

# Seeds of Change



## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

*Lotus House* where hope blossoms  
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# ABOUT LOTUS HOUSE

Lotus House has sheltered over **9,520** women, youth and children since inception over **16** years ago. With the capacity to shelter over 500 women, youth and children on a nightly basis, nearly half of whom are children, we are the largest women's shelter in the nation. Your generosity provides life changing sanctuary that helps women and children heal, learn, grow and thrive on every level. So much more than a meal, a bed and a shower, Lotus House provides holistic, empowering and uplifting supportive services that puts children first. We provide evidence-based child and family therapies, counseling, parenting classes, resource coordination, access to medical and mental healthcare, after school tutoring and other educational supports, job readiness training, employment assistance, holistic arts and activities, and furnishings for move-out. Lotus House is truly setting the standard on a national level for best practices and innovation. Together, we help women, youth and children emerge from the shadows, give voice to their dreams, and build the foundation for safer, healthier, brighter futures.

## Our Seeds of Change

**9,520+** women, youth and children sheltered life to date

**85%** successfully exited outside the shelter system

**355,000+** meals served annually

**188,000+** shelter bed nights annually

**15,000+** counseling sessions provided annually

**800+** holistic arts and education activities hosted annually

**282** babies will call Lotus House their first home

**1,548** women, youth, and children sheltered in 2021

# GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE DRIVEN RESEARCH

As a center for service-driven research, we are extremely excited to report that our vital research continues to change the lives of our children and families, helping them to heal, learn, grow and thrive. The second phase of our service-driven research into the special needs of sheltered children and effective therapeutic interventions, **“CHILDREN FIRST”**, is well underway at Lotus Village with our community partner Florida International University. We continue to combine our clinical services with the rigors of research to continuously improve our standards of care and coordination at the same time we are raising awareness of the needs of sheltered children on a national level and how best to support their healing and growth.

Our ground-breaking work is receiving national attention as we lead our field toward evidence-based, best practices and we are so excited to share news of the publication of our first children’s research paper, **“ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA-RELATED NEEDS OF SHELTERED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH TRAUMA-FOCUSED COGNITIVE-BEHAVIORAL THERAPY(TF-CBT)”<sup>1</sup>** by the Journal of Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research.

A culmination of over four years of service-driven research, this important paper documents the high level of mental health needs of sheltered children and effective therapeutic interventions to reduce the symptoms of trauma. A true **MILESTONE** of outsized proportion on a national level, this is the first meaningful service driven research paper into the needs of sheltered children and effective therapeutic supports, to be published in decades!

1. Spiegel, J.A., Graziano, P.A., Arcia, E. et al. Addressing Mental Health and Trauma-Related Needs of Sheltered Children and Families with Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). *Adm Policy Ment Health* 49, 881–898 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-022-01207-0>

Our research continues to be presented at national conferences and more papers will follow as we strive to ensure that sheltered children across the country are nurtured and supported. Both the research and services underlying this service-driven work were made possible by the generosity and continued support of The Children's Trust and The Homeless Trust of Miami-Dade County. To learn more about this important work, please visit [lotushouse.org](http://lotushouse.org)



Lotus House has taken the lead on a national level in its newest initiative to establish a national network of women's shelters. The **National Women's Shelter Network** (NWSN) is a newly established and growing national network of women's homeless shelters and programs for information sharing, showcasing best practices and innovation, training and capacity building, resource development, and identifying gaps and needs. **The goal is to inform public and social policies, drive resources to providers, public awareness and education, and advancing solutions to prevent and end homelessness.**

We are joining forces to elevate the voices of women with lived experience and those who serve them, with a mission to advance the status of women and children experiencing homelessness in our country and bring an end to homelessness.

## NWSN INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Lotus House is hosting the **Inaugural National Women's Shelter Network Conference in Miami, Florida on September 5th, 6th and 7th, 2023!** This important convening of the leaders of our nation's women's shelters will raise awareness of the gender specific needs of women experiencing homelessness; highlight the importance of ending gender based discrimination, abuse and violence – which are among the primary causes of homelessness for women; and showcase trauma informed best practices for women, youth, and their children.

