



# Lead in the Margins

A seasonal newsletter from Lead Collective Inc.



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## Three ministries one vision

We exist to equip and elevate youth leaders in the way of Jesus, from historically under-resourced communities.



We exist to equip and elevate youth leaders in the way of Jesus, through outdoor adventures.



[www.goatgvl.org](http://www.goatgvl.org)

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We exist to equip and elevate youth leaders through neighborhood-centered ministry.

[www.eleosgvl.org](http://www.eleosgvl.org)

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We exist to reach and equip today's incarcerated youth to become tomorrow's leaders.

[www.reachgvl.org](http://www.reachgvl.org)

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## Fall Program Updates



Just because the summer has ended doesn't mean the adventure has to! There's a good chance you'll find GOAT students crushing trails at Paris Mountain, indoor rock climbing, or using the Swamp Rabbit Trail to get ice cream at Claire's! GOAT also likes to take advantage of the cooler weather as an excuse to share food around a campfire!



After the summer, Eleos likes to fall back into a consistent rhythm with its afterschool program. (See what we did there). Our fall and spring rhythms include weekly basketball, afterschool programming, creative arts, mentoring, field trips, bible study, and our leadership cohort (Lead Project).



October marks the launch of a new cohort of students into our re-entry program. Five students began a journey of coaching, mentoring, goal-setting, and leadership development at Reach.

We recently received word that we will be re-entering the Juvenile Detention Center at the beginning of the year. More updates to come!

# A Story From Eleos

The ministry of Eleos began a little over 7 years ago as a vehicle for local churches to serve a vulnerable neighborhood in our community. It's tough for churches to do this well. Churches are viewed as threatening or intimidating spaces for many people. We wanted to create a ministry where we could follow the simple but mighty command of Jesus to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. While this is a distinctly Christian mission, we are not a Church. That was intentional. We've never desired to replace the local Church. We want to be a missional vehicle for the wider Church in our city - a space where members of the Church can pursue the work of justice, mercy, and evangelism in the city. The images below represent neighbors who have been loved well, been told (very) good news, and become brothers and sisters in Christ as a result. But these students and staff member were not baptized into the community of eleos...they were baptized into the household of faith through a local church partner (One Community Church). And that's how it should be. These pictures represent answered prayers and ministry partnerships. We thank God for the local Church!

## From Grace Bridger • Eleos Program Director

“Jay, Malik, Bibi, Latique, Kamauriyah, Anddy & Seven. All six students and one staff member have such a unique story throughout their time at éleos. God has been at work in each person's lives long before Eleos and will continue to be long after, but what a gift it has been to witness student's hearts being transformed by Jesus right here and now before our eyes. Some students made decisions at Camp Grace in Georgia, some at our girl's and boy's Bible study, some through our lead project group, and some through conversations with mentors over a long period of time. Each faith decision is nothing short of a miracle, and we give the Lord full glory for that! During each conversation, about a faith decision or about baptism, it has been incredible and humbling to see students take ownership over their faith. One student when I asked what made them decide to follow Jesus, they said, “It all just clicked for me. Why would I not follow Him?” Another student just the other day in church was nodding their head in agreement with a sermon alongside her family. Each moment we get to witness these student's seek Jesus is a gift to our ministry. We are eager to see how these students continue to grow in their faith for the many years to come, and we can't wait to dance with them in eternity forever!”





## Equipping and elevating students in the way of Jesus through neighborhood centered ministry

At Eleos, we equip and elevate students to lead in the way of Jesus. There are many ways to define leadership - we define ours based on the life and teachings of Jesus. While we equip students as leaders, we are not in the business of discipleship. We believe that is the work of the local Church. We constantly create space for students to be introduced to Jesus, but for the students who choose to follow him...we connect them to the local Church. We believe the Church is the best space for us to “grow up in the faith.” It’s also an incredible space to develop cross-class friendships, which many sociologists identify as the most significant factor contributing to economic mobility. When students and churches connect, everyone wins. Churches become more in touch and empathetic... and the lives of our students become deeply enriched. Please join us in praying for more!

# Program Snapshots



Eleos Staff & Student Interns



Reach at Front Porch Housing



GOAT Prepares to Send Ridgeline

# Stay in the Loop

## Beer and Gear!

Beer and Gear is GOAT's yearly fundraiser, where every dollar raised provides hundreds of outdoor adventures. This Fall, thanks to your incredible support, we were able to exceed our \$15,000 goal.



