



2025

Annual Impact Report

COSMOS FOUNDATION · BRADFORD, PA · YEAR ONE

*"When you remove barriers,
young people show up."*

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January – December 2025

Mission · Vision · Values

OUR MISSION

To create teen-led experiences that build confidence, independence, and community.

OUR VISION

A world where every teen feels seen, supported, and free to explore what's possible.

BELONGING

Everyone deserves a place to belong.

YOUTH VOICE

Teens are heard and trusted.

EMOTIONAL SAFETY

Judgment-free. Showing up is enough.

OPPORTUNITY

Try new things without fear.

RESPECT

Teens are valued, not managed.



WHAT TEENS SAY

"I hope when people come they connect with others, make new friends, and try something new."

— LILY BOUCHARD, TEEN BOARD
Grade 8, Cosmos' Lounge

A note from Ashly



Ashly Gross

Founder & Executive Director
Cosmos Foundation

When I founded Cosmos', I took a chance. On myself. On my community. On our teens.

I had no roadmap. No guarantee it would work. Just a belief that Bradford's young people deserved better and that someone had to be the one to build it.

Year one was full of what-ifs. What if no one shows up? What if we can't sustain this? What if I'm not the right person to lead this?

And then it was full of learning how to. How to run a nonprofit. How to serve teens well. How to ask for help. How to keep going on the hard days.

But the question that kept me moving, the one I kept coming back to every single time doubt crept in, was if not now, when? Because teens in Bradford needed this space NOW. Not when everything was perfect. Not when I had all the answers. Now.

This report represents what happens when you take that chance anyway. Year one was never going to be perfect. We opened our doors in Bradford not knowing how many teens would show up — but we believed that if we built something real, they would come.

And they did. 1,338 times.

We served **246** unique young people. We took teens to the aquarium, to Darien Lake, to the Kinzua Skywalk. We ran free after-school programming every week. We held karaoke nights, workshops, and gave teens a place to just exist.

In McKean County, that matters more than most people realize. Thank you for being part of what we're building.

"This is our first report. It won't be our last."

