of COVID-19 restrictions, we have shifted to a virtual program, College Mentors at Home. Buddy pairs connect virtually in a group setting through video chats. It also includes the option for virtually completing at-home activities together. Additionally, little buddies and mentors have the opportunity to virtually visit other college campuses around the country through our "College Mentors Live" program. These activities mirror our traditional program in addition to little buddies focusing primarily on their "home" campus at Anderson University, they will also learn about new campuses and communities on their own, widening their perspectives on the many options for higher education.
East Central Indiana CASA	CASA believes that every child has the right to a safe, permanent home. CASA trains, equips and supervises volunteers who provide hundreds of neglected, abused, and exploited children in Madison County age 0-18 years of age with a voice and friend in the court process. Advocates are the voice in the court for the abused/neglected children, and they look out solely for the child's best interests. A CASA volunteer thoroughly examines a child's case and makes recommendations to the judge. Volunteers are trained to advocate, investigate, evaluate and monitor with respect to what is in the best interest of the child. CASA's goal is to get the child into a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible where they can thrive, and are no longer living a life in abuse or lingering in a massive child welfare system.	Child Advocacy & Visitation Project	Each year there is an increasing percentage of our abused and/or neglected children placed in foster homes outside of the Madison County community. This is due to the increase in cases, and the lack of foster homes in our own community and surrounding areas. These placements create a hardship on the agency because volunteers are expected to see the child a minimum of once a month, and they are driving to all corners of the State of visit with our children. From this project will go towards covering mileage costs for volunteers and staff advocates to visit these vulnerable children who are placed far away from homes. Some of these children who are placed a distance away are some of our most severe and difficult cases. It isn't fair that they would not have an advocate due to their placement situation. Some are placed in residential facilities that are far away and make it difficult for visitors to visit. Advocates provide needed additional support to these children during their stay in residential facilities. The new Juvenile Court Judge, Steve Koester, has also expressed to the agency in recent weeks that he would like to help the agency obtain funding to reimburse volunteers for travel when needed because he feels this can be an obstacle for volunteers, which could hurt our youth if they don't have an advocate assigned. Lack of foster homes in our own community and surrounding areas.
Operation Love Ministries Inc.	Operation Love Ministries (OLM) serves Madison County families in need by providing help for today and hope for tomorrow through programs that meet multiple needs. OLM serves over 6,500 individuals annually through a food, clothing, and household goods pantry, human services programs and client guidance (including utilities, pharmaceutical and other emergency financial assistance), and children's services including the Back to School Assistance Program and Christmas Wishes Program. Through these many services, along with referrals to partnering agencies, Operation Love helps families overcome their pressing needs and guides them towards long-term planning through sustainability plans designed to address, resolve, and prevent long-term poverty.	Back to School Assistance Program	Through OLM's annual Back To School Assistance Program, over 100 children in need can receive a bookbag, school supplies, and a visit to our clothing store to prepare for the first day of school. Families must complete an application process and qualify as low-income to receive assistance. This program is an entry point into longer-term services such as the Financial Sustainability Programs and Human Services Community Care Team who work to create budgets, savings plans, and help families navigate sometimes complex community resources. These programs not only make sure basic needs are met, but help families create a future needs and goals that leads them out of poverty.
Redefined Life	Redefined Life, Inc., is a non-profit organization that establishes mentoring communities that prepares young men ages 12 - 18 to meet the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood. Our mentoring model seeks to use existing community resources (e.g., adult mentors, civic leaders, and local businesses) that are integrated and re-positioned to build a local mentoring community (The Village) to achieve higher academic performance and to mitigate delinquent behavioral issues, such as drug use, risky sexual behaviors, and behaviors that contribute to injury and violence.	The Village Mentoring Community	The Village is a mentoring community that is specifically designed to help young men redefine their lives through exposure, education, engagement, & encouragement. Our model emulates that of a college fraternity or sorority, in that, it creates a life-long community network around each youth involved in the program. There are two components of our model: An 18-week mentoring program and a mentoring community. Students join the mentoring program by application or referral by a school, parent, or social agency. To be a part of the community, a mentee must graduate from the mentoring program called R.I.S.E. (Redefining Identity through Service & Empowerment). The program is based on The Manhood Project Curriculum by Life Coach Phil Black. The second component of our model, and what makes our program unique, is the mentoring community. Rather than a student graduating out of the program, they graduate into a mentoring community, The Village, which consists of small groups called Tribes. A tribe consists of 2 adult mentors and 3 alumni. The Village serves as the continuous connection between the student and the organization.
William Harvey Dance Academy, INC	William Harvey Dance Academy is a dance program founded in August 2015 and established as a non-profit organization in July 2020. We provide dance classes to boys and girls of all ages teaching various forms of dance including Jazz, hip-hop, liturgical, musical theater, ballet and more at no cost to parents.	Dance Academy Location Expenses	Due to the pandemic our practice space has been closed and we have been forced to stop teaching. However, we have recently partnered with Livrite Fitness center to assist us with a space to continue our program. With this funding we will be able to pay for space and provide proper dance shoes and uniform for our children. We are also able to use this funding to promote awareness of our program to get more children involved.