## New Building Dedication!

*Lead Collective is growing (and moving, but not far, we promise!)*

**December 10, 2023 • 3:00pm - 5:00pm**

110 S Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville SC 29607

Thanks to our incredible band of supporters, we were able to secure a new home for the ministry of Lead Collective (GOAT, Eleos, and Reach). The new building is located in Nicholtown with enough space to drastically expand the ministry of Eleos while bringing the rest of our ministries under one roof!

We have secured the capital funds needed for renovations and furnishings, and we hope to finish renovations by late December! However, we are still fundraising for the operational funds needed to expand our ministry under this new roof. The next page provides more context, so if you're curious about how to be involved and the sorts of things we're hoping to fundraise for, take a second to read!

# Making Room!

Your faithful support provides daily opportunities, and resources for hundreds of students from our most vulnerable neighborhoods in Greenville. Monthly support is critical for a variety of reasons - it helps us budget and provides for the operational costs that are so hard to get funded through other means.

We need to increase monthly giving by \$6000/month to fully utilize our new home and expand our ministry to serve our community. Our goal is to raise these funds by May of 2024. As champions of our ministry, your voice is critical in this effort. Would you be willing to share this opportunity with your network and invite others into the mission of Lead Collective?

The needs of our community are great, but we know there are so many folks just like you who would be eager to meet those needs if a ministry opportunity were presented to them. Would you be willing to be our ambassador and help us connect with the folks that we don't yet know? Together, we can change our small corner of the world! Feel free to use this booklet as an invitation to what God is doing at Lead Collective.



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# What Your Support Provides!

Your support really makes a difference! Here are a few specific services we are able to offer the students of Eleos because of your generous monthly contributions!



**Homework**



**Creative Arts**



**Dinner**



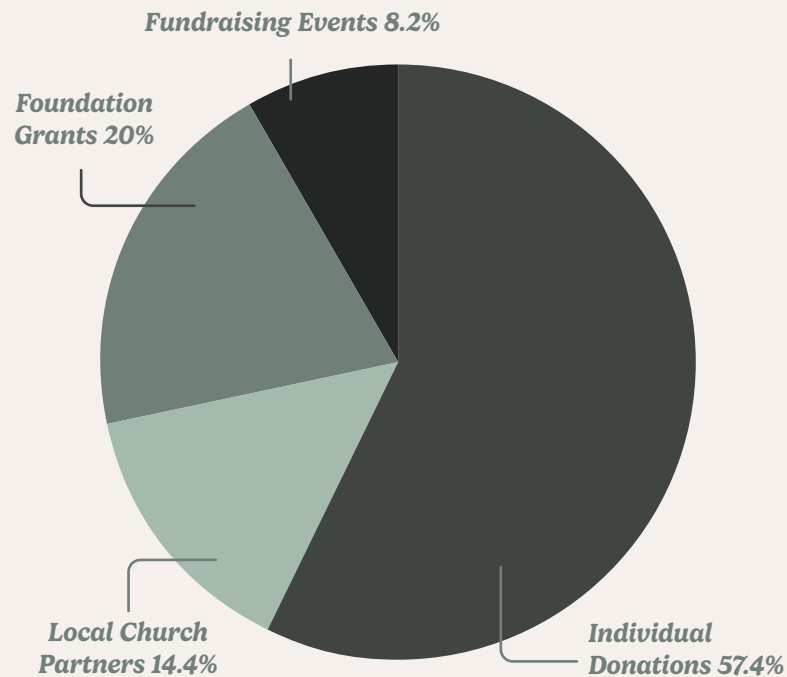
**Basketball**



**Mentorship**

# Giving Update

Lead Collective wouldn't exist without your generous support! We're able to equip and elevate students through year-round programming because of the ongoing, generous support of folks like you.



# Thank You

Thank you for faithfully supporting our mission to equip and elevate the next generation to lead in the way of Jesus. We are serving more students than ever, in more holistic ways, with a skilled and energetic staff team.

We're seeing students break through generational cycles, discovering their God-given potential, and growing into the kinds of leaders who will transform their families, and their communities. You are making an impact that will outlast each of us. Praise God for that.

Let's keep planting sequoias, together!

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## One Final Note

We recognize that many of you support our work from a distance, and we want to bring you closer to the action. If you found this update to be helpful, or encouraging, please send me an email. I would love to hear from you!

Cam Hill  
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