DonCARES of Philadelphia, Inc. is a school-based non-profit organization of college students of color who strive to better themselves through community service, education workshops, and who have a desire to give back to their community. Members advocate for youth by pledging to become a mentor and an advocate to a high school student at The U School in North Philadelphia.

Our mentors encourage school attendance, scholastic achievement, choosing college or vocational track, and valuing education as a way out of poverty and crime and as a viable career choice.
CLOSING THE MENTOR ACCESSIBILITY GAP

During the 2018-2019 school year, DonCARES matched 12 students at The U School with college student mentors. Out of twelve matches, three reported problems and closed.

Also, 100 percent of our college-bound seniors were accepted to college. Many matriculated to institutions such as Manor College, Penn State, and Cheyney University.

In addition, seven of the mentees in our program graduated from high school and five graduated from Temple University.
As an organization, we assisted twenty seniors at The U School in registering to vote while also raising $150.00 in a week for Voter ID Cards for five seniors.

As a result of our resume workshops, we assisted 50 high school students in creating a resume for their employment.

Through our one-on-one mentoring sessions we impacted over 100 high school students in North Philadelphia.

From September 2018 to August 2019, we held 12 panels, group mentoring sessions, and resume workshops for students at The U School and Samuel Fels High School.
The funds we received allowed us to grant two book awards of $100.00 to two high school students at The U School for our Sadie T.M. Alexander Social Justice Essay Contest.

In addition, $350.00 was spent to provide fine dining experiences for four mentees in our program and their mentors.

We also granted $600.00 in Whole Foods Gift Cards to students and their families struggling with food insecurity at The U School.

Through our private partners, we raised $1,500 in funds for our initiatives and operating costs.

Also, we received a $1,000.00 grant from Health Partners Foundation to support our Black History Essay Contest.

Through one Facebook fundraiser and one Blaze Pizza fundraiser we raised $200.00.
Also, we granted five $25 WaWa Gift Cards for high school student mentees for Mentee of the Month. We granted a student a gift card every month from January 2019 to June 2019 excluding February.

To fulfill our third cultural value of self-appreciation, we spent $1,000 on volunteer appreciation and positive reinforcements for mentees. Each month starting in January 2019 and ending in August 2019 we held two raffles for mentors. Winners received gift cards to WaWa, Uncle Bobbies, and Blaze Pizza.
In November 2018, DonCARES began partnering with Samuel Fels High School for resume development workshops.

Also, DonCARES began a partnership in December 2018 with Next Steps AmeriCorps.
MEDIA ATTENTION

During the 2018-2019 program calendar, DonCARES appeared on:

- CBS 3
- Millennial High Radio
- Heart of the City Radio
- Temple’s Templar Year Book
- Temple’s College of Engineering Website
- The Temple News.
Organizations we partnered with:

S.M.O.O.T.H Inc.
NCNW, Temple Section
The Carter Concept, Inc.
Jaya Bolden, LLC.
GEAR UP
Next Steps AmeriCorps
PHENND
BLAZE PIZZA, LLC
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