

ANYTOWN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**HEATHER
CHECKY**

Executive Director

It is nothing short of a gift to lead this organization.

When I think about the many incredible experiences I've had in my life, Anytown stands among the most meaningful.

Every day I wake up in awe that I get to do this work. That I've been entrusted with something that carries nearly 70 years of history. Something that has shaped the lives of thousands of young people. It's a responsibility I never take lightly.

Since 1957, Anytown has helped thousands of delegates discover their voice, build meaningful relationships and grow as leaders. This year, we were honored to welcome 58 more young leaders into that legacy.

We are also excited about what's ahead. This year, we reached more than 200 additional students through our school and community workshops, extending Anytown's impact beyond our weeklong leadership camp. In the coming year, we hope to reach even more young people and continue creating spaces where they can grow as leaders, build meaningful relationships and discover the power of community.

None of this would be possible without the volunteers, families, donors and community partners who believe in this mission. Thank you for helping make Anytown what it is today and for believing in the young people who will shape tomorrow.

I can't think of a better way to close than with the words of our delegate, Anna, a student at Alhambra High School:

"Anytown has had such a positive impact on me. I feel more empowered to go out into the world and make a positive difference. I hope Anytown continues for 100 more years until we make a real, lasting change."



ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

MISSION

Anytown Leadership Program is a human relations organization dedicated to embracing, educating and empowering leaders to cultivate inclusive communities.

VISION

We envision a just and equitable society that celebrates, appreciates and affirms all people.

2025-26 BY THE NUMBERS



58 LEADERS ATTENDED
ANYTOWN LEADERSHIP
CAMP

50+ HOURS OF LEADERSHIP
TRAINING

20+ SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

10+ RACIAL AND ETHNIC
IDENTITIES REPRESENTED

15+ LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY
DELEGATES

40 DELEGATES RECEIVED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

200+ YOUTH REACHED
THROUGH
WORKSHOPS

\$23,400 AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS



IMPACT

OUR DELEGATES REPORT

Based on responses to the 2026 post-camp delegate survey.

95%

Will use what they learned to make a positive impact in their community

95%

Better understand how words and actions can unintentionally hurt others

80%

More confident speaking up when they witness mistreatment

98%

Leadership skills grew or remained strong

98%

Would recommend Anytown to a friend

“I would rather go to Anytown than any other place in the world.”

A portrait of a woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a dark-colored top. The background is a solid, muted green color.

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GOALS
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 to hear my music;
 at least 1 song every single year;
 enough Spanish to understand
 friends and family;
 people by supporting them
 write, draw, photograph, etc.
 in a degree

*At Anytown, I never felt
like I didn't belong.*

The image shows a person holding two pieces of corrugated cardboard with handwritten goals. The person is wearing a red shirt with a white logo that says 'NYT' and 'DEVELOPING' below it. The left piece of cardboard has the following text:

- I want to explore a realistic passion.
- I hope to find peace
- I want to make connections
- I want for more people to plan to produce at
- I want to learn to communicate with
- I want to help people for them.
- Find the time to
- Graduate with

The right piece of cardboard has the following text:

GOALS

- Different areas to discover my true self.
- with my inner self.
- sections with as many people as I can.
- I want to hear my music.
- at least 1 song every single year.
- enough Spanish to understand friends and family.
- people by supporting them.
- write, draw, photograph, etc.
- in a degree

