



2023 Impact Report



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Impact

80% of scholars gained or maintained in their reading ability.

Scholars took home more than **12,100** books to build at-home libraries.

After attending Freedom School, **84%** of parents reported an increase in their child's love for reading.

FSP provided nearly **21,700** school supply and personal care items to scholars, families, community members and teachers.

34,000 meals were provided to scholars.



Servant Leader Interns

103 Summer Staff

78 Servant Leader Interns



Partners

12 Freedom School Sites

1,894 volunteers provided **6,800** hours of service



Scholars

653 Scholars Served

Voices of Freedom School



What are parents and families saying?

"My children couldn't stop talking about the stories read to them and the book choices. They also talked about the friends that they made. They felt like they belonged there and were accepted."

"My child grew to have a love of literacy after his first summer in the program."



"My scholar would come home after Freedom School excited to tell me the friends he made. ... He loved the books and was very happy to have a bunch of them sent home to read over the rest of the summer. We love Freedom School!"

What are Servant Leader Interns saying?

"I am now 10,000% sure I want to work with children. Also, FSP has really made me think about working in non-profits or working in education advocacy."



"I wasn't sure if I felt like education was the path for me, but I'm solidified in that choice now! I absolutely loved the experience, and I feel even more capable of facing challenges than I did before I started."



"This summer at Freedom School really opened my eyes to the realities of the achievement gap and how truly important and necessary this work is. Through this program, I also realized that there is true joy to be found in teaching and learning for both teachers and scholars."

Children's Defense Fund® Freedom Schools

are six-week summer literacy and character-building programs serving children who most need and can least afford summer learning opportunities. FSP utilizes the Integrated Reading Curriculum (IRC), that provides age-appropriate books reflective of our scholars' history and heritage.



Our Mission:

To inspire our scholars to love reading and learning, believe in themselves, and create extraordinary futures.

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