BY THE NUMBERS
Year at a glance — 2025

1,338

TOTAL VISITS

246

UNIQUE YOUTH SERVED

45

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

10

YOUTH BOARD LEADERS

30+

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

258

SPONSORED VISITS

■ Q1 2026 — ALREADY BREAKING RECORDS

527

Q1 VISITS

69%

YOY GROWTH

65

NEW MEMBERS

251

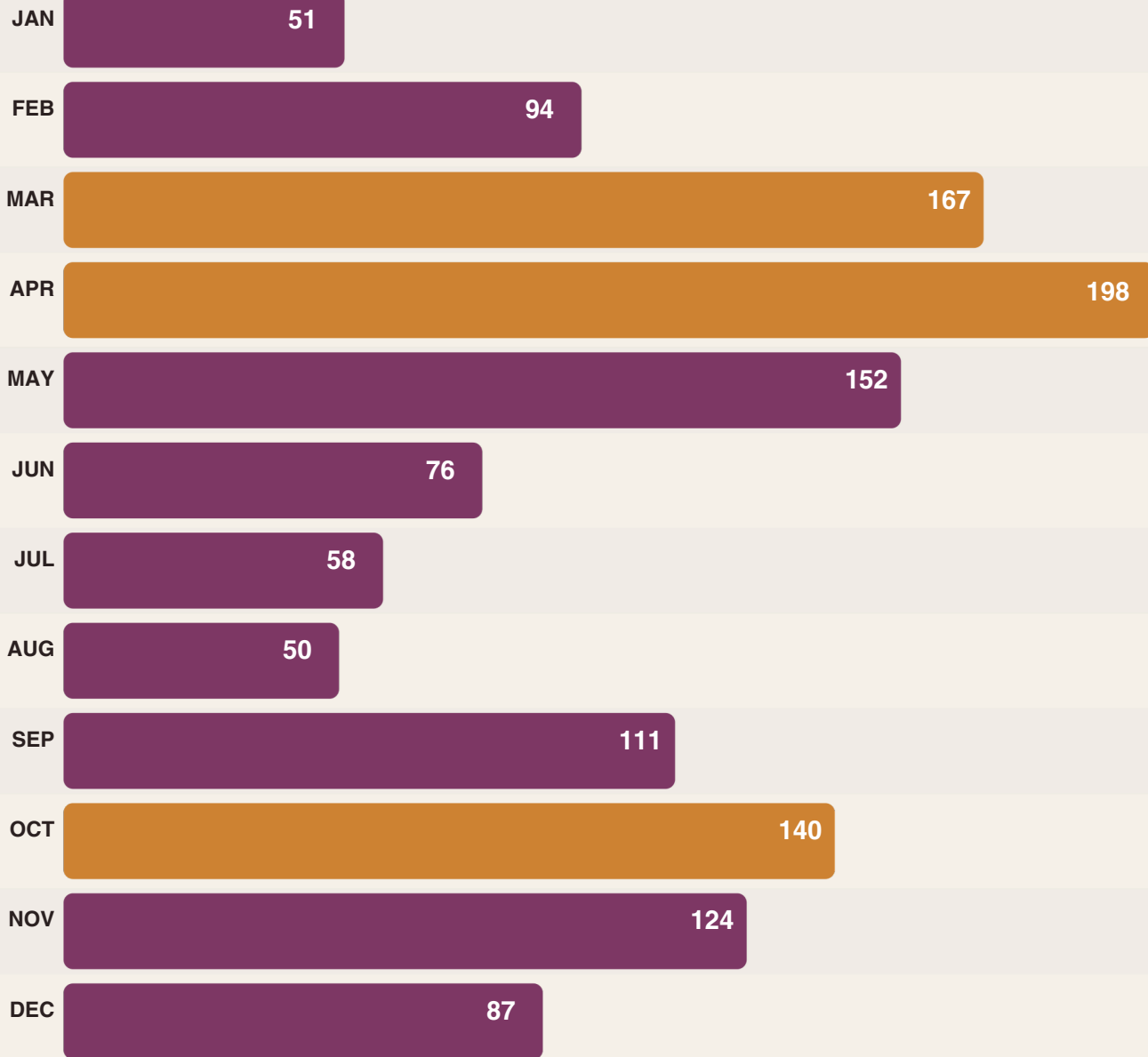
VISITS IN 1 MONTH



ATTENDANCE

Month by month · 2025

March and April were our strongest months. Friday was consistently the most popular day May–December.



Gold = peak months (March, April, October)

FREE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Every day, 3–6pm, Mon–Thu, Sept–Dec 2025

Free, structured, safe — a place for teens to just exist after school.

ACCESS & EQUITY

258

After-school visits were sponsored,
removing financial barriers

62
SEP

80
OCT

79
NOV

37
DEC

"My son visited Cosmos' Lounge tonight and hasn't stopped talking about it since I picked him up!"

— MELISSA, MOM OF A 14-YEAR-OLD

EXPERIENCES THAT EXPAND WORLDS

4

AQUARIUM TRIP

Marine life for teens
who had never been

6

MCKEAN COUNTY TOUR

Old Jail, Kinzua
Skywalk, Zippo Museum

8

DARIEN LAKE

A full amusement park
day

30+

EVENTS
focused on self
expression, and
community.



Their words, not ours.

“

If your kids haven't been here yet you're missing out. Ping pong, karaoke, basketball—the staff were amazing!

— DONNA, MOM · AGE 10

“

I have so much going on with school. It's so nice to have somewhere to just relax with my friends.

— FELICITY, AGE 17

“

I know my baby girl is safe, surrounded by positive people, learning skills for growth!

— TONI, MOM OF A TEENAGER

“

I'm grateful for everything Cosmos' does and happy to support such an amazing space!

— HALEY, COMMUNITY SPONSOR

“

Cosmos is exactly what this town has needed! Video games, arts, pool, karaoke — highly recommend!

— STEPHANIE, COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

“

Greatplace—Xbox, Wii, arcade machine, and great snacks!

— JOSHUA, AGE 13

"They met at Cosmos' to hang out — they had the best time!"

— MICHELLE, MOM OF A TEENAGER



How we create lasting change

● The Problem

Teens in Bradford have nowhere to go



● What We Do

We open the door — free, every day



● Teens Show Up

Remove barriers. They come.



