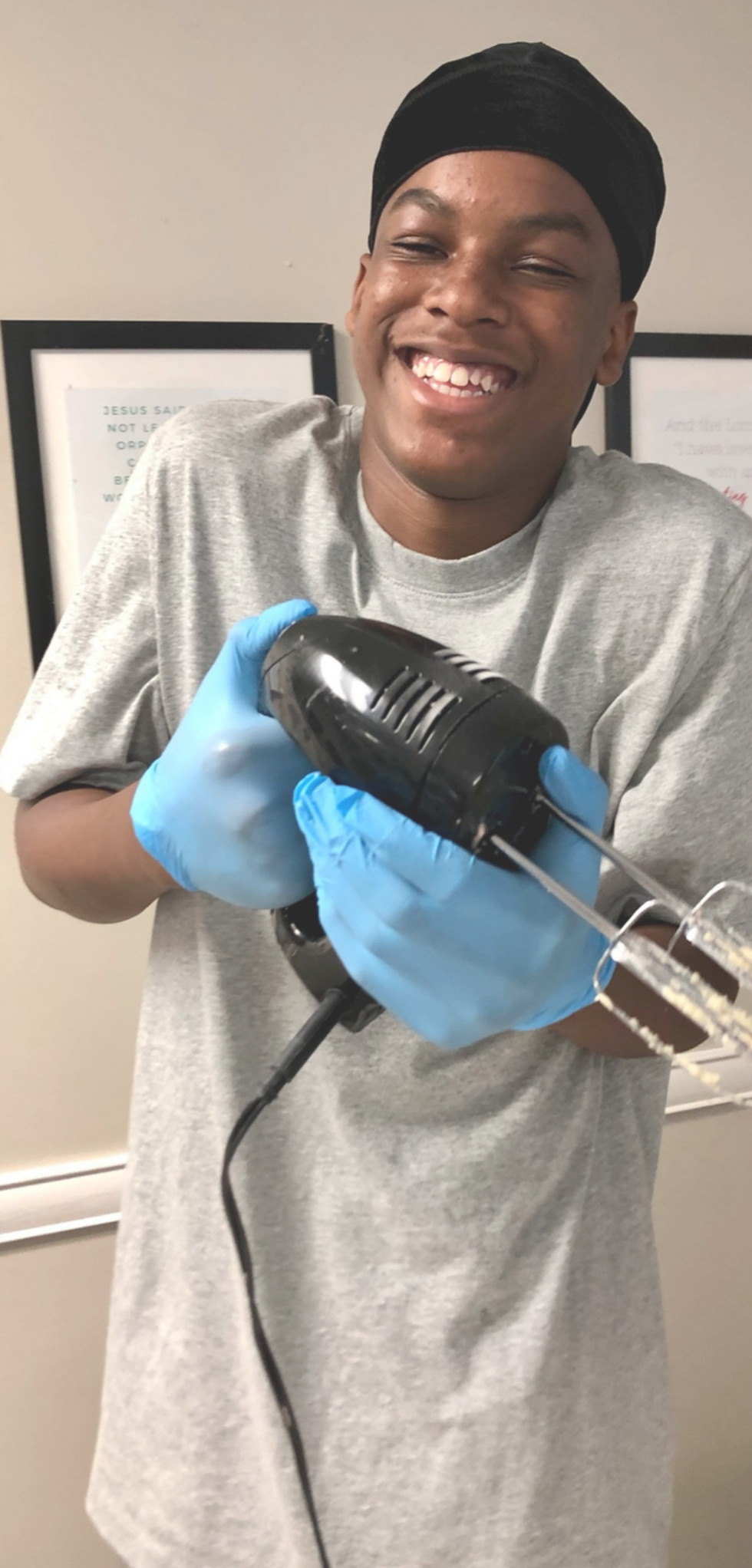




BEL-AIRE

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Core Values

Building Friendships.

We believe we were created to live in friendship with God and with each other. And that we are shaped the most by the people we spend the most time with. All of our programs are created to give us the platform for relationships with our students.

Spiritual Growth.

We believe as our Creator and King, God knows the way that life works best, and that fullness of life is found in Him alone. We pray Bel-Aire is a place where our students learn every day more about who God is and what it looks like to know and love Him.

