

Critical Need in Waterbury

- **Educational Disparities:** Only 26% of students in low-performing high schools are in advanced classes, compared to 77% in high-performing schools.
- **Economic Challenges:** The median household income in Waterbury is \$41,136, significantly lower than the state median of \$78,833.
- **Community Struggles:** High absenteeism rates (32%) and a juvenile arrest rate 1.5 times higher than the state average highlight systemic issues.
- **Poverty:** Nearly 20% of Waterbury's youth live in poverty, with limited access to educational resources and extracurricular activities.

Our Services

Comprehensive Approach:

Educational and Skill Development:

- **Certified Educators:** Providing instruction in esports and STEAM fields.
- **Workshops and Training:** Offering technical training, soft skills, and financial literacy workshops.
- **Career Pathways:** Creating opportunities for internships, scholarships, and entry-level positions in IT and UX design.

Community Engagement:

- **Outreach Events:** Hosting community outreach events and informational sessions.
- **Mentorship and Support:** Providing mentorship and mental health support to participants.

Strategic Partnerships:

- **Collaboration with Local Entities:** Working with schools, nonprofits, and businesses to enhance program reach and effectiveness.
- **Advocacy and System Change:** Engaging in policy analysis and reform to promote long-term solutions.

Our Impact

Participant Impact:

- Participants experience joy, fun, freedom, connection, and community.
- Participants gain technical skills and participate in non-physical sports activities.
- Exposure to esports education and relevance to career pathways.
- Participants receive continued success post-program with mentorship and additional income sources.

Community Impact:

- Strengthened social networks, increased civic engagement, and enhanced public safety.
- Higher employment rates and reduced stigma and barriers for youth in Waterbury.

How Philanthropy Helps

Support for Brass City Gamers: Philanthropic support is crucial for the success of Brass City Gamers. Majority of our funding comes from philanthropic sources. Continued philanthropic support and access to state/federal funding will enable Brass City Gamers to expand its successful programs to other cities, helping more youth break the cycle of poverty and achieve long-term stability and economic mobility.