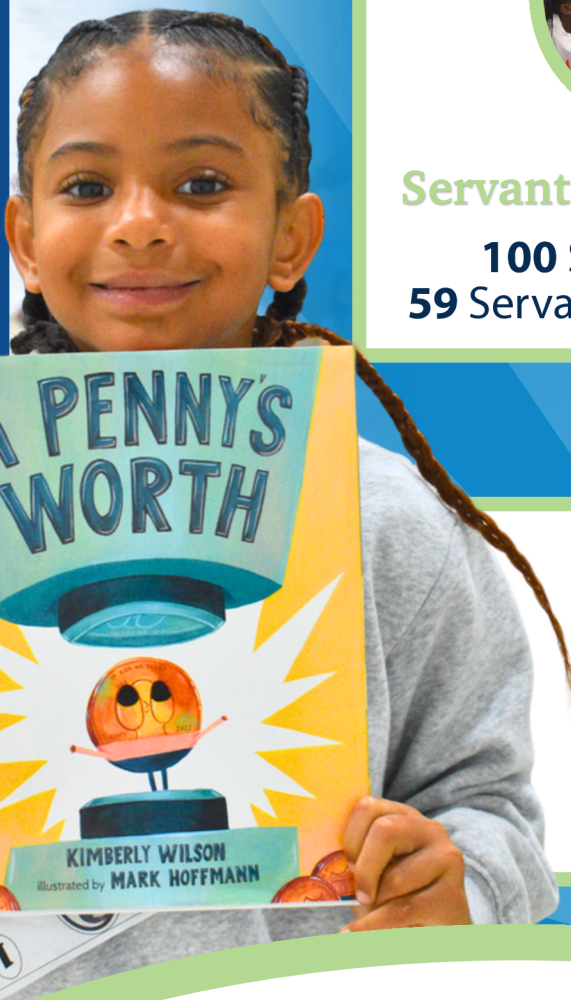




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2026 Impact Report



Servant Leader Interns

100 Summer Staff
59 Servant Leader Interns



Scholars

606 Scholars
Served this Summer

Partners

11 Freedom School Partner Sites
1,667 Volunteers provided
5,959 Hours of service



OUR IMPACT

82%

of scholars
maintained or
improved in their
reading ability.

Scholars took home
22+ books each
to build at-
home libraries.

After attending Freedom School,
91% of surveyed families
reported that their
child(ren) enjoyed attending.



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Voices of Freedom School

What are parents & families saying?

"I chose Freedom School to give my child more exposure to literacy. She struggled with literacy, and Freedom School has built her confidence since she's been here. Now she comes home wanting to read more. I definitely think Freedom School has had a very big impact on her literacy skills and her desire to read more at home."

Programs like this matter because summer slide is real. If kids don't have something structured and engaging to do, they fall behind. Having a safe, active space keeps kids connected to their peers and keeps their minds working, so they don't just lose all that progress when school's out.



What are Servant Leader Interns Saying?

"I would recommend this internship to another student because it's a life-changing experience. I would let them know that you create meaningful relationships with coworkers, the children we serve, and the staff overall. I would also say that it's a great opportunity to grow in various areas."

"This is an amazing opportunity, and I got so much joy from helping the scholars and knowing that I will be a part of their growth and future success."

"I gained valuable leadership skills, built meaningful relationships, and had the opportunity to make a positive impact on children's lives."

OUR MISSION

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

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.



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