



# The William H. Adams Youth Foundation

*Serving the East Columbus Community*

Est. 2014 - Columbus, Ohio

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# THE ADAMS FOUNDATION



The William H. Adams Youth Foundation is dedicated to a legacy of community service. The Foundation's mission is to support programs that serve the youth of East Columbus:

- Education
- Community Service
- Health & Wellness
- Personal Growth
- Responsibility



*William H. Adams*  
1929 - 2012

# OUR MISSION



The Foundation supports programs offered by the William H. Adams Community Center, East Columbus Elementary School and other institutions that serve East Columbus neighborhoods

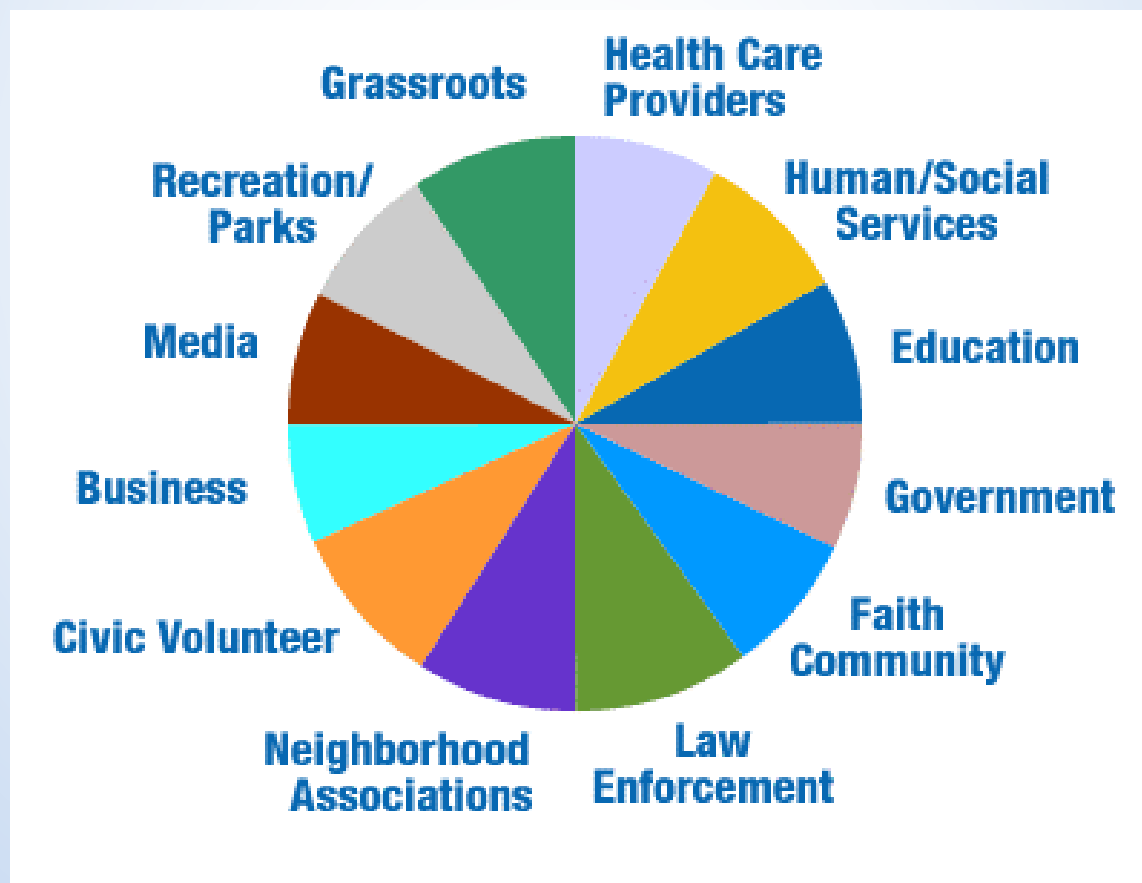
Programs receiving support from the Foundation must share our mission to provide safe, healthy, educational and fun opportunities for personal growth and responsibility to at-risk youth in East Columbus.





