

# 2024

## Annual Report



**A Year of Service, Hope, and Impact**



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# Building A Legacy

## of Impact and Growth



Over the past year, **Doing What We Dream** has seen remarkable growth and success, driven by our unwavering commitment to making a tangible difference in the community. From empowering youth with life skills and mentorship to supporting families through community-centered events, our efforts are shaping brighter futures for all. The impact of our initiatives is evident not only in the lives we've touched but also in the strengthened bonds within our community. By addressing immediate needs and fostering long-term resilience, we are laying the foundation for sustainable change.

The work we do is more than just a service - it's a movement to uplift, inspire, and unify. We believe that investing in the potential of our youth and supporting families creates ripples of positive change that extend throughout the community. As we look to the future, our focus remains steadfast: to expand our reach, amplify our impact, and continue building a community where dreams are nurtured, and possibilities are endless. Together, we are not just making a difference - we are creating a legacy!

**“Building Futures...  
One Dream at a Time”**



# A Letter From The Founder/CEO



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the journey of Doing What We Dream this past year, my heart is filled with gratitude and purpose. This organization was born out of a deep passion for empowering the next generation to believe in the power of their dreams while equipping them with the tools to achieve them. I founded **Doing What We Dream** because I recognize the challenges our youth face and the vital role we all play in shaping their futures. Our mission goes beyond inspiring dreams; it's about fostering a generation of young leaders who are active in their communities, academically thriving, and committed to building a brighter tomorrow.

The importance of an organization like ours cannot be overstated in today's world. This generation of youth needs guidance, encouragement, and opportunities to become the leaders our communities desperately need. We are dedicated to instilling values of service, leadership, and resilience while providing the resources they need to succeed academically and socially. Our vision is not just to support them in their journey but to cultivate an environment where their success creates a ripple effect, positively impacting the communities they serve.

Over the past year, we have been blessed to host impactful events that have touched the lives of many. Our Dream Community Day brought families together, celebrating unity and shared purpose. The Dream Walk, a heartfelt 5K event, allowed us to honor youth who could not fulfill their dreams, inspiring participants to carry forward their legacies. At our Back2School Bash, we provided essential supplies to prepare students for the academic year, while our Holiday Toy Drive ensured joy and smiles for children during the festive season. These moments remind us why we do what we do and motivate us to dream even bigger.

Looking ahead, I see nothing but promise and potential. The success we envision for **Doing What We Dream** is deeply rooted in the support of incredible individuals like you. Your generosity, encouragement, and belief in our mission have been the foundation of everything we've accomplished, and they will continue to be the driving force behind our future endeavors.

Thank you to everyone who has played a role in shaping **Doing What We Dream** - whether by attending events, volunteering your time, or providing financial assistance or resources. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are excited about the journey ahead. To those who will join us in the future, we welcome you with open arms to be part of this movement of hope, empowerment, and transformation. Together, we are shaping a future filled with endless possibilities for our youth and communities.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Larry A. Beaufort Jr.  
Founder/CEO



# Vision And Mission

## Vision

- Our **VISION** is to foster a vibrant community where youth not only believe in the power of their dreams but actively work to make their community a better place. By equipping young individuals with tools, opportunities, and a strong sense of responsibility, we aim to empower them to shape their futures while contributing meaningfully to society.
- Our **Vision** underscores the transformative power of dreams combined with active community involvement. By equipping youth to pursue their aspirations while fostering a sense of social responsibility, we create a ripple effect that strengthens individuals and uplifts communities, shaping a brighter, more unified future.

## Mission

- Our **MISSION** is to inspire and empower youth to pursue their dreams with purpose and confidence while instilling a commitment to community engagement. We are dedicated to creating an environment where young individuals grow into leaders who uplift their communities and build a future full of possibilities.
- Our **Mission** bridges personal growth and community betterment, ensuring youth are empowered to reach their potential while inspiring them to give back. This dual focus cultivates leaders who not only achieve success but also create lasting positive change for generations to come.

# Meet Our Team



**LARRY A. BEAUFORT JR.**  
FOUNDER/CEO

He believes in “Making A Difference”. Passionate about helping others fulfill their dreams. He is a dedicated family man, bringing the same love and commitment to his work.



**KENDRA SMITH**  
ASST. DIRECTOR / VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Kendra is a 2024 Recipient of the FCSW Spirit of Community Award. She is a licensed life-coach and counselor. She excels in guiding others to rebuild and reposition their lives. Her dedication is matched by her love for family, which fuels her mission.



**CETERA GRANT-LOPES**  
EVENT COORDINATOR

Cetera inspires others to DREAM BIG and achieve their goals. A devoted wife and mother, she blends compassion and determination in service to her community.