FROM OUR DELEGATES

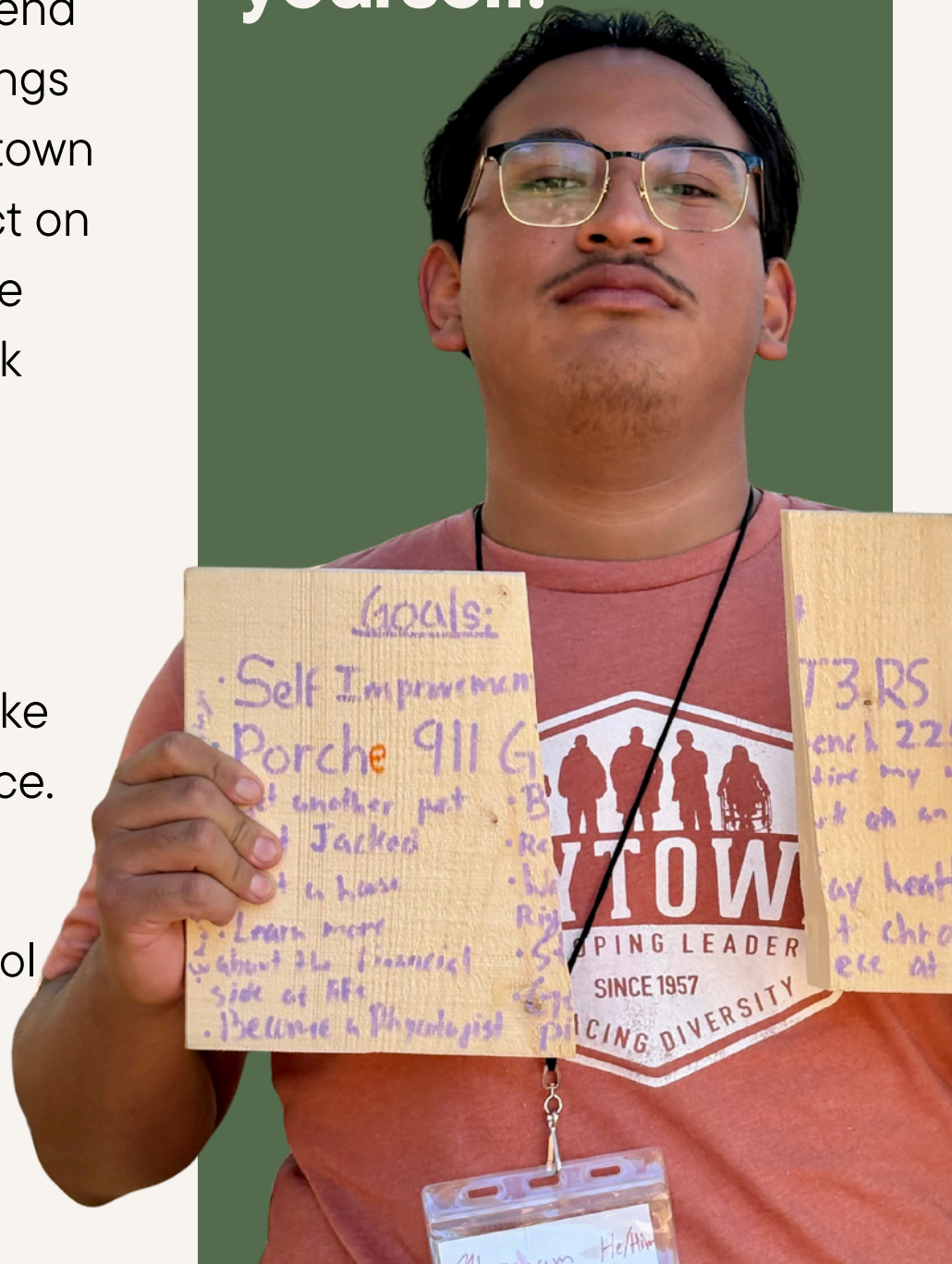
At first, I didn't want to go to camp. I thought it would be boring.

Now, I'm really grateful for the opportunity to attend and learn so many things here at Anytown. Anytown has had a great impact on my life because it gave me a safe space to talk about my feelings.

I'm really grateful for Anytown and its continued work to make the world a better place.

Abraham,
Metro Tech High School
Class of 2027

**“Anytown is a
safe space to be
yourself.”**



OUR VOLUNTEERS



24 Volunteer Staff

4,416 Hours Donated

9 Professional Backgrounds

Our volunteers included:

10 Current Students
5 Nonprofit Leaders
2 Teachers
2 School Counselor

2 Clinical Therapists
1 Registered Nurse
1 School Social Worker
1 Campaign Manager

Our volunteers bring diverse professional experiences but share one common purpose: investing in the next generation of leaders.

LOOKING AHEAD

EXPANDING OUR REACH

In 2026-2027, our goal is to bring Anytown beyond our weeklong leadership camp by expanding our school and community workshops. These programs help students build communication, leadership, and relationship skills in their own schools while introducing more young people to the Anytown experience. By partnering with schools and youth-serving organizations, we hope to reach hundreds of additional students throughout the year.

GROWING PARTNERSHIPS

Anytown has always been powered by volunteers, donors and a community that believes in young people. As we continue to grow, we're seeking sponsors, community partners and donors who want to invest in the next generation of leaders.

Whether through financial support, in-kind donations or corporate sponsorships, every partnership helps make leadership training accessible to more youth and expands our impact across Arizona.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Sponsor a delegate
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Connect us with a school or community organization
- Volunteer
- Make a donation

Together, we can ensure that every young person who wants to attend Anytown has the opportunity to do so.

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