# THE COMMUNITY WHEEL

The Foundation promotes a holistic approach to community service and neighborhood development.





# EAST COLUMBUS

Our service area is primarily the East Columbus community, located 2.5 miles east of downtown Columbus, just west of Port Columbus International Airport. The area is bounded by I-670 on the north, Stelzer Road on the east and the Bexley city limits.

- Zip Code 43219
- Over 900 acres
- Diverse population of 4,200
  - 54% Black, 24% White, 21% Hispanic
  - 27% Under 18, 16% Over 65
- 1600 Households
  - \$28,000 Median household income
  - 95% Poverty level or working poor
  - 33% Owner occupied
- 240 Businesses



# A LEGACY OF SERVICE



William H. “Bill” Adams had a distinguished record of public service at the local and national levels. He served many government and civic groups, promoting education, community pride and neighborhood development.

- Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
- Commissioner, City Recreation & Parks Commission
- Columbus Veterans Advisory Board
- AFGE Union Local No. 1148
- East Columbus Shepard Learning Center, Parent Advisory Committee
- Krumm Park Community Recreation Council
- Cub Scouts Pack Leader, BSA
- Korean War Veterans Association
- Community Police Advisory Board
- Kiwanis Club of Columbus
- First Church of God Hospitality Ministry
- East Columbus Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
- Non-Violent Columbus Coalition
- East Fifth Avenue Business Association





## The City of Columbus dedicated the William H. Adams Community Center at Krumm Park on June 8, 2013



Mayor Michael Coleman



The Adams Family



Director Alan McKnight



# ADAMS COMMUNITY CENTER



*The center has impacted the neighborhood by strengthening existing groups, improving communications and providing opportunities to implement programs, projects and activities.*

- East Columbus Civic Association

**William H. Adams Community Center  
Krumm Park  
854 Alton Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43219**





# VETERANS HALL OF FAME



William Adams was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, November 15, 2015



Walter A. Adams accepting HOF honors



Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2015



# PROGRAMS



- Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Over 500 neighbors served in collaboration with Saint Thomas Church and other community organizations
- Operation Homefront: *Back to School Brigade*
  - Collection and distribution of school supplies
  - Partnership with DollarTree Stores
- Soccer Development Program
  - Established the Adams Center Soccer program to help build skills for competitive soccer with “Youth First” grant from CRPD
- Pencil Power
  - Distributed 2,000 pencils to area schools
- Tuskegee Airmen Experience
  - Sponsored neighborhood students
- Adams Community Center Events
  - Holiday parties
  - Basketball & Soccer Teams

# ADAMS COMMUNITY CENTER



The Foundation provides financial, volunteer staffing and in-kind service support for programs offered by the William H. Adams Community Center, operated by the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department.

**Adams Community Center at Krumm Park**  
854 Alton Avenue / 645-3051

**Spring Program Registration**  
Tuesday, March 18 through Friday, March 21  
4:15 to 8:15 pm  
Saturday, March 22 - 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Track Team** 

**Soccer** 

**Arts and Crafts** 

**Special Events** 

**Street Hockey** 

**Free Tennis Lessons** 

**Children's Hunger Alliance**  
Free Afterschool Meals  
17 years and under  
Tuesday thru Friday  
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm



**Garden Club** 

**Family Fun Nights**  
Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Art, and crafts, group games, table games, and more.  
Come and join in the fun and meet those  
living in your community.

**Free Piano Lessons** 

 THE CITY OF  
**COLUMBUS**  
MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR  
RECREATION AND PARKS  
DEPARTMENT

Mission: To enrich the lives of our citizens  
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# ADAMS CENTER PROGRAMS

EMPOWER OUR YOUTH FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO

**BOYS Books & BADGES**

**10A TO 1PM**

**B POWER**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

WILLIAM H. ADAMS COMMUNITY CENTER  
- 854 ALTON AVE. COLUMBUS, OH 43219

Join us for a fun morning  
**STEM ACTIVITY | BOOKS & BADGES  
COLUMBUS ZOO COMMUNITY VISIT & MORE...**

Volunteers and swag items for boys needed  
Contact 614.928.0016

**Masks must be worn in the building**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**"SUPERMAN" ONYX**  
New Ohio Wrestling

EVENT SPONSORS

**ROBOTHINK**  
Read, Color and Play with Robots

**WAYNE W. CROFT**

**COLUMBUS**  
COLUMBUS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

**Walmart**

**Columbus Medical Association Foundation Youth Advisory Council**

Kids spend an average of 8 hours a day in front of screens - why stay inside when you can enjoy Ohio's great outdoors?

