

**\$725K  
YEARLY BUDGET**



CHICAGO CHILDREN  
EQUESTRIAN



## OPERATIONAL FUNDING

The Chicago Children Equestrian Center annually seeks **\$725,000** in Operational Funding to continue expanding our programs. This funding will enable us to deliver horsemanship skills, horse husbandry, horse therapy, and riding expertise. Moreover, it will support the cultivation of critical thinking abilities, aiding in the implementation of violence prevention outcomes. Additionally, we aim to establish pathways for youths in Chicago to acquire life-enrichment skills and pursue career development opportunities in agriculture

### HOW CCEC UTILIZES YEARLY OPERATIONAL BUDGET:

#### After School & Summer Programs

We provide youths and young adults (ages 7-24) in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs with the opportunity to learn horsemanship, horse husbandry, and riding skills without financial barriers. Embracing the therapeutic and educational benefits of these activities, we strive to democratize access to these valuable and enriching experiences. Our veterans program provides equine-assisted therapy and skill-building activities that support emotional healing, confidence, and overall well-being.

#### Additional Staff

Expanding our program and development capabilities will allow us to reach more youths, allocate resources for fundraising, and strategically use our budget to strengthen our financial capacity for expansion.

#### Horse Care, Equipment, and Supplies

Increased budgetary allocations are essential for covering horse care expenses including feeding, veterinary care, and farrier services, as well as upgrading riding equipment and safety gear to ensure participant safety and program effectiveness.

#### Employment & Job Skills Development

The Summer Jump Off Program offers seasonal employment opportunities for 15 youths and young adults (ages 17-24), providing hands-on experience in horse husbandry, ranch facility maintenance, and essential life skills, fostering personal and professional development for future employment success and problem-solving. These experiences not only provide practical skills but also foster personal and professional development, preparing participants for future employment opportunities and contributing to their overall growth and success.

### WHO ARE WE?

The Chicago Children Equestrian Center, established in 2021 as a nonprofit organization based in Crete, IL, is dedicated to providing equine programs for over 3,700 youths, young adults, and Veterans (ages 7-35) annually across North and South Side Chicago and surrounding communities. We believe in equal access to equine activities regardless of income, location, or racial/ethnic background, offering opportunities to learn horsemanship, horse husbandry, and riding skills without financial barriers. Our mission is to level the playing field by ensuring universal access to tools that foster critical traits. Through carefully crafted after-school and summer youth program initiatives, we aim to instill positive structures in young people's lives, drawing from the stability, love, and support found in working with animals to promote civic responsibility and critical life skills for a brighter future. We also provide a dedicated program for United States veterans who benefit from the healing and therapeutic power of working with horses.

 **Youth Services**

 **Violence Prevention**

 **Agriculture**

 **Employment Opportunities**

 **Youth Development**

 **Veterans Programs**

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### DEMOGRAPHICS

OF THE YOUTHS WE SERVE

**3,712 YOUTHS**

Served at pop-up locations in Southside & Northside, Chicago.

**407 YOUTHS**

Attended our after school & summer programs at our ranch facility in Crete, IL. **319 YOUTHS** out of the 407 came the Southside & Northside, Chicago.

#### Gender

44% Female - 56% Male

#### Ages of Our Youths

8% Ages 5-7

10% Ages 8-10

48% Ages 11-14

34% Ages 15+



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