● They Keep Coming Back

Connection & confidence grow



● Change Happens

Young people see what's possible



● The Vision

Bradford becomes a place teens stay

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

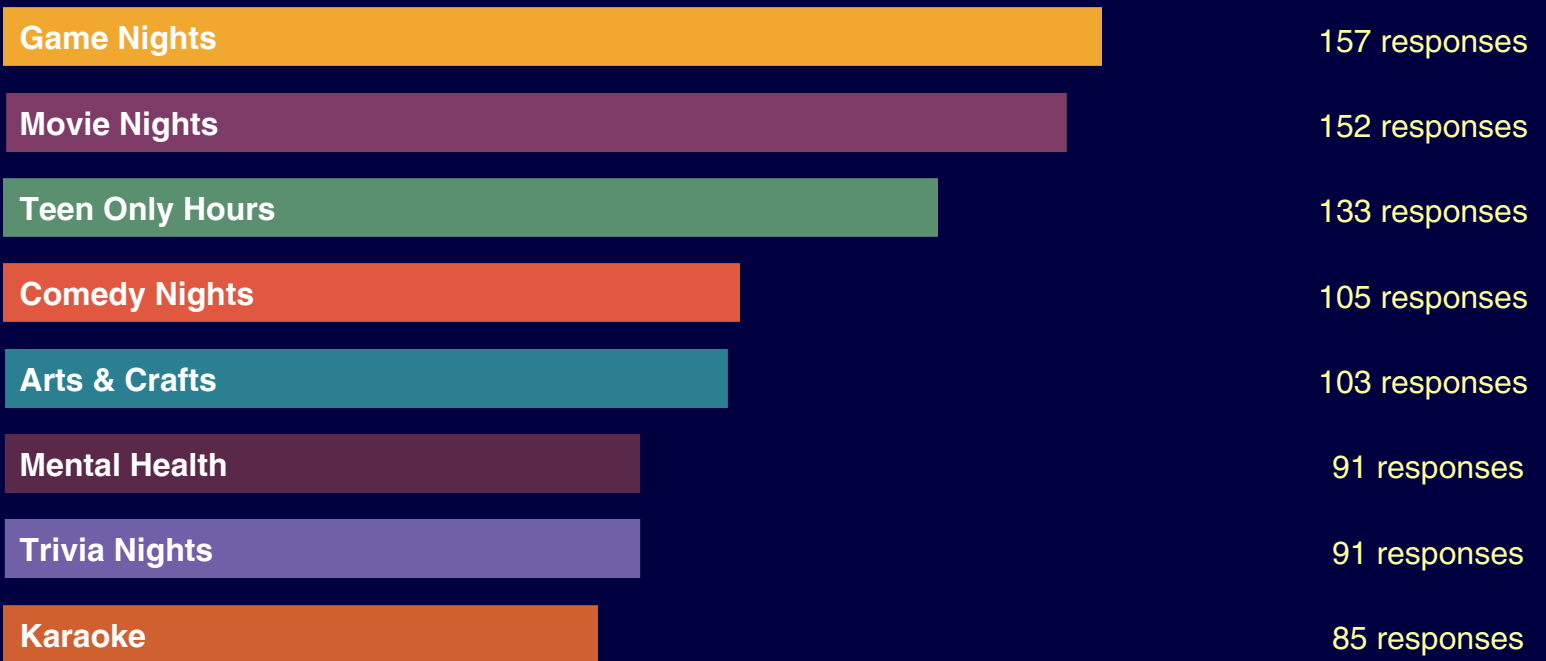
Your Voice, Our Future

374

Community Members Responded

- 88% were teens (under 18)
- 55% female · 39% male
- Top concern: Job opportunities • Pre-launch survey · Fall 2024

WHAT TEENS WANTED AT COSMOS'



TOP COMMUNITY ISSUES IDENTIFIED



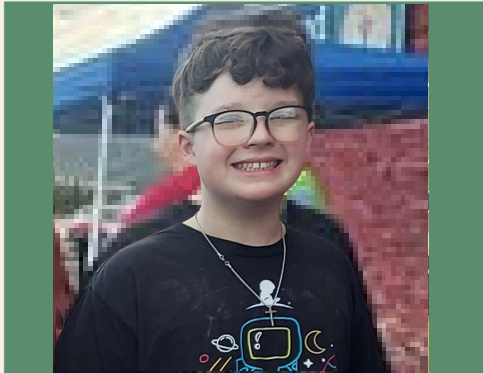
Meet the Teen Board

What do you hope other teens feel when they come to Cosmos'?



Rory Cramer

"Connect with others, make new friends, and try something new."



Jay Newcombe

"I hope they have fun, feel safe, and know they are welcome."



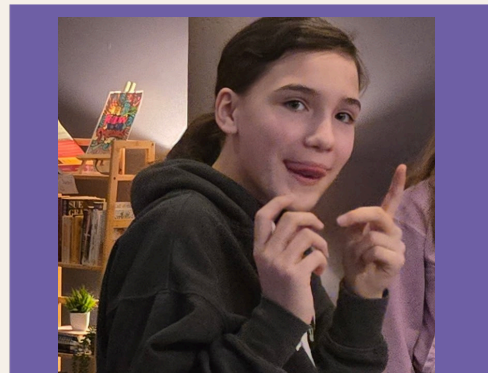
Stefan Darr

"I want teens to feel like themselves, safe and welcome."



