

## RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

### COVID-19 Final Report for Jefferson County Youth Organization (Non-RHIP) “Helping Jefferson County Youth During the Pandemic”



#### Summary of Results:

- The community has asked us to offer full-day programming until our schools can reopen. Usually we are open 3–5:30 during the school year; now we are open 7:30–5 to meet the needs of our community.
- The social and emotional impact of the pandemic on our kids is well documented and another reason we expanded our operating hours.
- The Kids Club works hard to remove any barriers for our families and kids. We do not support increasing membership fees for our families due to the challenges they already faced before the pandemic, not to mention the current impact of the pandemic on our families.
- Other disparities include persistent poverty, language barriers, unemployment, and the spread of COVID-19.
- Our targeted approaches include extending the hours of operation until our schools reopen, offering virtual school access for our kids, providing meals and active play, addressing the social and emotional well-being of our kids, and providing a safe environment for our kids.
- The key outcome is that the Kids Club has continued to offer a robust program that creates a strong academic success rate within our community, promotes healthy kids, and helps kids build character and citizenship during the pandemic.

#### Story/Quote:

**“Having the Kids Club open during the day is critical for our kids and families during the pandemic. Having a place to go each day that provides a snack, healthy meal and help with their schoolwork is making a big impact and helping our kids through the challenges they are facing,”**

**-Operations Manager Caren Pilkington.**