Their stories.
Their transformation.

Storycatchers works with youth in the juvenile justice system. We help them tell their stories through musical theatre. By moving beyond their histories, they transform their own lives, communities, and people like you who are ready to listen.

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THE NEED.

75% – 93% of incarcerated youth have experienced severe trauma.

We stop the revolving door:
Wherever young people find themselves in the system...
- Arrested and detained at a police station
- Placed in a diversion program or put on probation
- Recently released from a detention center
- Or Incarcerated
they can work with us and confront their traumas by writing and sharing their stories. In the process, they lift the burden of lost identities, find their voices and tear down barriers to social and emotional development.

THE COST OF INCARCERATION.
FY19 figures for Illinois project the cost of incarceration in a juvenile justice facility for one year at $187,765 per youth.

IMPACT ON INCARCERATED YOUTH.
Our trauma-informed programs inside justice facilities provide an outlet for expression and means of personal growth through the process of writing and performing original musicals based on their own stories.

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<th>Performances for the community</th>
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<td>40</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>2,096</td>
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COMMUNITY IMPACT.
Our Changing Voices program employs young people recently released from the justice system in a performing arts development, job readiness curriculum for 30 hrs/week.

Tours and performances that influence the community:
87 performances and workshops for...

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<th>At-risk youth</th>
<th>CPD recruits</th>
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<td>1,548</td>
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Impact on development and job readiness:

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<th>Young people employed</th>
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<td>72</td>
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WHY OUR PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS WORK.
Data shows that group creation and collaboration build important life skills, especially among marginalized youth. That is why theatre is a powerful tool. Our structured curriculum guides participants to achieve the following outcomes:

Self expression
- Story-writing
- Stage presence and performance
- Character expression

Productive relationships
- Cooperation and compromise
- Identification with positive role models
- Critical thinking

Communication
- Sharing and receiving feedback
- Articulating emotions and perceptions

Leadership
- Peer mentoring and empowerment
- Team management
- Accepting accountability

Self advocacy
- Developing hope for the future
- Expressing pride in accomplishments
- Positive risk-taking

Job readiness (In Changing Voices)
- Interview training.
- Job application strategies and skills.
- Technology workshops

Life skills (In Changing Voices)
- Financial literacy
- Navigating health care
- Principles of self-care
Institutional Giving: $1,366,056  
Annual Benefit: $122,498  
Individual Giving: $96,982  
Earned Income: $22,349

Programs: $1,110,780  
Development: $171,623  
Administration: $362,776

TOTAL ENGAGEMENT

228  
court-involved youth served

127  
performances for the community

5162  
audience members

“Without Storycatchers, I would be homeless, in trouble, looking for a job, and stressed out. With Storycatchers, I am a leader, mentor, and outstanding person. I am free.”

- Ty’teeanna W., Program Participant

VISIT A PROGRAM SITE.

Contact Tory Davidson at 312-280-4772 or tdavidson@storycatcherstheatre.org to schedule a visit to a skills workshop or rehearsal session to see our staff and participants in action.

INVEST IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Your donation will provide our youth the emotional, social and job skills needed to be successful after their exit from the justice system.

Contact Rachel Combs at 312-280-4772 or rhcombs@storycatcherstheatre.org.

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