Educational Experience.

We believe school is important! So we check grades, we help with homework and communicate with our students' teachers.

And school is not the only way we focus on education. We bring in speakers, take trips and teach our students practical skills to further their education in other areas as well to prepare them for life after high school.



BOOST

BOOST is our elementary program that meets Monday-Thursday every day after school. We had 18 students in our program this year and spent the afternoons tutoring, sharing a meal and Bible lesson together, and playing outside.

There are so many volunteers that make BOOST happen and we are so grateful for their time and generosity! We have teachers and tutors come every day to give our students the extra help they need.

A special highlight this year was getting to take swim lessons every Tuesday at the Kroc Center this spring. Our students had a blast at the pool and gained confidence in the water!





Thank you, Augustine!

We have to say a special thank you this year to our friends at Augustine Learning Center! Their tutoring team has been an incredible addition to our program. We have had 8 students participate in their program this year and have seen drastic improvements in their reading levels.



And of course we occasionally break from homework for the chance to take a field trip or go to a fun event! This year we got to go to Denver Downs, a Drive Game and the Children's Museum!



A note from Morgan, *Elementary Program Director*:

"It has been rewarding to see how the Lord is clearly working in and through the ministry happening at BOOST this year. We have shared a lot of laughter and new experiences together, but I have really loved and cherished the relationships the Lord has built among the students, volunteers, and staff. BOOST has been a place where I have tangibly seen God with His people and the body of Christ caring it's members. Students are excited to walk through our doors, and we are excited to welcome them in! It truly takes a village to reach and care for the community, and I'm thankful to be a part of it!"



RISE

Relational. Intellectual. Spiritual. Emotional.

RISE is our leadership program for our middle and high school students that meets once a week during the school year along with monthly enrichment trips and an opportunity to be a part of Summer Staff during the summer.

Mentors

Each of the teenagers in our leadership program is paired with an adult mentor who spends time with them consistently and walks through life with them- showing them the way that life works best.

We are so grateful for our mentors who take the time to pour into our teenagers!



Powered for Life

We are thankful for our friends at Mill Village Farms who led us in Powered for Life this year! PFL is an 11-week course that prepares teens for the work place and includes classes on resume writing, interviews, hard and soft skills needed and more.

Our teens also had the chance to take a financial literacy course at Pinnacle Bank this year. Thank you Ms. Jamie for all of your time spent with us!



TAP (*Talk About Purity*)

During the month of February, we did an intensive study on purity with our teenage girls. We had a small group of 9 high school girls that met for 4-weeks on Tuesday nights and we concluded our study with a retreat weekend away at the lake. We were so encouraged by these girls vulnerability and willingness to seek after God together.



A couple highlights for our teens this year included an end of year trip to Six Flags, touring North Greenville University and getting to go to a Furman football game!



A note from Shannon, *Teen Program Director*:

"It has been a busy semester for me after transitioning to work with the teens! When God called me to this new assignment, obedience was my next step. We kicked off our new leadership program to encourage our students to choose healthy relationships, make school a priority, spend time with God, and make healthy choices, even when it is easier to follow peers. We have seen so much in these teens, from making school a priority to seeking leadership advice from us! We hope to continue to see a transformation in their grades and relationships with God. Our daily prayer for them is that God will show them direction to continue to overcome daily obstacles and continue to grow in their weakness. We can't wait to see what God is going to do in these rising leaders' future!"



summer summer summer

We love summer at Bel-Aire!

Summer is always our busiest and most fun season at Bel-Aire! And this summer was one for the books. BOOST ran for 8 weeks of summer camp, continuing to work on math, reading and writing with our students, while also getting to add in a lot of fun and adventure!

We got to take a field trip to the Children's Museum, Mrs. Ginger's house and go swimming every week. The kids really loved these weeks where we studied sharks, insects and camping.

And we are so thankful for our summer interns that served us all summer long!! Miss Kelsie, Miss Rebecca and Mr. Quamaine- we love you!!!





Summer Staff 2021





And this year we opened a snow-cone stand in our backyard...

