

# Why Give?

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- This is your chance to help improve the community you work and live in
  - Opportunity to grow, support, and enhance the reputation of your organization
  - You can provide youth with the education and training to obtain livable wage employment
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## The Gaps in Elizabeth:

- 26.1% of Elizabeth residents earn an income below the poverty level
- 8.5% of residents earn an income that is less than half of the poverty level
- Males 16-17 years old are the largest demographic of those under the poverty line
- Over 15,000 Hispanics in Elizabeth live under the poverty line
- Almost 1/3 of all children in Elizabeth live under the poverty line

\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Attention to filling these gaps will reduce the cost burden to society later: health care cost, better workforce, and stronger communities.

# Our Blueprint for Success

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## Youth Employment Pathways Program

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- Job and Skill Shortage
  - Need for training, networking, apprenticeship, and job placement programs
  
- **Solution:** Support and Expand the **YEPP** Program
  - The Youth Employment Pathways (YEPP) Program assists in-school and out-of-school youth with the necessary tools to successfully secure employment
  - Develop professional and entrepreneurial skills, leadership development, and financial literacy
  - Programs include career planning, education and training, and work experience
    - **\$500** provides transportation for 10 youth during their internship
    - **\$750** provides tutoring and GED services for 10 youth
    - **\$1000** sponsors a year-long internship for a youth