

# ELMINGTON ELEVATES

Elevates was created over 7 years ago because we recognized that our employees had a strong desire to serve and were well-positioned to make a real difference in our communities. And here we are now, with so much to celebrate because of our partners, donors, and volunteers!

## 2021 WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR ELMINGTON ELEVATES!



### LEARN

We are passionate about partnering with low-income schools to invest in the next generation of leaders.



### GROW

Together, we will ensure that our communities have access to nutritional food to feed their bodies and minds.



### THRIVE

We will empower our neighborhoods to reach their full potential.



## ELEVATEU



ElevateU provides free, 5-day after school care for 47 students in Nashville. Access to affordable childcare is one of the greatest challenges families face. Our students receive a meal, play games, attend field trips, and build positive relationships with adults. This program is 100% funded through donations to Elevates.

Did you know that only 25% of kids that need after-school care have access to it? After school care keeps kids safe, improves academic success, and increases the likelihood that they will graduate high school. And it allows moms to reenter the work force. Lack of childcare disproportionately affects women of color and keeps them in poverty.



# WHAT ELEVATEU FAMILIES ARE SAYING

“My son gets mad if I pick him up too early from ElevateU. He wants to stay late to have fun!”

“I’m able to go back to work for the first time in 7 years. I’m so thankful to know that my kids are cared for and I can contribute financially to my family again!”



100% OF YOUR DONATION IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE



YOUR GIFTS FUND A FREE AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES



OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM SAVES FAMILIES OVER \$200,000/YEAR



## THRIVE 5K

We got moving in 2021 launching our Inaugural Thrive5K run/walk. With over 150 walkers, including families and staff from 2 Nashville partner schools, we created a new tradition and opportunity to bring our community together. We’ve already set the date for 2022 – we hope to see you on the trail!





YOUR SUPPORT



27 corporate partners gave over \$40,000  
We increased our monthly donor support to  
223 people giving over \$3,500 monthly  
Elevates received over 1,500 individual  
donations from our community

TOYFEST

A VERY MERRY  
**TOYFEST**  
2021



We ended the year with a massive celebration at Carter Lawrence Engineering Magnet School. After two years away, it was joyful to be back with the students and their smiles. The kids spent their day getting their faces painted, playing games, and having races in the always popular bounce house obstacle course. Each child went home with a bag filled with toys. With the generous support of our corporate sponsors, Elevates donated \$15,000 to Carter Lawrence to provide reward days for students and professional development to invest in their fantastic teachers and staff.

Thank you for being part of our Elevates community! We truly are better together. And, we're just getting started.

Warmly,

Your Elevates Team

Crystal, Executive Director

Kerri, Bri, Lindsay, Ryan, Brad, and Sherleta, your Board of Directors  
Carianne, Jameelah, Paula, and Monica, your ElevateU Staff