

## CYC Expands with CPI Security



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### Hurricane Helene

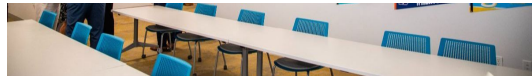
We extend our heartfelt condolences to all communities affected by Hurricane Helene. This tragedy has profoundly impacted countless lives, and our thoughts are with all who have been affected during this difficult time. At Carolina Youth Coalition, we believe in the collective strength of our community and are committed to supporting those in need. For those looking to donate to disaster relief efforts, the Foundation For The Carolinas (FTTC) has compiled a growing [list of nonprofits](#) that are operational and can quickly deploy funds to affected areas.

### CYC's Southwest Campus

A New Era of Opportunity for CYC Fellows







We are proud to announce the grand opening of our second campus - CYC Southwest! This expansion, made possible by a generous donation of building space from CPI Security, comes on the heels of CYC's successful Flourishing Fund capacity-building campaign, which raised over \$10 million.

Located in the Steele Creek area of Charlotte, CYC's new co-location with CPI Security marks a transformational expansion of our Torch Fellows Program. Through access to 1:1 college counseling, academic tutoring, mentorship, career exploration, ACT prep, and social-emotional learning, the Torch Fellows Program ensures Fellows are prepared to enter and graduate from their best-fit college with as little debt as possible. Fellows are then supported during their time in college by CYC's Persistence Program, which ensures they graduate college ready for the workforce or post-graduate studies.

With this expansion, CYC will be able to broaden its reach by providing this invaluable support to more than 500 high school Fellows, including at least 150 at the new Southwest Campus by 2028.

Ken Gill, CEO and Founder of CPI Security, expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration and praised CYC's impressive record of achievement. "We are so excited to partner with CYC, a results-driven organization with a proven track record in our community," Gill stated. "Under the leadership of Co-Founders Aaron Randolph and Kathryn Kissam, and with the continued financial support of the Charlotte community, we will expand on promoting our young people to earning a college degree, an opportunity they may not have otherwise had."

The partnership between CYC and CPI Security is designed to continue the work of breaking down generational barriers that often hinder under-resourced students' access to higher education. By combining CPI Security's resources with CYC's established programs, this initiative will continue to ensure Charlotte youth have the tools and support necessary to succeed.



Former Carolina Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly remarked, "Your reach is the kids that you've had come through the program, but also the impact they have on everybody else in the world."

Thank you to Luke for taking part in the ceremony and congratulations on your recent nomination to the Pro Football Hall of Fame!

**THANK YOU!**



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all community members, partners, donors, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions in making this milestone possible. If you would like to continue supporting this important work, we welcome your partnership as we strive to reach even more students.

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