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CIRCLE INC

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2023

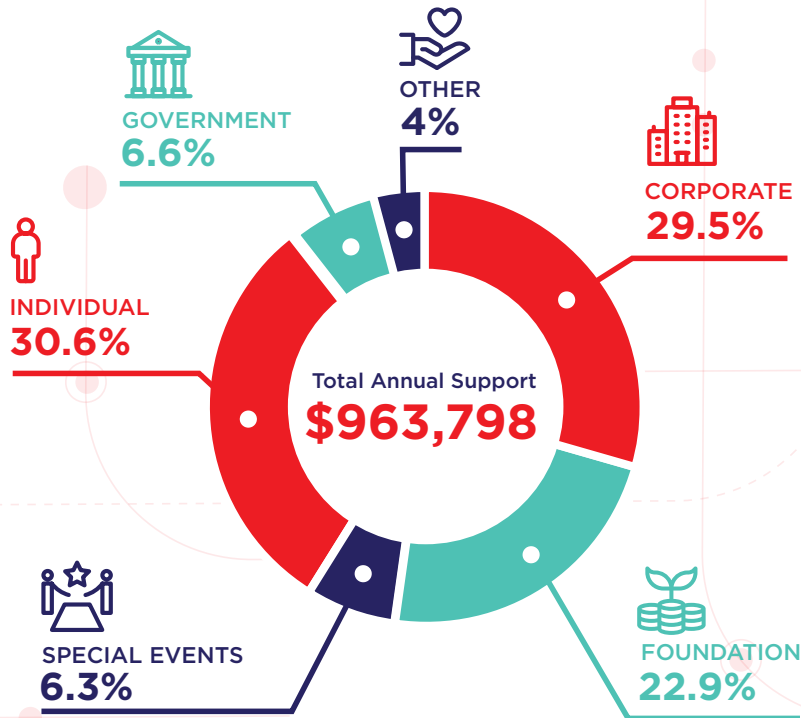
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Number of donors

246 

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365 



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INCLUDES



MISSION

Building a community experience that connects all people with Cleveland's center of culture, healing, and learning.

VISION

A University Circle that is a vibrant and complete neighborhood without borders.

VALUES

Trust, Integrity, Community,
and Collaboration

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CELEBRATING THE DISTRICT

Your generosity played a pivotal role in our capacity to energize and care for University Circle.

1



ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

With input from the community, we advocated for and advanced the **planning and implementation of three resurfacing projects.**

- Adelbert Road
- E. 105th Street
- Ansel Road

2

NURTURING A THRIVING NEIGHBORHOOD

We were excited to welcome **three new small businesses** to the neighborhood and look forward to supporting their success through our place management and promotion of the district.



CREPES N' CRISPS



ODD DOG COFFEE



NEW MILLENNIUM
STUDIO



3

EXPANDING THE TREE CANOPY

For the past 5+ years, along with other partners, UCI has been engaging in an active effort to maintain and expand the neighborhood's tree canopy.

Planted **8** new trees
on Wade Oval



Created a preservation plan for
40+ existing trees on Wade Oval



Planted and cared for **20**
new trees in Rockefeller Park



4

BUILDING COMMUNITY SPACE AT ROCKEFELLER PARK

With our partners, UCI celebrated the completion and dedication of the **Jesse Owens Olympic Oak Plaza**. This plaza honors the legacy of Jesse Owens through public art installations surrounding the Jesse Owens Olympic Oak tree.

5

PROMOTING THE BEAUTY OF THE CIRCLE

UCI's new Cherry Blossom Tracker resulted in **12,000 visits** to Wade Lagoon during the spring of 2023. This was a **175% increase in visitors** from 2022 during cherry blossom season.

6

ACTIVATING WADE OVAL

PARADE THE CIRCLE AND CIRCLE VILLAGE

1ST

year back since the pandemic

6

hours of arts, culture, and fun

30K

visitors and spectators

9

food vendors and 24 Circle Village partners

YAY! SATURDAYS

41%

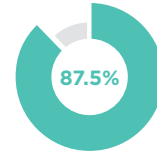
INCREASE

in attendance from 2022

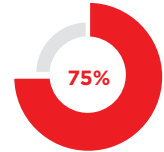
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unique community partners with 10 on-site each week