**To become a sponsor for the National Women's Shelter Network and make a difference in this important initiative of Lotus House please visit the National Women's Shelter Network website, [nationalwomensshelternetwork.org](http://nationalwomensshelternetwork.org).**

**Together we are stronger!**



National Women's Shelter Network, LLC

# National Women's Shelter Network

INAUGURAL  
CONFERENCE

September  
5th-7th, 2023

Miami, FL

# YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON HOMELESSNESS: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

READ EXCERPTS FROM AN ESSAY WRITTEN BY KIKA JIMÉNEZ SINGER- YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR.



KIKA HELPING SERVE A THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

"I was two years old when I visited a women's shelter for the first time. Back then, Lotus House sheltered only 34 women nightly in two old apartment buildings and was run primarily by volunteers and friends. A few times a month, my mom would bring my sister and me with her to the shelter. While she was filling out forms, managing other volunteers, serving meals, and organizing events in those early years, I was petting the cats roaming the grounds of the shelter, playing with the kids that stayed there, and helping to serve meals as best a toddler could....

I was offered a summer internship at Lotus House to aid in their newest initiative: the National Women's Shelter Network.... This initiative gave me hope, a chance to be a part of something powerful. In June of 2022, I was invited to join the NWSN's team on one of the road trips embarked upon to recruit shelters around the country to join our network. This tour would encompass the entirety of the West Coast...Because of the focus of the trip, I didn't see the places we visited in the same way that I would have as a tourist.

I was seeing the side that people don't talk about, or don't want to talk about. I saw neighborhoods like the Tenderloin district in San Francisco and Skid Row in Los Angeles. I saw thousands of people living in encampments, sleeping on the streets. I saw endless lines of women, men, and children at shelters, drop-in centers, and soup kitchens, wondering if they'll ever make it in....

Now I notice each and every individual on the streets, wondering what their story might be, and what their life could look like.... Just a few days after returning, I was on the subway headed to meet a friend, and a woman —visibly living on the streets— was selling handmade bracelets. Once upon a time, she might have been best known as someone's mother or daughter, maybe somebody's best friend....I handed her a few dollars, and she gave me two bracelets in return.

The interaction brought me back to the shelters we had visited, so focused on offering women spaces filled with dignity and love, with opportunities to thrive and flourish, to turn their lives around. I want to share everything I learned. Because building a network of young, powerful minds can make all the difference we need to progress, to raise awareness. I invite you to learn, to care, to treat people with dignity and respect, and advocate for a future where women and children should never have to live on the streets. **IT STARTS WITH THE COMMUNITY; IT STARTS WITH US.** Thank you Lotus House for my internship with the NWSN and all you do every day to end homelessness, in our community and across the nation."



KIKA IN THE CENTER VISITING COMMUNITY FORWARD SF IN SAN FRANCISCO

# NWSN- A NATIONAL VOICE TO PREVENT AND



PLANNING SESSION AT COMMUNITY FORWARD  
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MEETING WITH THE TEAM AT THE WEINGART CENTER  
LOS ANGELES, CA