# Lighting The Path To Success...

This is just the beginning for ***Doing What We Dream***, as we focus on empowering each youth to navigate their unique path to success. We understand that success looks different for everyone, and our mission is to serve as a guiding light and source of encouragement on their journeys. By nurturing leadership potential and inspiring a commitment to community, we aim to help our youth create a brighter future - not just for themselves but for generations to come. Together, we are shaping tomorrow's leaders today!

Our commitment goes beyond individual success. We strive to instill a sense of responsibility and passion for community building within every young person we support. By fostering a culture of service and leadership, we aim to empower our youth to create a lasting, positive change in their communities, ensuring a legacy of hope, progress, and opportunity for future generations.

**“We Are  
Dreaming FORWARD”**





# Financial Overview: Fueling The Dream

	2024
Income	\$10,000
Expenses	\$9,500
In-Kind Donations	\$6,000

The success of ***Doing What We Dream*** in 2024 is a statement to the incredible contributions of our donors and supporters. Every donation, no matter the size, has helped us build programs, host impactful events, and directly support youth and families in need. Your generosity has allowed us to turn dreams into action and vision into reality.

As CEO, I also chose to financially support ***Doing What We Dream*** because I believe in our mission. When finances were not flowing regularly, I stepped in to show my commitment to the ***DREAM*** and ensure our programs continued uninterrupted. My investment reflects my belief in the limitless potential of this organization to change lives and inspire futures. Together, we are making a difference, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished.



# One Year Review: A Beacon of Possibility

As we reflect on 2024, **Doing What We Dream** has proven to be more than just organization - it's a catalyst for change in the lives of youth, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. We are a game-changer, empowering youth to see beyond their current circumstances and embrace the possibilities ahead. Our goal has always been to make a difference, even if it means changing just one life. Every story of transformation and every step forward fuels our drive to inspire, motivate, and uplift.

My journey to founding **Doing What We Dream** is deeply personal. In high school, my mentor Dr. Sonji Leach, introduced me to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Future mentorship program. That experience set me on a path of discovery and growth, ultimately leading to this very organization. My journey was unconventional - I entered the workforce before completing my education, but achieved my Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management in 2023, at the age of 37. That milestone reinforced my belief that dreams are attainable through determination and effort, a lesson I aim to pass one to the next generation.

This year, we've seen incredible momentum. From hosting impactful events to supporting families in need and celebrating the achievements of many youth, our work has just begun, **Doing What We Dream** is more than an organization - it's a light, a guide, and a source of encouragement for youth and their families.

As we look toward 2025, we see a year of growth and development. We believe in the endless potential of our youth and the boundless opportunities for our organization. **Doing What We Dream** is building leaders, making a difference, and showing that with hard work, dreams truly can become a reality.

This is only the beginning. Together, we are shaping the future and inspiring generations to dream big and achieve even bigger.

**CHECK OUT OUR 2024 YEAR:**



# Dream Community Day

Our **Dream Community Day** was an unforgettable celebration of community connection and fun. It was held at Oakleaf High School in Orange Park, FL on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Families from all over the community came together to enjoy an exciting variety of activities, including vendors and food trucks offering delicious treats, a captivating reptile encounter, and a blood drive to support local healthcare needs. Children had a blast with face painting, bounce houses, and other engaging activities. This event highlighted the importance of fostering relationships within our community, encouraging everyone to come out, support one another, and share in the joy of giving back!





# The Dream Walk



The ***Dream Walk*** was more than just a 5K walk/run event; it was a powerful demonstration of unity and hope. Participants came together to honor the dreams of youth who have faced challenges and whose dreams were cut short due to illness or untimely death. As a community, we walked in unity for their dreams, symbolizing our commitment to honoring their legacy and inspiring hope. This event reminded us all of the importance of standing together to ensure every child's dreams are celebrated, even if they were unable to fulfill them. The ***Dream Walk***, again, was not just an event but a powerful statement of love, remembrance, and collective purpose.





# Back2School Bash

Thanks to your incredible support, the Back2School Bash made a tangible impact on students in Duval and Clay Counties (Florida). We provided 200 backpacks filled with essential school supplies, ensuring kids started the school year with confidence and readiness to succeed. Beyond the supplies, this event highlighted the community's belief in the potential of every student and the power of coming together to uplift our youth. The day was filled with encouragement, hope, and the promise of a brighter future for all.





