



Theory of Change

CAN uses a holistic approach to achieve equity & justice, working to close socio-economic gaps by providing educational and enrichment programs for children and teens, supportive services for families, and challenging systems rooted in racism and inequality.

Problem

Families have little to no access to opportunities and resources



Stabilization



Overall Impact

Families thrive in vibrant, healthy communities with equal access to opportunities, free from poverty



Education

Strategy

K-12 students have access to a safe, nurturing environment in which they can practice mindfulness, eat nutritious meals, play, receive academic support, participate in enrichment activities, and develop healthy relationships with peers and adults

Programs

- After School Programs for Youth & Teens
- Art & Design
- Educational Summer Camps
- YouthWorks
- CAN CARES

Outcome

Children and youth achieve their highest academic potential and become self-supporting, well-adjusted adults



Strategy

Programs ensure families in CAN communities and Washtenaw County have access to food, basic needs, housing stabilization, and other resources

Programs

- Food Distributions & Emergency Food Pantries
- Resource Referrals
- Advocacy & Support
- Sustainability

Outcome

Families who are under-resourced have their basic needs met so they can create brighter futures for themselves



Community

Strategy

Everyone contributes to creating a safe space where all voices are heard and valued

Programs

- Elected Resident Councils
- Community Celebrations
- Centers located within the community
- Community Gardens
- Mediation Services
- Community Clean-Up Campaigns

Outcome

Create and maintain clean, safe, supportive neighborhoods where families can thrive