## NWSN HIGHLIGHTS:

80 Shelters in the Network

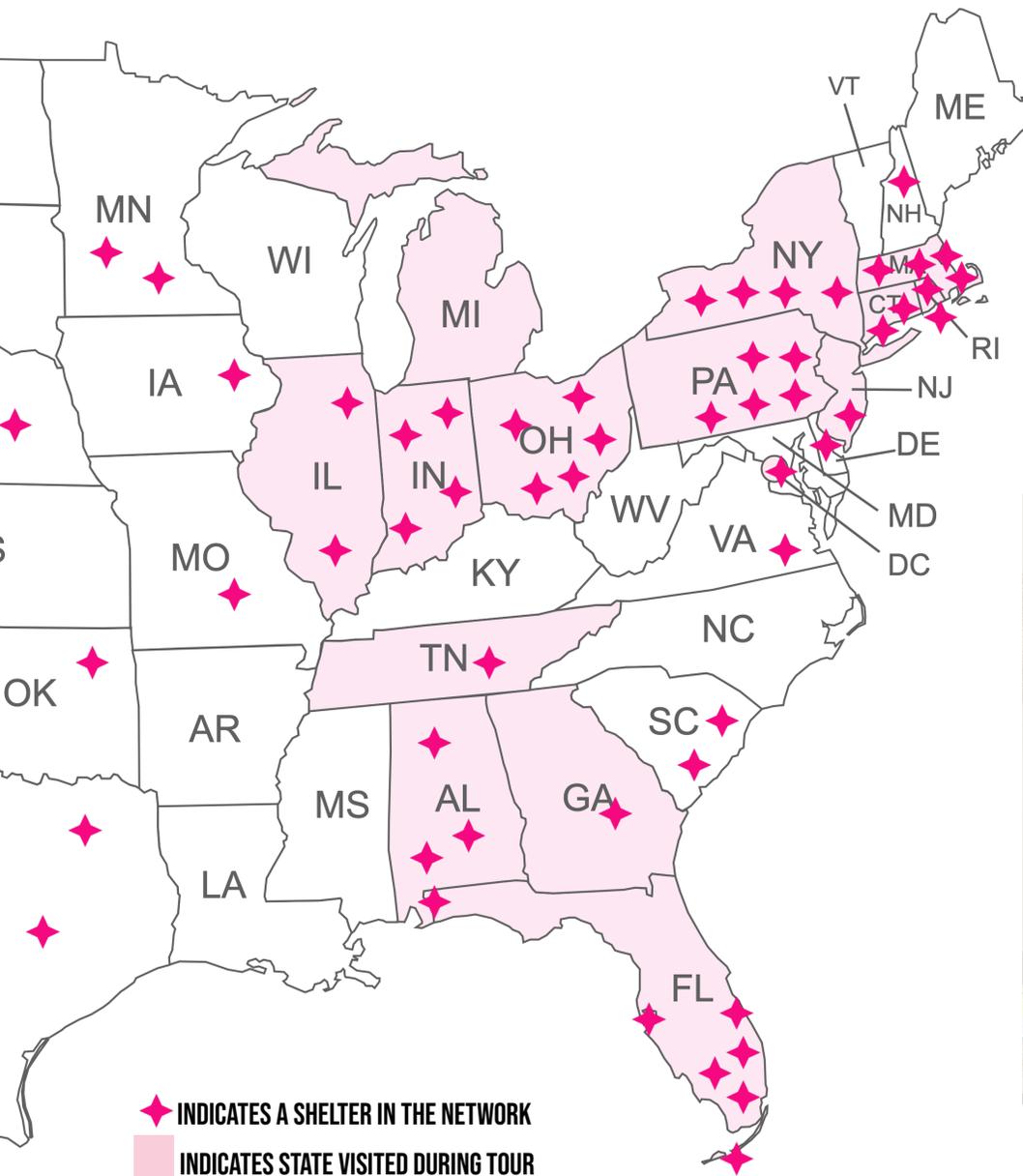
20 States visited

13 Steering Committee Members

50 Shelters visited

46 Surveys Completed

# FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN END HOMELESSNESS



LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT  
THE WOODS-MULLEN SHELTER  
BOSTON, MA



SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AT N STREET VILLAGE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Over the last few months, the NWSN has been on the road visiting women's shelters and programs across the nation. It has been gratifying to see shelters (small and large) join forces together to make our voices heard on a national level. We have driven nearly **10,000 MILES**, have visited over 50 shelters in the Southeast, East Coast, Midwest Region, and West Coast. Our network has grown to 80 shelters united and counting! Next, we are headed to the South Central and the Midwest.

**MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW US IN SOLIDARITY WITH THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA @NWSN\_ORG!**

# EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Providing the women and youth of Lotus House with the necessary skills to further their education and employment goals, achieve greater financial self-sufficiency, and prepare them to live independently, our Employment Program offers job readiness and job search training, resume building, mock interviews, work and interview attire, on site training, paid internships and more!