Connecting Kids **inside** **OUT**

**LET'S GO OUTSIDE!**

**LEATHERCRAFTING** **ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**ARCHERY** **ROCK CLIMBING**

**FISHING** **PETTING ZOO**

**FIRE SAFETY** **SMOKEY THE BEAR** **SOIL AND CONSERVATION**

**FREE DRAWSTRING BACKPACK**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

Registration Required  
**SATURDAY \* 12pm-4pm**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

**KRUMM PARK**  
William H. Adams Community Recreation Center  
854 Alton Avenue | Columbus, Ohio 43219

Sponsors: Cabelas, Columbus Recreation and Parks, Columbus Division of Fire, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife & Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

# THANKSGIVING DINNER



The annual East Columbus Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Adams Community Center is eagerly anticipated by families in the neighborhood. Since 2001 the event brings together people who live, work, play and worship in the community. Over 500 neighbors are served with financial and volunteer support from the Foundation in collaboration with St. Thomas church and other community organizations. Watch the [video](#).



# GIVE THANKS & SHARE BLESSINGS



**2014 Dinner Video:**

<https://youtu.be/XJKBBVdq9dk>



# AMAZON PARTNERSHIP



Through a strategic relationship with Amazon the Foundation provided our nonprofit partners with surplus and donated products during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 9,622 items were shipped to 45 partner organizations, at no cost including clothing, food, toys, health & hygiene and household products.

The Adams Foundation leveraged the program to support delivery of services and programming by nonprofit organizations serving their respective communities from October 2020 thru 2021.

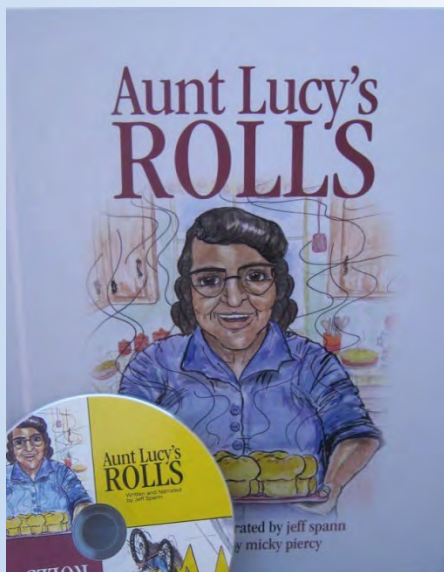




# BOOK CLUB

The Foundation distributes children's books to our partners including:

- Adams Community Recreation Center
- East Columbus Elementary School
- Columbus Metropolitan Library

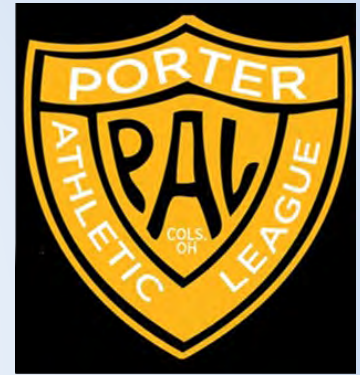


[Click for Amazon link](#)



# PORTER ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Porter Athletic League (PAL) provides a safe environment for youth to play sports, study and work with coaches who volunteer from law enforcement agencies including the Columbus Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol and Franklin County Sheriff's Office.



# SOCCER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



The Foundation received a Youth First Grant from the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department in 2016. The grant helped establish the East Columbus Soccer Development Program in partnership with the Columbus East Soccer Association (CESA).



