

Foundation Impact Report 2024



Cultivating Community Connections for Collective Growth

Join our collective movement, where we all grow together!

Hello, Dear Friends, Family, and Amazing Supporters,

We hope this message finds you well and happy! As we look back on this year, we can't help but feel super grateful and excited about everything we've achieved together at the Kortright Kares Foundation. It's been a fantastic year, and guess what? The best is still ahead of us!

This year has been special because of the incredible things we've done with our mentoring and career pathways programs. Thanks to you, we've been able to help our young friends dream big, learn lots, and start on bright and promising paths. It's been amazing to see them grow and chase after their passions.

Our foundation has a very special story at its heart—our dad inspires it. He truly believed in helping others, especially ensuring young people could reach their dreams. His spirit and beliefs are what drive us every day to do more and better for our scholars.

Looking forward, we're super excited about what's next. We have some new plans we can't wait to share with you. Plans that will make our programs even better and help our scholars in more ways. With your continued support, we know we will make these dreams a reality.

We want you to know how much we appreciate you. Every bit of help, every hour volunteered, and every word you spread about what we do makes a huge difference. This impact report isn't just about what we've done—it's about what we've done together. Your kindness and support are the magic that makes all this possible.

So, here's to moving forward, more adventures, and making even more dreams come true. Let's keep this incredible journey going, making every day a chance to inspire and help our scholars aim for the stars.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything. Here's to more happy and hopeful days ahead!

With all our love and gratitude,

Ken and Monica



Who We Are

The Kortright Kares Foundation stands as a beacon of hope and change, propelled by the belief that education and athletics are powerful catalysts for personal growth and societal transformation. Our dedicated team, alongside our passionate supporters, is committed to nurturing future leaders who will thrive in their pursuits and leave behind a legacy of empowerment and inspiration.

Our Mission

The Kortright Kares Foundation is dedicated to uplifting and empowering underserved student-athletes through a holistic approach that extends beyond athletics. Our mission is to provide these promising individuals with athletic opportunities alongside robust education support, including mentoring, tutoring, college counseling, and career exploration. Our goal is to ensure their comprehensive growth and success, equipping them with the necessary tools to excel academically and fulfill their dreams beyond the playing field.

Our Inspiration

Jose Luis Kortright was fondly known as “Wicho” to those he touched in the community. When he passed away on September 21, 2014, the support from family, friends, former players, and well-wishers from the community was overwhelming. Witnessing such heartfelt appreciation encouraged his wife, Lydia-Esther Kortright, also known as “Mama Queen,” and his seven children to start the Foundation in his honor.



Mr. Kortright was one of those great coaches who was blessed with the ability to unlock what is bound up in others. He used that opportunity to teach the youth in his community valuable life skills, determination, commitment, and integrity. He used athletics as a tool to engage young athletes because, just like in life, athletes experience the highs and lows of the game. Mentoring through sports to help young people develop character was his passion. Mr. Kortright was unwavering in his commitment to his family and community. He felt together, they shape who we are, instill us with values, and define, and teach us about what is possible.

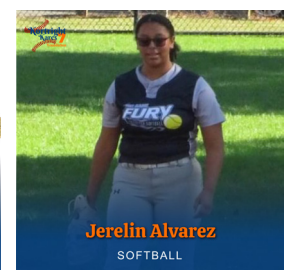
The Kortright Kares Foundation hopes to inspire and enable young athletes from all backgrounds, including those with economic limitations. Kids experience the joys and camaraderie of their athletic experiences, pushing them to discover how capable they are, with Mr. Kortright as their inspiration. His story is all about “Being your best self!”

Our Impact

In our inaugural year, we have taken significant strides in making our vision a reality:

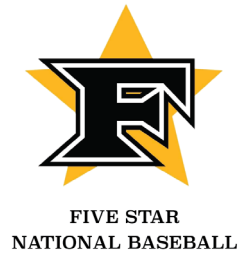
- **Scholarships Awarded:** We have proudly awarded 22 scholarships across various disciplines, including baseball, soccer, dance, art, and swimming, acknowledging the broad spectrum of talents among our student-athletes.
- **Programs Launched:** Our programs are designed to instill values of character, leadership, and service, fostering a sense of confidence and purpose in our students. We are especially focused on enhancing our mentoring and education support initiatives to provide a comprehensive support system.
- **Community Engagement:** We have formed strategic partnerships with several organizations, including Jo3 Olivo, Suffolk County Police Athletic League, American Cancer Society, Pinktie, and Beyond the Badge, to extend our reach and impact within the community.

