



## Accelerate: A Decade of Impact

### 2015-2023

- 247 pitches presented
  - 23 people have pitched more than once
- 4,000+ attendees

### Pitch impact (with pitch title and year)

- Thousands of students have been exposed to literacy through the distribution of 2,000+ free comics and hosting of 7 literacy lounges and pop-ups; and the project secured ARPA funding from Cuyahoga County to help create an LLC to sustain the work ... Comics at the Corner (2023)
- 60+ blocks of Cleveland neighborhoods were beautified with 600 flowers and 500 bags of mulch, and 250 students and teachers participated in 7 litter reduction courses in partnership with 18 schools and organizations ... Clean and Beautiful Neighborhoods (2023)
- Hundreds of students are addressing stress, gaining DJ skills, and finding opportunities to use those skills publicly through a project that later took first place at SEA Change NEO competition and used that prize to purchase more equipment ... Soundbender Institute (2023)
- A pilot program with Cuyahoga County Public Library is helping community members learn the fundamentals of social entrepreneurship and use those lessons to make an impact ... Impact Academy (2023)
- 40 consignors are able to provide clean, usable goods to families and children in hospitals and at social service agencies ... Making the Complainable Sustainable (2023)
- More than 1,000 individuals have learned to move mindfully forward in the presence of anxiety by participating in beekeeping ... Bee Brave (2022)
- A new pipeline is helping BIPOC and first-generation college students enter the field of education through a partnership with Cleveland Metropolitan School District and John Carroll University that addresses the low percentage of BIPOC K-12 teachers ... Read Like Me (2021)
- 3,000+ Coping Boxes are exposing youth and their families to healthy coping mechanisms in the face of anxiety, anger, stress, and other emotions; partnerships with 37 hospitals, schools, churches, and rehab centers are addressing mental health; and a curriculum was developed reaching 500+ youth and 300+ teachers ... Project Coping Box (2021)
- 3,500 youth in 7 Cleveland school districts and beyond have gained new life skills, and 50,000 neckties were donated for young men as part of their youth mentorship program ... 1,000 Ties (2020)
- 1,000+ stories of inspiration and hope have been shared to bear witness, build community, and honor resilience, and a book was published to further help people connect, feel hope, and become inspired ...





Never, Ever Give Up (2019)

- More than 50 youth have launched or expanded businesses to sell products and services they create ... Teen Entrepreneur Pop-Up Shops (2018)
- Library visits and take-home materials are welcoming to children of all abilities through an adaptive toy library and sensory kits at Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library ... Special Needs Resource Library (2018)
- 4,000+ students and their families have been able to pursue a path to college after thinking college was not an option ... Getting Our Babies to College 101 (2017)
- 6,000+ families with pre-school age children were provided simple tools to learn literacy, numeracy, and other skills that would help them become kindergarten-ready ... KinderKits (2016)
- More than 5,000 readers and writers per year attend 200+ literary programs offered by Lit Cleveland to develop writers, amplify voices, and transform our community through storytelling ... A Celebration of Words (2015)
- More than 160 people have received training for lucrative careers through Cleveland Codes Software Developers Academy at Tri-C ... Cleveland Codes (2015)