

Annual Report 2024

# REGROUP. REFLECT. REIMAGINE.



# Dear OneJax **FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,**

On July 1, 2024 OneJax celebrated its first full year as an independent nonprofit agency since separating from the University of North Florida. It was a year that tested our resolve and commitment to provide high quality programming despite several transitions.

When our CEO left to take a new position in October of 2023, board member Patricia (Patti) McElroy, President of the VyStar Foundation, stepped up to steer the ship. We remain grateful to Patti for all of the time and attention she devoted to OneJax during those few months.

Our new CEO, Elizabeth Andersen, hit the ground running when she started on February 5. She is currently guiding OneJax through a strategic planning process that will chart our path for the next three years. We are, indeed, reimagining OneJax to build upon our 54-year legacy of promoting respect and understanding among all people in Jacksonville.

## **Some highlights of the year:**

- Our Sandy Miller OneYouth Programs delivered assorted leadership sessions to 1,183 middle and high school students. They learned more about themselves by learning more about each other.
- Adult programming and events touched more than 1,313 people through the Community Suppers program, the Interfaith Gratitude Service and special forums.
- The Humanitarian Awards event drew about 650 people and raised more money for our general operations than ever before in our history.

## **What does a reimagined OneJax look like?**

- More opportunities for direct community engagement—to talk and listen to one another—especially during this charged election season.
- Programs on re-learning how to agree to disagree, without the critical judgements and extremes that separate people, including a new and improved model for the community suppers called ***“Breaking Bread & Barriers—A Civil Discourse Community Supper.”***
- Greater collaboration with other nonprofits and city agencies on programs of mutual interest and value to the community.
- Convenings for faith leaders across the community to come together for fellowship and social impact.

The support we receive from you—our donors, sponsors and friends—helps keep us focused and grounded. We want to deliver the impact you believe we can make when we all work together to eliminate hate and become a more welcoming community where everyone belongs. Thank you for believing in us—and the possibilities that exist for our city. Imagine...



*Elizabeth*  
Elizabeth Andersen  
Chief Executive Officer



*Jerry Mallot*  
Jerry Mallot  
OneJax Board Chair

# REGROUP. Nothing but the Facts.



- 28% Corporate Giving
- 38.2% Individual Giving
- 26.21% Grants & Foundations
- 1.15% Misc., Interest & Other
- 0.97% Sandy Miller OneYouth
- 0.06% Nancy Broner Internship
- 0.18% Community Suppers
- 5.23% Together Strong Fund

- 31.23% Adult Programs (Interfaith & Community Education)
- 22.14% Sandy Miller OneYouth Programs
- 5.97% Development
- 15.55% Admin & Operations
- 17.57% Events
- 7.54% "I Am Jax" Campaign



**Net Income \$205,693**

**1,313 Adults**

## ATTENDED PROGRAMS

|   |            |
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| Interfaith Thanksgiving Gratitude Service | <b>255</b> |
| Honoree Reception                         | <b>52</b>  |
| Community Suppers                         | <b>119</b> |
| Humanitarian Awards                       | <b>650</b> |
| Brown vs. Board of Ed. 70th Anniversary   | <b>102</b> |
| Chaplain Conference                       | <b>135</b> |

**1,183 Youth**

## ATTENDED PROGRAMS

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| <b>CONNECT!</b>                    | <b>720</b> Students / <b>35</b> Programs         |
| <b>Metrotown-In-A-Day</b>          | <b>361</b> Students / <b>10</b> Programs         |
| <b>Leaders of United Diversity</b> | <b>38</b> Members / <b>6</b> Meetings            |
| <b>Metrotown</b>                   | <b>46</b> Middle School<br><b>18</b> High School |



# REFLECT. The Year at a Glance.



## OCTOBER 2023

**Hamas Attacks Israel.** Israel was attacked by Hamas and 200 hostages taken. Israel's retaliation has killed thousands of Palestinians in Gaza.



## FEBRUARY 2024

**Elizabeth Andersen Joins the OneJax Team.** Elizabeth Andersen takes the reins as she begins her role as the new OneJax CEO.



## MAY 2024

**Humanitarian Awards Event.** More than 650 people attended and celebrated the 2024 class of Humanitarians: Martha Baker, Bill Bond, Jeff Edwards, Rhianna Scyster and Brian Wolfburg.

## AUGUST 2023

**Dollar General Shooting.** The entire community was shaken by the racially-motivated killing of Angela Carr, "A.J." Laguerre, Jr. and Jerrald Gallion.



## NOVEMBER 2023

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Gratitude Service.** Hundreds looking for peace and understanding attended the OneJax service at St. Johns Cathedral.



## FEBRUARY 2024

**"I Am Jacksonville"** ad campaign (TV and outdoor media), ran for the second year, delivering 5.996M impressions to people all over town. Sponsored by a grant from THE PLAYERS.



# REIMAGINE. The Future.



For more than 40 years, the OneJax Sandy Miller Youth Programming has engaged with thousands of middle and high school students—future leaders of our community—exposing them to the concepts of leadership, inclusion, and self-discovery. Many still point to the OneJax programs as the experience that opened their eyes to new perspectives: we have more in common with each other than we have differences and those differences are to be celebrated. Everyone deserves respect and understanding; all people have value.

If you attended the Humanitarian Awards Event this past May, you had the privilege to listen to brief remarks by one of Jacksonville’s future leaders, Esha Kasavaraju. Esha became engaged with OneJax and is now a member of Leaders of United Diversity (LOUD), an on-going program for Metrotown graduates to remain engaged, participate in service projects and carry the messages of respect and understanding back into their schools and communities.

## Excerpts from Esha’s remarks:

“ *Metrotown and the OneJax youth programming have had a big impact on me. I’ve been provided so many opportunities to better understand myself and others. I know that we can come together, no matter what our differences may be, to accomplish positive and constructive things for our community.*

*“As a LOUD leader, I’ve been able to grow and flourish. OneJax brings so many people together and that allows us to talk, listen, and learn. And what’s made the greatest difference to me is how they help create an environment where everyone belongs. The love they show makes us want to walk into our communities every day and spread kindness in any way possible.*”



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