Scholarship Recipients



Partnerships & Collaborations

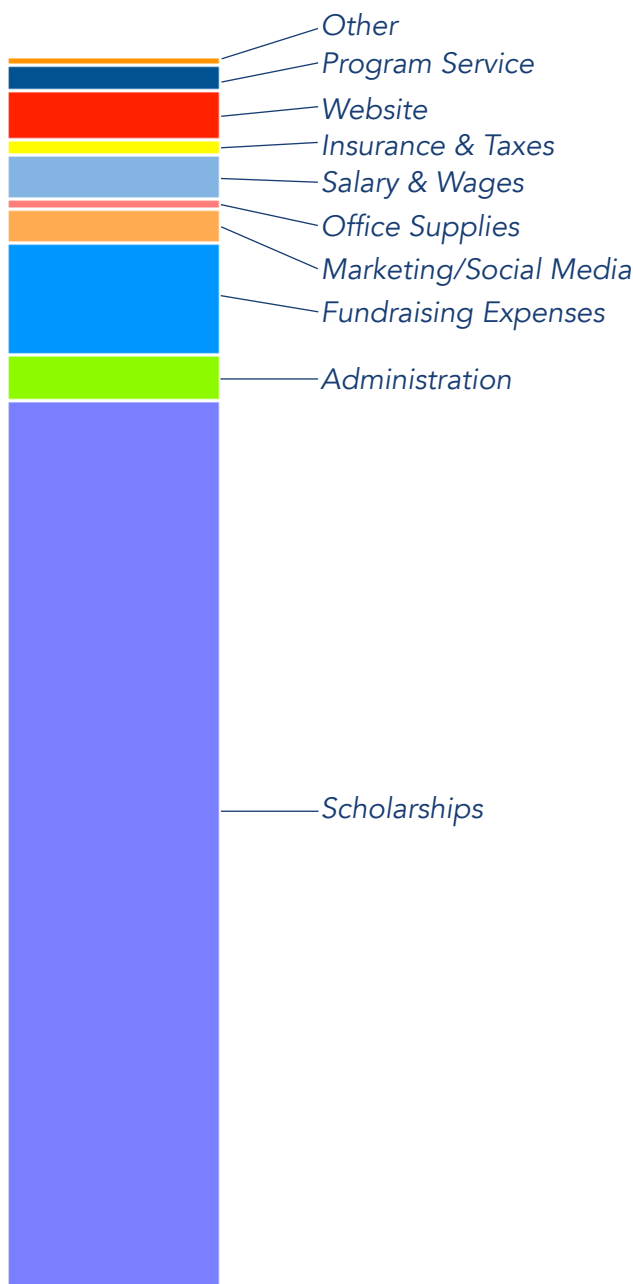
At Kortright Kares, we're all about working together and helping out. Right here, we're showcasing some amazing groups we've teamed up with. These partnerships mean a lot to us because they help us do more good in our neighborhood and beyond. It's all about joining hands to make a bigger difference!



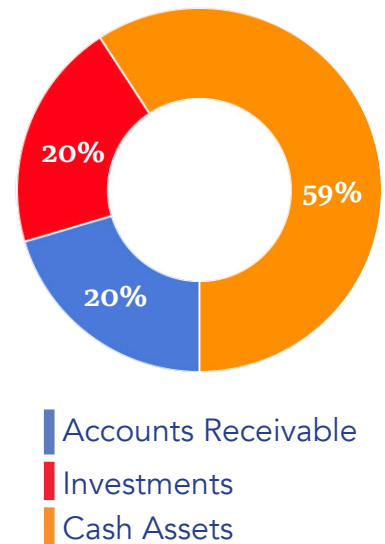
Financial Highlights

In our commitment to transparency and accountability, we dedicate this section to our financial performance and stewardship over the past year. Our financial summary reflects our prudent resource management, ensuring that most of our funds directly support our programs and scholarships.

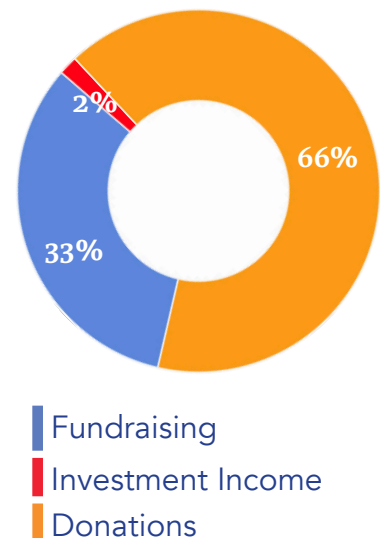
Expenditures



Assets



Revenues



Board of Directors

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Looking Ahead

As we reflect on our achievements, we also set our sights on the future. Our plans include expanding our scholarship offerings, enhancing our existing programs, and building new partnerships to further our mission. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and grateful for the support of our community in these endeavors.

Join Us

We invite you to be part of this transformative journey. Your support can help us continue to offer these critical resources and opportunities to student-athletes, enabling them to succeed both on and off the field. Together, we can create a future where every young athlete has the chance to grow, succeed, and lead.

Contact Us

For more information about The Kortright Kares Foundation, our programs, and how you can contribute, please visit our website or contact us directly. Your support makes a difference in young athletes' lives and their communities' lives.

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