Available year-round, we continue to offer our guests a variety of internship opportunities. Ranging from Hospitality and Retail to Farming and Culinary, our paid internships help build a work history, and concede our guests with certificates of accomplishments and employer references to compete for employment, when needed.



ONE OF OUR INTERNS PREPARING INGREDIENTS FOR A FRESH SALAD TO BE SERVED IN THE DAVID AND LEILA CENTNER CULINARY CENTER



CDL TRAINING CLASS



OUR INSTRUCTOR READY TO PROVIDE THE SAFE FOOD HANDLER TRAINING IN SPANISH

# AT LOTUS VILLAGE

Truly life-changing, these job training programs have allowed Lotus House to connect our guests with potential employers in the community and beyond! After successful completion of our on-site programming, we are excited to announce that this year, alone, we have assisted hundreds of individuals in obtaining employment!

Equipping our women and youth with diverse skill sets, these programs help lay the groundwork towards building the foundation for a brighter future.



## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT PAT, YOUTH EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR

"I work primarily with the youth team at Lotus House. On a daily basis we encourage our young women to take full advantage of the resources available to them. My biggest joy is watching them grow, blossom and transition out of homelessness. Although each person's journey is very unique, they all have the biggest, most beautiful smile on their face when opening the door to their new apartment. It's a beautiful thing to be a part of this."

You can learn more about Pat on Lotus Village Voices- our podcast available wherever you listen!



## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT MARCIA, DISHWASHER/STEWART AND FOOD PREP ASSISTANT

"Este es mi último trabajo antes de retirarme. Pero de todos los trabajos que tuve este es el mejor. Porque por medio de este trabajo puedo exteriorizar mis sentimientos y puedo sacar lo mejor que tenía dentro de mí sin que nadie me pusiera un obstáculo.. Aunque tengo la barrera del idioma, hay una barrera con la que me di cuenta que me podía comunicar que era el lenguaje del amor. Me gusta ver como se ríen los niños a pesar de que ellos solo sonríen y solo saben decir thank you. Pero una sonrisa los llena de alegría en el desayuno o una noche en la cena. Llego a mi casa tranquila y pensando en eso que todas tenemos algún problema de cualquier índole pero una sonrisa ayuda a superar cualquier situación que nosotros estemos viviendo y me siento realizada aquí."

"This is my last job before I retire. But of all the jobs I've had this is the best. Through this work I can externalize my feelings and I am able to bring out the best that I had inside of me without anyone putting any obstacles in front of me. Although there is a language barrier, I realized that I could communicate with the language of love. I like to see how children laugh even though they only smile and only know how to say thank you. But a smile fills them with joy at breakfast or one night at dinner. I get home calm and thinking about how we all have some kind of problem but a smile helps to overcome any situation that we are experiencing and I feel fulfilled here."

# FOOD GROWN AT LOTUS HOUSE!

Recognizing the importance and value of healthful, nutritious food to heal body, mind and spirit, Lotus House launched "The Farm". With The Farm, our women and children are able to deepen their understanding of the seed-to-harvest life cycle of plants, share in the wonder of growing and harvesting their crops, explore new tastes, and learn new ways to prepare, eat and appreciate nutritious plant-based foods. Through this initiative, Lotus House has brought transparency and sustainability to the production of high-quality, pesticide-free, fresh vegetables year-round, all while creating a unique, enriching, and educational science lab for our children.

Expanding to other outdoor gardens where we grow tropical fruits, The Farm has truly blossomed into a whole gardening and nutrition initiative at the shelter. The children of Lotus House are not only farming and conducting various activities in The Farm, but are also participating in cooking classes, seeing their harvest served, and all the various ways to prepare it. This multi-dimensional, all-encompassing health and wellness program provides a high-quality, interactive learning environment for children and families and offers an intimate view of the natural world, deepening their appreciation for the importance of plants and vegetables for healthy bodies and minds.

