

First Glance

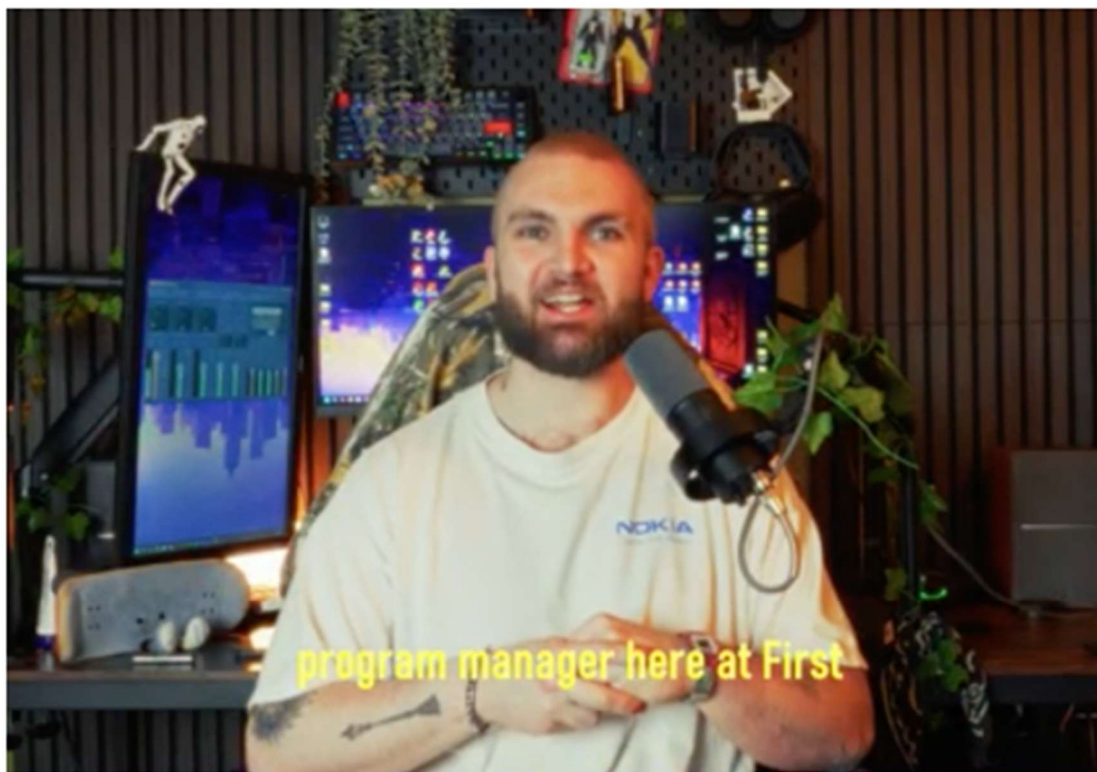
Your Church Partner Update

connecting students to Christ and The Church

Hey Church partners: Iâ€™m super excited to hop into 2026 with you!

We have so many things we can celebrate from 2025, like passing the 11,000 mark for students served, or our 25 year anniversary! However, we are also pumped for what God is calling us to *this* year. **You might have noticed we attached a video to this month's partner update - and that's something we want to try going forward.** We feel like it adds a unique creative and personal touch to these emails, *BUT* if youâ€™re a speed reader and donâ€™t care for videos, no sweat!

All the important updates and prayer requests will remain in the same text format.



[Click here for our new video update!](#)

This month kicks our programming off for 2026! We hit pause on programming during APS's winter break, giving our volunteers a much needed break to enjoy the holiday season with their families! However, once school resumes, so do we! This means knocking off some of the rust and dust that built up over those two weeks. Because many of our students live in poverty, this season can be difficult for them and their families, so getting to walk with them through that hardship is a unique privilege.

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After an extended break, **our Hiphop program also relaunched this month!** It is such a dope space for students to use art to express themselves, and for us to share the gospel in the midst of that self expression!Â



Program Spotlight: All Program Christmas Party

Recently, we gathered for our all program Christmas party, and **I want to sincerely thank everyone who donated, prayed, and gave toward this night.** Your generosity created space for students to feel welcomed, known, and cared for. While I usually highlight just one program in this section, this time I could not choose only one. Every program is growing, and each is meeting students right where they are. Watching students and leaders from different programs interact reminded me that what happens at First Glance is bigger than any single program. It is a shared mission rooted in love and community. I also had the opportunity to share a direct gospel message with everyone who attended, and I ask that you continue to pray this message saturates hearts. **Just last week, I gave a Bible to a student, and it is inspiring to see God moving in real and personal ways.**



Volunteer Spotlight: CVCA 6th Graders

We had an awesome volunteer group from CVCA to start the new year - I don't think I've ever seen a group of 6th grade boys clean so quickly or with so much attention to detail (I've also never heard anyone call dibs for who gets to mop). It was such a sweet reminder to me that anyone, no matter their age (or any other category or adjective you could apply to someone), can take part in what God is doing in Akron! It was also a great reminder that God is raising up the generation after mine - that there are boys on the cusp of manhood who are already serving the Lord and living on mission!

Sign Up Your Group to Serve

Prayer Requests:

- **New Students at HipHop** - Pray that students coming for the first time would feel welcomed, seen, and open to building relationships with our team.
- **Volunteer Strength & Encouragement** - Pray for renewed strength, and unity as volunteers continue to pour into students week after week
- **New volunteers** - Pray for new and more volunteers as our programs continue to grow

Programming Needs:

- Cookies, desserts, and snacks
 - Paper products (plates, cups, napkins, cutlery)
 - Bottled drinks
 - Gift cards for student giveaways
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Financial Needs:

We're raising funds to support:

- Hiphop phase 2 - building a studio upstairs for our students to record
- Winter programming needs for Rec Night, Girls/Guys Groups, and the Skate Park
- Ongoing operational costs that allow us to keep our doors open to students week after week

If your church or mission team would like to [contribute](#), we deeply appreciate your **financial partnership**.

Become A Monthly Donor



Volunteer
with us *and* be
the change!


FILL OUT THIS FORM

Volunteer Opportunities:

Serve weekly, monthly, or quarterly—whatever fits your schedule!

- Volunteers to help with our elementary age program
- Rec Night volunteers (hospitality, games, cleanup)
- Adult mentors for Guys Group and Girls Group
- Additional adults to help supervise and build relationships at the Skate Park

Become A Volunteer Today



come **AND** *see*

See the space. Meet the team. Catch the vision.

Come enjoy a morning with us, with coffee and donuts! Take a personal tour of our building, meet some of the team who make it all happen, and join an open Q&A to hear stories and ask questions. Discover the heartbeat of First Glance and see how you are part of the mission that is changing lives in our community.

RSVP TODAY →

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to First Glance. **Weâ€™re grateful for every prayer lifted, every meal prepared, every hour served, and every dollar given.** Your partnership allows us to continue connecting students and their communities to Christ and His Church in real, relational, and meaningful ways.

If itâ€™s been a while since youâ€™ve been to the building, or checked out what weâ€™re up to, please come hang out at one of our new â€œCome and Seeâ€ events! Our next one is on February 21st at 9:00 - weâ€™ll give a tour of the building while you munch on coffee donuts, and weâ€™ll end with a meet and great of the team - which has grown and changed a fair bit since the start of 2025!

Grateful for ya,
Caleb McKee
Program Manager

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