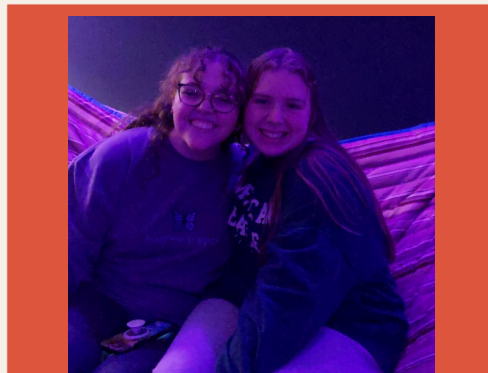
Rayne Ratzel

"I just hope they feel safe enough to come here and just be."



Anna Little

"I hope teens feel happy and confident."



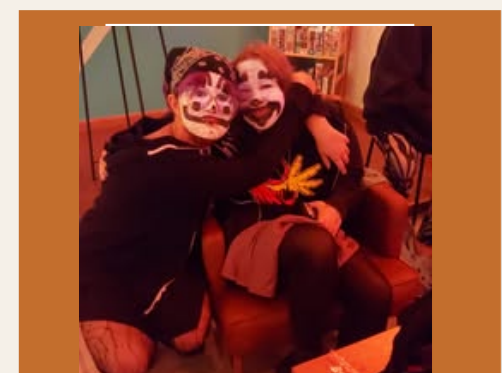
Felicity Cramer

"I hope teens feel safe, free, and comfortable in our space."



Jillian Clark

"People should feel welcome, relaxed, and safe."



Madison Sampson

"It should be an open space for all. THE PEOPLE make it."

Fueled by community

\$4,980

Community Support (Sept 2025-Dec 2025)

Business Donors	\$300.00
Foundation Support	\$1,500.00
Fundraisers	\$170.00
Community Donors	\$1,356.99

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MADE POSSIBLE

- ✓ Free daily programming
- ✓ 258 sponsored visits
- ✓ Field trips & experiences

YOUR DONATION OPENS DOORS

\$10

Covers 1 Student for 1 Visit

\$25

Hands-on workshop

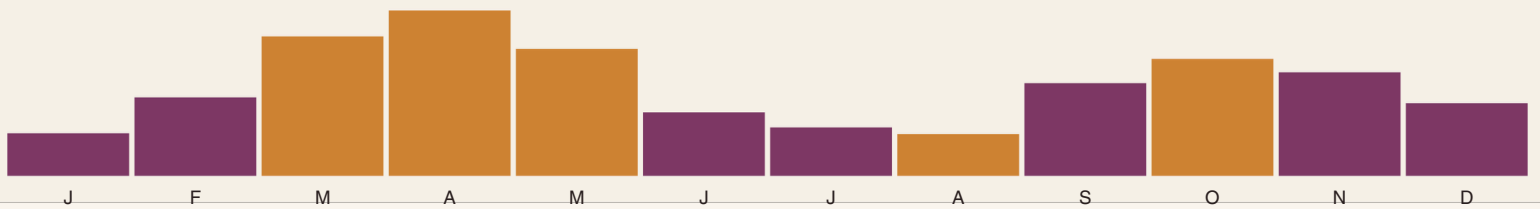
\$100

Full scholarship

\$500+

Transportation access

VISITOR RETENTION - 2025



Our Partners

Cosmos' is made possible through the collaboration of these incredible organizations.

Kinzua Canine

Groovy Glaze

Bradford Area School District

Escape Spa

ADAS

Early Learning Center

PNC Bank

United Way

Smart Snakes

Kiwanis Club

Head Space Salon

Futures Rehabilitation Center

Care for Children

Bloom Organic Beauty Bar

Nails By Haley

Pizza Napoli

Italian Club Of Bradford

Pappa Scoops



"This work gets better when we build it together." — Ashly Gross

Board of Directors



Stephanie Stoddard

PRESIDENT



Mauri Shembeda

SECRETARY



Amber Fox

TREASURER



Heather Keesler

MEMBER

WHAT'S NEXT FOR COSMOS'

Summer 2026

- Outdoor Adventure
- Pick-up sports
- Life skills
- Entrepreneurship Camp

Transportation

Seeking funding & partners to solve rural transportation barriers for teens

Our Building

Exploring property acquisition to eliminate rent & create a youth entrepreneur lab

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Be part of what's next

Cosmos' Lounge is proving that when you remove barriers, young people show up. Help us keep the doors open, and the possibilities endless.

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