



2025-2026

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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Movement. Mentorship. Leadership. Opportunity.

Growing with the Dreamers

From Double Dutch roots to year-round youth development.

What started with a rope and a dream has grown into something much bigger.

When Jumping Dreams began in 2018, Double Dutch was our foundation. We knew the sport could teach discipline, teamwork, perseverance, confidence, and leadership while giving young people a place to belong. As we continued serving children and families, we listened. Families needed safe places after school, meaningful summer experiences, and opportunities for older youth to lead, work, mentor, and prepare for what came next.

Those needs challenged us to grow.

Today, Jumping Dreams is a year-round youth development organization providing after-school programming, summer enrichment, competitive and recreational Double Dutch, school and community partnerships, mentorship, internships, and youth leadership opportunities.



Angelicka Crawford-Davis | Founder & Executive Director

MISSION

Empower youth and young adults in Charlotte and surrounding communities through movement, mentorship, leadership development, and meaningful opportunities.

VISION **A Healthier Future for Every Child.**

Impact by the Numbers



Behind every number is a Dreamer - a child finding belonging, an athlete learning perseverance, or a young person discovering their ability to lead.

OUR PROGRAMS

Growing to Meet Community Needs

Double Dutch opened the door. Listening to families shaped what came next.



AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Academic support, enrichment, movement, mentorship, social-emotional development, and leadership.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Positive out-of-school experiences that keep children active, learning, connected, and supported.

COMPETITIVE DOUBLE DUTCH

Athletic development that builds discipline, teamwork, resilience, accountability, and confidence.

RECREATIONAL DOUBLE DUTCH

Low-barrier school and community programs that introduce movement and Double Dutch to new youth.

DREAMERS TO LEADERS

A workforce and leadership pathway helping older youth become interns, mentors, assistants, and emerging leaders.

DREAMER > PARTICIPANT > ATHLETE > INTERN > MENTOR > LEADER

ACCESS • ENGAGEMENT • DEVELOPMENT • LEADERSHIP

More Than Jump Rope

The rope is the tool. The young person is the purpose.



25 competitive athletes • 4 competitions • year-round skill development

Double Dutch remains at the heart of our identity, but the lessons extend far beyond exercise. Young people learn to communicate, trust teammates, accept coaching, recover after mistakes, practice through frustration, perform under pressure, and understand how individual effort affects the entire team.

Our recreational programs make those lessons accessible to youth who may never want to compete. Our competitive program gives athletes ready for a greater challenge opportunities to train, travel, compete, and represent their community.



CREATING ACCESS

Transportation, uniforms, shoes, equipment, competition fees, travel, meals, summer care, and tuition can determine whether a young person gets an opportunity at all. Jumping Dreams works to reduce these barriers through affordable programming, grants, sponsorships, fundraising, scholarships, donated resources, and partnerships.

A Dreamer Becoming a Leader

Amber's story shows what long-term investment in a young person can make possible.



FROM DREAMER

TO LEADER

Participant • Intern • Summer Camp Leader

"She discovered her voice."

Amber grew up as one of nine children and the second youngest in her family. She was accustomed to sharing and receiving hand-me-downs. Through Jumping Dreams, experiences such as having her own new shoes, joining a sports team for the first time, and wearing her own uniform carried special meaning. But the greatest change was her growth in confidence and leadership. Amber moved from participant to intern and then to a youth leader in our summer camps, helping guide younger children. During her senior year of high school, she secured an internship with Marriott Hotels and began applying the communication, responsibility, professionalism, and leadership skills she practiced through Jumping Dreams to a professional setting.

THE PATHWAY WE WANT FOR EVERY DREAMER

Participant > Opportunity > Responsibility > Leadership > Workforce Experience

Amber's journey demonstrates what can happen when a community invests in a young person long enough for that young person to begin investing in herself.

WHOLE-CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Learning, Creating & Growing

Movement is one part of a broader youth development experience.



PHYSICAL WELLNESS

Movement, conditioning, recreation and active play.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Homework support, enrichment, curiosity and problem-solving.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH

Communication, patience, empathy, teamwork and accountability.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Decision-making, responsibility, mentorship and service.

WORKFORCE READINESS

Paid internships, professional communication and workplace experience.

LOOKING AHEAD: STEM + LEADERSHIP

Through our expanding partnership with 4-H, after-school participants will gain hands-on STEM experiences that reinforce creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving - skills that directly complement our youth leadership model.

Stronger Together

Our impact grows when families, volunteers, schools and community partners invest alongside us.



30

VOLUNTEERS

Investing time and talents

760+

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Supporting youth impact

7

PARTNERS

Schools & community organizations

Children do not develop in isolation.

Parents and caregivers reinforce attendance, accountability and goals. Schools and youth organizations help us reach young people where they are. Volunteers expand our capacity. Community partners bring additional expertise and opportunities.

Jumping Dreams does not need to become every resource a child needs. Our role is to be strong at movement-based youth development and build relationships with organizations that can surround Dreamers with additional opportunities.

EVERY PARTNERSHIP CREATES OPPORTUNITY.

Every volunteer creates capacity. Every mentor strengthens a Dreamer.

Measuring What Matters

Reach tells us how many young people we serve. Outcomes tell us what changed.



95% PARTICIPANT RETURN RATE

4 PAID YOUTH INTERNSHIPS

Our developing measurement framework includes attendance and retention, physical activity, confidence, communication, teamwork, leadership responsibilities, internship participation, family engagement, academic and career aspirations, community service, competition participation, and school/community partnerships.

2026-2027 PRIORITIES

- Strengthen after-school programming and enrichment
- Expand youth leadership and paid internship pathways
- Increase transportation access for participating families
- Grow school and community partnerships
- Continue competitive and recreational Double Dutch development
- Integrate hands-on STEM learning through 4-H

AS OUR DREAMERS GROW, WE WANT JUMPING DREAMS TO GROW WITH THEM.

From their first after-school experience to their first leadership role and future career pathway.



THE DREAM CONTINUES

Our story began with Double Dutch.

Our community showed us that the need was bigger. So we grew.

We grew into after-school programming because families needed safe, meaningful care. We grew into summer programming because children needed continued opportunities while school was out. We developed leadership pathways because our Dreamers grew up - and they deserved somewhere to grow next.

WE ARE NOT ABANDONING OUR ROOTS.

WE ARE BUILDING FROM THEM.

We are building more than athletes. We are developing Dreamers into leaders.

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

JUMPING DREAMS DD • CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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