If you followed along with us at all this year- then you heard about BL Snow Cones! The idea was to give our teenagers some work experience along with raising money to put a play ground in the back lot! Well the idea grew more and more and we had an incredible summer selling snow-cones with our teenagers! We hired 15 middle and high school students to be a part of our 'Summer Staff.' These teenagers worked the snow-cone stand on the weekends and during the week attended classes, workshops and enrichment trips.

We even got to go to camp for a week at Camp Grace which was a highlight of our year for sure!

This Summer Project was a pretty big risk- and we want to say thank you THANK YOU thank you again to all of you who came out and supported these teenagers!! They learned and grew so much. And on top of all of it- we were able to raise \$35,000 to put a playground in the back lot!! *(which we were really hoping to have a picture of by now to show you, but shipping is delayed and it will be here by the end of the year)*

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART!





OPEN COURT

On Tuesday's we play ball.

After our friends at Eleos let us join their basketball league in the spring- we launched our own basketball program this summer and fall! Open Court every Tuesday night allows us to have a set aside time each week to build relationships with our teenagers and play some basketball. Tuesday nights have quickly become a highlight of every week.

We had some INCREDIBLE volunteers come build benches and put in lights around the court so we can play even after the sun sets!

And speaking of incredible volunteers... if you are wondering how a staff of all women puts on a basketball program- it is because of some incredible men who give their time so generously. We are so thankful for the men who have poured into our guys this year so faithfully and consistently.





Family. Community.

Especially after having a year like 2020, when we were only able to gather in small groups, we have been more thankful than ever to be able to swing our doors and gates open and hold family and community events again this year! We started a new tradition this year called First Friday- where the first Friday of every month we hold a big family event on the court! This allows us to have at least once a month where we have all of our kids, teenagers, families and neighbors all together.

A special thanks to Edwards Road, Elevation, Horizon, and Mitchell Road Church for hosting these events this year!!



Meet the Team

The Board



Jeff Swiger



Ashley Bratton



Rushawnda Olden



Tim Northcutt

The Staff



Kaitlin Bunge
Executive Director



Shannon Wydman
Teen Program Director



Morgan Cline
*Elementary Program
Director*

And there are countless volunteers who make up our team and are a huge part of this ministry happening every day. Thank you so much to all of you who gave time and resources so generously this year. Thank you for tutoring, bringing meals, mentoring, playing basketball, working on our property, giving generously, praying for us and so many many more things. We consider you the most important parts of this team!

1,207

SNOW CONES SOLD

31

STUDENTS RECIEVED
ACADEMIC SUPPORT OR
TUTORING

9

COMMUNITY EVENTS
HELD

93

STUDENTS ATTENDED A
PROGRAM OR EVENT

The Year In Summary

Dear Friends,

There really is no way to put the work that happens at Bel-Aire into words, or numbers, or pictures or even a tiny little book... but honestly, it is pretty fun to try. It's such an encouragement to look back over this year and the hundreds of photos that wouldn't fit in these pages and the stories that are too long to tell here, and look in awe at what all the Lord has done in 2021.

It is fitting and right, I believe, to pause and stop and remember His goodness and faithfulness as we wrap up this year and get ready for the next one. So we pray as you look through this little booklet, that you will hear that echo more than anything else- He has been so good and so faithful and provided so generously to this ministry this year.

And thank you all for being a part of it. Whether you brought a meal or bought a snow cone or made a donation or gave every month or helped us work on the Camp House or read BOB books to a first grade student or played basketball with the boys on a Tuesday night- we could not be more grateful for the time and resources you have given here.

We hope and pray you and your family have a rich and blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year! We will be spending the next month throwing all the parties, listening to Christmas music and making gingerbread houses with our kids. And of course remembering, Emmanuel, our God who came to be with us.

With grateful hearts,

Kaitlin and the Bel-Aire Team

2,650

MEALS EATEN AT
THE CAMP HOUSE

15

TEENAGERS WORKED
ON SUMMER STAFF

1,357,419

BASKETBALL GAMES
ON THE COURT
(A ROUGH ESTIMATE
OF COURSE)

214

VOLUNTEERS GAVE
TIME AND RESOURCES