# Honor Rows

## with the Jacksonville Jaguars

Thanks to the wonderful hometown team, Jacksonville Jaguars, we were able to celebrate the academic successes of some of our youth by giving them a memorable game-day experience through their Honor Rows program. This special outing was more than a reward; it was a way to inspire and reinforce the importance of hard work and determination. By showing our youth they are valued and supported, we continue to build their confidence and motivation to excel in every aspect of their lives.





# Holiday Toy Drive

The Holiday Toy (Stocking) Drive brought smiles and joy to over 100 children in our community. Stockings brimming with toys and treats lit up faces and warmed hearts, reminding families that they are cherished during the holiday season. Additionally, we extended this effort to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, where we delivered stockings to the 40 children they are currently housing. This event emphasized our mission to bring joy and hope, making the holidays brighter for children and families in need.





# Jumping Into 2025

with BIG DREAMS!

We're thrilled to share some of our exciting plans for 2025!

- January - June: **Entrepreneurship Challenge** - teaching youth how to build and pitch their business ideas.
- February 15, 2025: **Share The Love Community Festival** - Our goal to unite the community with games, food and fun for all ages.
- May 2025: **2nd Annual "The Dream Walk"**
- August 2025: **2nd Annual "Back2School Bash"** - Bigger and Better!
- December 2025: **2nd Annual "Holiday Toy Drive"**

We're also planning college tours for our Juniors and Seniors, aiming to join the Jacksonville Jaguars Honor Rows again, and launching our Scholarship Program to award scholarships to two exceptional seniors who excel academically and in their community!

Join us in making 2025 unforgettable. Your support is the key to our success. Together, we can inspire, empower, and build a brighter future!

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One Dream at a Time"**



# The Heart of our Success



“Gratitude fills our hearts as we reflect on the unwavering support we’ve received. Thank you for believing in our mission and standing with us to make dreams a reality. Your kindness fuels our purpose and inspires us to keep striving for a brighter tomorrow!”



To all of our sponsors, donors, supporters, and volunteers: **THANK YOU!** Your hard work, generosity, and dedication have made 2024 a truly amazing year for **Doing What We Dream**. Your contributions have fueled our mission to empower youth, inspire change, and strengthen our community. Without your support, the events, the programs, or the assistance that have touched so many lives this year would not have been possible.

As we move into 2025, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can create even greater opportunities for youth, shape stronger communities, and inspire brighter futures. Your unwavering belief in our vision makes everything we do possible, and for that, we are deeply grateful!

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| • Calvary Chapel West Jacksonville      | • Tampa Bay Buccaneers           | • Student Transportation of America | • Gena Colley                            | • Sierra & Anthony Ford    |
| • Main Event Jacksonville               | • Congaree and Penn              | • LifeSouth Blood Center            | • Renaldo Leon                           | • Chick Fil A Oakleaf      |
| • The Hayden Hurst Foundation           | • St. Aug Alligator Farm         | • Lucas Honda of Jacksonville       | • Sharday Chavers                        | • Skate Station            |
| • KendraO Life Coaching                 | • Jax “Hands On” Children Musuem | • A Splash of Bling                 | • Shelay Jackson                         | • Rita Nelson              |
| • MaryEllen Willis Foundation           | • 4 Rivers Smokehouse            | • Unicorn Donuts                    | • Sean Brewton                           | • Gary Johnson             |
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| • Amanda’s Designs                      | • WaWa                           | • Tre’Shawna Evens                  | • Shacara Canty-Mikell                   | • Lisa Campbell            |
| • Queen K’s BBQ & Cupcakes              | • Circle K                       | • Casey Brand Realtor               | • Indie Brooks                           | • Kendrick Lonon           |
| • The JoyFM Jacksonville Icemen         | • Jax Zoo & Gardens              | • Morita Andrew                     | • Antwan Jordan                          | • Lauren Odom              |
| • Niagara Bottling Jacksonville Jaguars | • 4imprint                       | • Pitbull Coffee Co.                | • Vernon Moore                           | • Tequisha Robinson        |
|   | • Smallcakes Jax                 | • Scoops of Favors                  | • Mark & Susie Patterson                 | • Ryan Clark               |
|   | • Grumpy’s Restaurant            | • Bellwether                        | • Clay County Fair Zeffy                 | • Tshika Mbayabo           |
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# Extra, Extra

Read All About It!!!

Thanks to Kyla Woodard and the incredible team at Clay Today, we were thrilled to be featured in their weekly newspaper! This opportunity was a milestone for our organization, allowing us to share our story with the community we love. Having our journey highlighted was a truly special moment in our first year. If you haven't read the article yet, don't miss out! Scan the QR Code to dive into our story and see how Doing What We Dream is making an impact.

**Making Our Dreams  
A REALITY!**



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