# COLLABORATIONS



The Foundation supports, partners and collaborates with other nonprofit organizations that serve neighborhoods across the City of Columbus.

**DRIVEN**  
HOLIDAY  
FOOD OUTREACH

I/WE PROUDLY SUPPORTED  
THE 2015 DRIVEN  
HOLIDAY FOOD OUTREACH!

**WILLIAM H. ADAMS  
YOUTH FOUNDATION**

**DRIVEN**  
FOUNDATION

You're invited to the ...

**EAST COLUMBUS GATEWAY  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY  
TAKE-OUT STYLE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Saturday, November 14, 2020  
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Due to COVID-19 guidelines the Thanksgiving dinner will be served as a packaged take-out meal received by drive-thru or walk-up. Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

**SPONSORS:**  
Romanian Bazaar of Peace, William H. Adams Youth Foundation,  
East Columbus Elementary School, Kensington Plaza, Guide Bar and Grill, Christ Apostolic Church, William H. Adams Community Recreation Center, Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, East Columbus Clinic Foundation, Health Community Health Care Center, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and Living Word Church

For more information call (614) 645-3551

Join us for a  
**NORTHLAND COMMUNITY  
CLEANUP DAY  
on SR-161**

Meet at the  
Sharon Woods Center  
behind 9th Lane, 1800 East Dublin Granville Rd (at Sharon Woods Boulevard) on  
**Saturday, October 25, 2014  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Help us remove trash and debris from the shoulders and culverts of SR-161 to improve its appearance and to prevent these materials from being shredded during mowing activities on the corridor this spring.

Bags, gloves, safety vests and pick-up tools will be provided.  
Please wear brightly colored clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear for safety!

Businesses on SR-161 are invited to partner with us on this project!

For more information or to RSVP, please contact NABA SR-161 Task Force Chair Dave Cooper at (614) 888-2201 or email [cleanupday@mynco.org](mailto:cleanupday@mynco.org).

Sponsor of the  
Northland Community Council  
in partnership with the following:  
NABA  
KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL

**DRIVING PARK PROJECT**  
SIGN-UP TODAY! Space is Limited

**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN EXPERIENCE**

**GIRLS & BOYS**  
(age 12-17)

**3 DAY AVIATION ADVENTURE**  
Saturday: April 23 and  
April 30 and May 7  
10:30am—2:00pm  
Hope Lutheran Church  
820 Lilley Avenue  
Free lunch and Prizes

June 11: **FREE Plane Ride** (age 8-17)

\* Registration REQUIRED \*  
Call 614.344.6160 or Email [unitedcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:unitedcolumbus@gmail.com)

**WIN PRIZES**

GameStop  
VISA GIFT  
AT&T



# CIRCLE of VILLAGE ELDERS



Village Elders are donors who help sustain the work of the Foundation and others who are recognized for outstanding community service aligned with the Foundation's mission.



“It takes a whole village to raise a child”  
- *Nigerian Proverb*

**Carol Maddox**, Saint Thomas Catholic Church

**Michael B. Coleman**, Mayor, Columbus, OH

**Gregory Harris**, President, Lamont Consulting,  
Los Angeles, CA

**Emile and Shari Johnson**, CEO, Goode Foods,  
Inc., Chicago, IL

**Mary Ann Brown**, 2015 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall  
of Fame, Lima, OH

**Carson Kipfer**, Co-Founder, Sport Ngin,  
Minneapolis, MN

**Alan D. McKnight**, Director, Columbus Recreation  
and Parks Department (retired)



# AFFILIATIONS



The Columbus Foundation's PowerPhilanthropy (P2) connects donors with causes they care about by sharing consistent, validated data on nonprofits.



The GuideStar Exchange is a premier source for information on nonprofits. The Bronze-level designation demonstrates our commitment to transparency and accountability.



The AmazonSmile Foundation donates a percentage of purchases when the Foundation is designated by on-line shoppers.



VolunteerMatch is the Web's largest volunteer engagement network, making it easy for good people and good causes to connect.

# ORGANIZATION



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