# FOR LOVE OF CHILDREN ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Dear FLOC Family,

LETTER FROM BRANDELYN ANDERSON

Fiscal Year 2020 was a year that will not soon be forgotten.
The plan for 2020 was to continue to grow as an organization and continue to give educational support and love to our kids.

Our program had a great start to the year, we received a grant from the Phillip L. Graham Fund that allowed us to update our technology in the office, and we were well on our way planning our April Fundraising Event, moving away from a breakfast to an All-Star night at Nationals Stadium.

When COVID hit and we were first looking at being closed for two weeks, it did not seem like we would have a giant hurdle to get over. As two weeks has now turned into 10 months, FLOC has completely redone our game plan and found a new way to provide tutoring to our students. Almost overnight, we pivoted all of our programs to be virtual. In this change, we did not lose a single student and our numbers grew. We learned how to use the DC Public Schools online portal to be an additional resource to parents as they learned to navigate online learning, we provided laptops to students, helped with getting internet into our families homes, and provided bus and train tickets for our post-secondary students who were now trapped at college and had no way to come home.

#### We did not stop. We could not stop. We will not stop.

Over the summer, when DC saw days of peaceful protests for Black Lives Matters, I knew it was important to not ignore what was happening but make sure we had resources for families on how to talk to their children about racism and why the protests were happening. FLOC closed for one day for our staff to regroup and have some time to reflect on what was happening in the country. In addition, FLOC is now officially recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday that our offices will be closed. I have also made a commitment that as often as we can, our vendors will be Black, minority or women owned businesses, as well as a local business. It was not easy to be Executive Director at this time, but because of the great mentor I had in Fred Taylor, I knew I could and would see FLOC through these times.

In November 2019, we lost Fred Taylor, the first Executive Director of FLOC. Fred was my friend, my mentor, and a long-time supporter of FLOC, even after he retired. The Taylor Family has remained a part of FLOC, with Sherrill helping create care packages for our post-secondary students, Sherrill and Grace have both served on the Fred Taylor Scholarship Committee, Chapman serves on the Board, and the rest of the family always sending an encouraging word our way or congratulating us when we hit milestones. FLOC would not be the organization it is today without Fred and the Taylor family.

So, how did we do in our plans? FLOC hired new staff and our organization is thriving both in people and financially. Our programs are as successful as ever, even when all the studies and news reports are talking about children falling behind, our kids are excelling in reading and math. Fiscal Year 2020 will remain an unforgettable year. We could not have gotten through it without our volunteers and families who remained flexible as we figured out what virtual learning looked like, our Board of Directors for their advice, our donors who made this all possible, and our staff for always looking ahead.

With Gratitude,

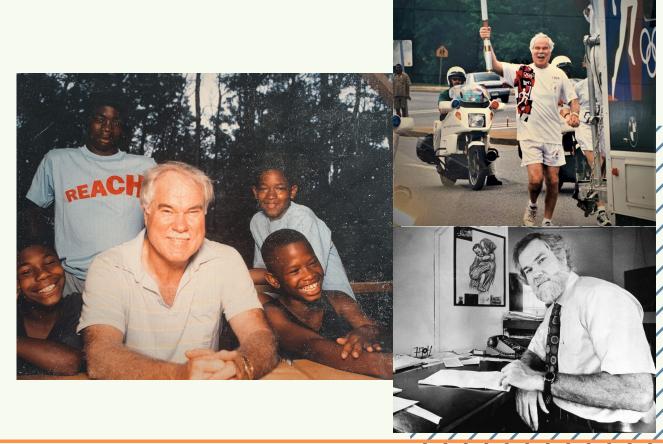
Brandelyn Anderson Executive Director

# FREDTAYLOR

1932-2019

#### **FRED AND FLOC**

When Fred felt a call to community activism in 1967, he began volunteering with the newly formed For Love of Children (FLOC). A year later, he was hired as the Executive Director of FLOC, where he remained for 37 years. Without Fred, FLOC would not be the organization it is today—a nonprofit that now provides education and career development for nearly 600 students annually. A man of vision and faith, Fred left behind a legacy of service and dedication to Washington D.C.'s under-resourced children and youth.



## YEAR AT A GLANCE

404 STUDENTS

#### SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

192 STUDENTS

#### SUMMER PROGRAMS



#### POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM



#### TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED

### IMPACT STORY

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I just wanted to briefly express how impressed I am with the tutoring services this organization is providing. I have to give credit when credit is due. I would describe my daughter Nahla, as a child who is typically, especially lately, never excited about learning. Especially during summer break. So far, she's only had two tutoring sessions this week and I am blown away. Her tutors have done a phenomenal job keeping her engaged. Actually, today I allowed her to go into a separate space to finish the second half of her session. For a moment I had to come check on her because it sounded like she was having too much fun. I was convinced that I was going to walk in the room and see her on the phone with one of her friends. But surprisingly, she was just reading along with Ms. Diane and answering questions and excitedly participating. All I could do was smile. So, I couldn't go without expressing how extremely grateful I am of you all and the volunteers.

- Nahla's mom



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