

Greg Roberts

Greg Roberts serves as President and CEO of the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, a nonprofit organization which works strategically to address the long-term needs of children, youth and families in the District of Columbia.



Under Greg's leadership, the Trust has:

- Raised more than \$150 million in public and private funds
- Developed strong local and national stakeholder partnerships
- Launched five innovative programs to strengthen services to youth, their families, and the leadership of youth-serving organizations
 - Project My Time, a city-wide collaboration and systems-building initiative funded by The Wallace Foundation, ensures that all District middle school youth benefit from high-quality out-of-school time (OST) programs.
 - DC Carrera Trust Program, a partnership with the Children's Aid Society of New York, is a nationally recognized seven-year program that follows fifth graders through graduation and offers a unique combination of academic enrichment, career exploration, arts, sports, and sexuality education as a means of comprehensively preventing teen pregnancy.
 - The Institute for New Communities, New Leaders offers executives of youth-serving nonprofit organizations a leadership curriculum that strategically combines organizational capacity building with individual leadership development to systematically strengthen these leaders and their organizations simultaneously.
 - GAME: Girls Acquiring Meaningful Experiences provides technical assistance and grants to expand the number of OST providers addressing the needs of young women.
 - Boys of Color: The Trust spearheaded the creation of a multi-city system-building initiative known as YMC3, or Young Men of Color Cross-cities Collaborative; established and funded a learning circle of DC OST providers focusing on young men of color; and is spearheading the creation of a **National Giving Circle** and **Local Giving Circles** in cities across the country to encourage philanthropic leadership and focus attention and resources on initiatives that successfully strengthen the educational and quality of life outcomes for boys of color.
- Sponsored, with support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and national partners, two national meetings focused on the needs of older youth who are at risk of school failure and the role of high school afterschool programs as a strategy for reengagement
- Participated with national partners in a Collaborative for Building Afterschool Systems (CBASS), a partnership of national stakeholders funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies dedicated to increasing the availability of quality after-school programming by building citywide after-school systems. The Trust leads the following strategies as a part of the work of CBASS:
 - Building After School Systems for Diverse Populations
 - Designing OST Systems for High School Students

In addition to his work with the Trust, Greg serves on the boards of the Black Philanthropic Alliance and Jobs for America's Graduates DC (president), and recently completed terms on the Mayor's Youth Development Commission and the board of Washington Grantmakers. He sits on numerous public and private taskforces, committees and working groups including the DC Truancy Taskforce; Reconnecting Disconnected Youth Steering Committee; 2025 Campaign for Black Men and Boys; New Ways to Work (INET) Leadership; the Children, Youth and Families and Public Education working groups of Washington Grantmakers; and Double the Numbers. He recently was selected as a member of the Class of 2009 for Leadership Greater Washington, an organization that connects and challenges diverse regional leaders for the purpose of improving the quality of life in the Greater Washington area.

Much in demand as a speaker, Greg regularly addresses national and regional bodies working to provide and improve urban youth development programming. As a forceful advocate for the needs of young people, he frequently discusses policy and best practices. He was recently invited to participate in a

White House *Compassion In Action* Roundtable; to present to the US Conference of Mayors' Standing Committee on Children, Health and Human Services; and to contribute as a resource expert in a National Network of Afterschool Networks meeting.

Greg has more than 20 years of experience in working with underserved youth and leading nonprofit organizations which serve them, including the Magic Johnson Foundation, Summerbridge National, and the Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust. He holds a Master's degree in Higher Education and a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Central Connecticut State University.