

## **DJ PROJECT**

In July, The DJ Project youth collaborated with The Sean Monterrosa Project to honor Sean's life and legacy at the annual Tucan's Day Block Party. Sean, a Horizons youth, was tragically taken from us due to police violence.

The DJ Project youth contributed as performers, DJs, and event staff while gaining real-world experience in event production. From designing flyers and social media to managing logistics and even hosting a community clothing drive, participants showcased their leadership, artistry, and commitment to community.

A standout success came from participant Matthew Nicholson, who took initiative in planning and executing Tucan's Day. In addition to performing, Matthew helped lead activities, managed logistics, and collaborated with peers to ensure the event's success—often dedicating time outside of sessions to prepare. His leadership and follow-through highlighted the power of youth ownership in making community events possible.

Meanwhile, participants continued sharpening skills in music production and graphic design, finalizing creative projects while learning practical steps for releasing their work—from packaging and branding to distribution strategies.