

The Compound Foundation

The Compound Foundation was founded in 2007 by Shaffer “Ne-Yo” Smith and his business partner Reynell “Tango” Hay to enhance the well-being of youth growing up in foster care and group homes. The foundation’s goal is to support bright futures for young people by helping them to forge healthy relationships, pursue education and training, teach entrepreneurship basics, and realize their dreams.

The Compound Foundation operates three signature programs in support of its mission:

Future CEO Academy provides an opportunity for youth in foster care to participate in a 3 day entrepreneurship training course on a college campus. This year’s program took place in Atlanta, GA on Clark Atlanta University’s campus. Participants were empowered to develop business concepts which they presented in an elevator pitch competition. One student received a \$10,000 award to start their business.

During December, the **Giving Tour** will visit four cities with high rates of youth in the foster care system - Las Vegas, St. Louis, Washington, DC and Boston to distribute toys and apparel to over 3,000 young people.

Charitable Giving The foundation works to identify and support foster care and group home organizations that are innovative in their efforts at family reunification and youth development programming. Additionally, we provide scholarships to youth who are ageing out of foster care and going on to pursue higher education and vocational training.

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