WOW! WADE OVAL WEDNESDAYS



of headlining performances were minority, LGBTQ, or Woman-led

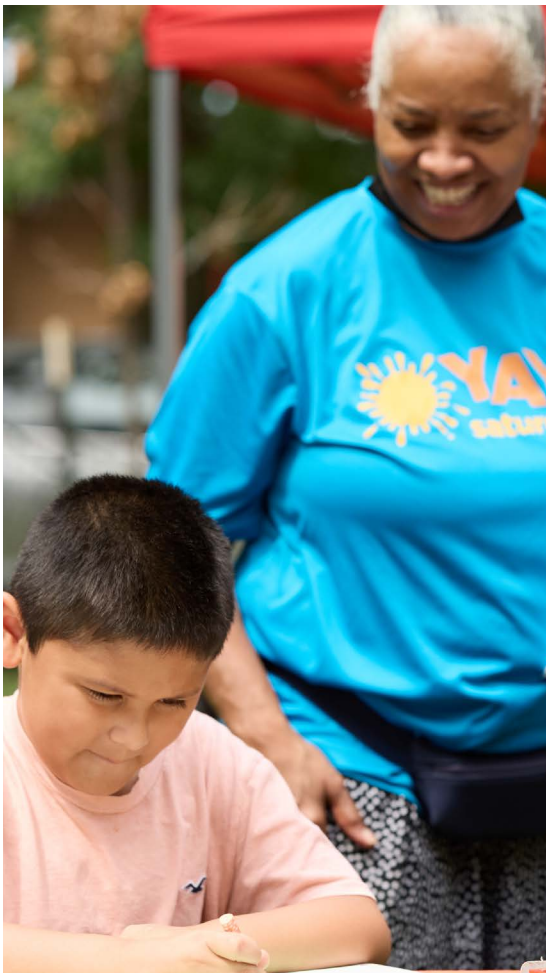


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RESTORING AND EXPANDING THE MAGNOLIA HOUSE

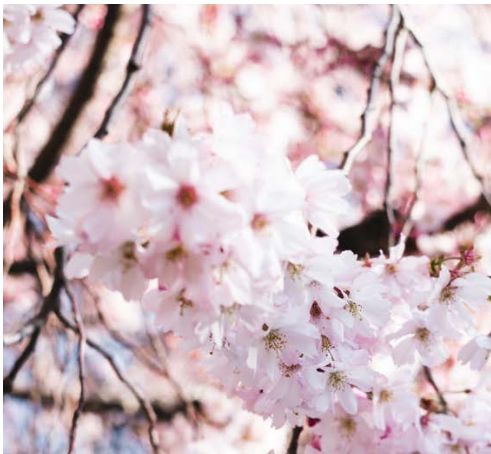
We broke ground on a renovation and expansion project at our Magnolia Drive headquarters. This renovation will provide a dedicated community gathering space, allowing UCI to **strengthen relationships with the community and provide an approachable space for engagement**. In addition, we are pleased to include **green infrastructure improvements** in the new parking lot, including permeable pavers and on-site stormwater retention.



DISCOVERY ZONE AT YAY! SATURDAYS



JESSE OWENS - OLYMPIC OAK PLAZA



CHERRY BLOSSOM AT WADE LAAGOON



COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASS



GRACE - UNIVERSITY CIRCLE'S NEWEST FURRY FRIEND



FIELD TRIP TO SHAKER LAKES



PARADE THE CIRCLE



FREE SUMMER CONCERTS ON WADE OVAL

CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY

Your support was instrumental in our ability to connect with the community and foster meaningful opportunities for engagement in University Circle.

1

FOSTERING DIALOGUE AND STRENGTHENING TIES

We held our first Community Meeting in April of 2023 in our commitment to engage in dialogue with members of the community and share organizational updates. We are committed to holding these gatherings on a quarterly basis as we **increase our Community Engagement efforts**.

2

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND EXPANDING ACCESS

Our Community Engagement Department connected the resources of University Circle's world-class institutions to students of all ages and backgrounds through informal education programs. The team focuses its work on **removing barriers so all people can enjoy University Circle's cultural and educational experiences**.

1,708 

STUDENTS

258 

FIELD TRIPS

42 

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

3

COMMITTING TO BIKE SAFETY

Cameron Roberts, UCI's Associate Director of Transportation, became a certified League Cycling Instructor through the League of American Bicyclists. As we look toward community programming for 2024, this certification will allow us to **expand bike-related events** such as bike tours and safety classes.

4

ENGAGING SMALL BUSINESSES AND SUPPORTING ENTREPRENEURS

Six small business owners graduated from UCI's Financial Essentials program, learning the basics of managing business finances. Catlin Naturals, Willows and Safe Flowers & Events, Nita's Nest Inc., Inez Place Adult Care, Manny Hall & Associates, and Encore Employment Enterprise, Inc.

5

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH UNIVERSITY CIRCLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Two community members from the Magnolia Clubhouse and the HELP Foundation were hired by the UCPD as Police Ambassadors. The Police Ambassador program **provides purposeful job opportunities while also reducing the stigma around mental health and intellectual disabilities.**

UCPD also welcomed a yellow lab named Gracie as our Community Policing Dog, whose only job is to build trust and community throughout University Circle. Grace went on...

13 

SCHOOL VISITS

59 

INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

27 

COMMUNITY VISITS



SNUGGLES GIVEN AND BRIDGES BUILT

6

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS WITH PROFESSIONAL AFFINITY GROUPS

Circle Partners Education Collaborative (CPEC), UCI's educator affinity group, convened community partners to **collaborate and share best practices, tips, challenges, concerns, and questions.** We're excited to facilitate more of these affinity groups for other professions in the Circle in 2024.

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COLLECTING FEEDBACK FOR THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

As part of our visioning process, we have been facilitating and attending community meetings, convening diverse constituencies, and producing surveys to gather feedback from the community about what you would like to see next for University Circle. So far, we have heard from over **2,000 community members and counting.**

INDIVIDUAL
STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

165 

FOCUS GROUP
CONVERSATIONS

14 

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
AND EVENTS ATTENDED

41 

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

1,385 

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- Jay N.





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