Through innovation and exploration, The Farm has not only opened the door for the children of Lotus House to discover a new-found relationship with plants, fruits, vegetables and nutrition but has also inspired creativity, curiosity and consciousness in the lives of our most vulnerable.

## PLANTED WITH LOVE, OUR CHILDREN HAVE NOW HARVESTED OVER 33,000 HEADS OF LETTUCE SINCE INCEPTION!



### EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

#### NATALIE, FARM INTERN

"I am very grateful for the opportunity of interning in the farm program at Lotus. The program itself is very educational and helpful. Not only that but it also has flexibility and provides me with some experience with plants. To me working with nature is very fulfilling."





# THRIFT WITH LOVE

When you donate gently-used items and shop with **LOTUS HOUSE THRIFT CHIC BOUTIQUE**, you help uplift the lives of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness, improving the quality of their lives on every level.

You can help the families we serve by:

## #SHOPFORACAUSE

We specialize in furniture, designer, vintage, like new and gently used clothing, home decor, and much more – all at beautiful prices! While the majority of our items are only available in store, you can also shop a limited selection of official Lotus House and Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique merchandise online.

**100% OF PROCEEDS FROM THRIFT GO TO FUND OUR DONATION CENTER AND OUR RETAIL & BARISTA JOB TRAINING PROGRAM!**

## #DONATE

Donated items ensure that the women, youth and children we serve have basic shoes and clothing, including proper interview outfits and work attire for free when they are most in need.

## #NEWBEGINNINGS

When families are ready to move out of Lotus House, Lotus House Thrift helps them outfit their new homes with donated household goods and furniture items.

## #EMPLOYMENTREADY

Lotus House Thrift provides retail and barista training in a “real world” setting for interested guests of Lotus House. The majority of the team members at Thrift are current guests or alumni of Lotus House having gone through our retail job training program, learning every aspect of operations of a retail store, including marketing and sales strategies, money-handling and cash register skills, receiving and displaying merchandise, sorting and storing inventory/donations, and developing customer service skills.

## IN 2021-2022, LOTUS HOUSE THRIFT BOUTIQUE HAS:

- Furnished **360+** alumni households
- The team is made up of **80%** alumni
- Filled over **2,600+** clothing vouchers for current guests and alumni

**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM** @lotushousethrift **SHOP ONLINE AT** lotushousethrift.org

**LOCATED AT:** 2040 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33127 **CONTACT US:** 305-576-4112

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 7pm





## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### QUISQUEYA, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE / TRUCK ASSISTANT

"My experience as a guest was very pleasant. My daughter and I were both treated with kindness and patience. I was able to find employment along with housing throughout my stay at Lotus. Now I am currently working in a field I'm proud of. I have a home that I'm proud of and a life that I am happy with. It would not have been made possible without Lotus House. I'm very much appreciative of the program and my daughter is always delighted to visit whenever the opportunity presents itself. I am very grateful for the opportunity and the experience."

# EDUCATION



Education is power and we are dedicated to the support, education advancement and social inclusion of women and youth. Our education program allows our guests to further their education and employment goals, and improve the quality of their lives. We provide educational support such as basic supplies; enrollment assistance for children; tutoring and homework assistance; college counseling; Adult Basic Education and General Education; and additional workshops and supportive classes.

**IN 2022 SO FAR, 120 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND TUTORING**

# THE STUDIO & LOTUS VILLAGE VOICES



Our multipurpose creative studio space within Lotus Village was made possible through The Children's Trust. The studio allows us to amplify the voices and stories of women and families via our podcast, Lotus Village Voices, enhanced programming with opportunities for creative expression, and the chance to build positive memories with an audiovisual archive.

**LISTEN TO OUR PODCAST, LOTUS VILLAGE VOICES, ON SPOTIFY, APPLE, YOUTUBE, OR WHEREVER YOU FIND YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS!**

# PROGRAMMING



## ARTS AND ACTIVITIES

Whether in our yoga room or in our art & activity lab, our guests are given the opportunity to heal through creative expression and the opportunity to learn and have fun via field trips to parks and cultural centers!

**IN 2022, 900+ GUESTS PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES AND OUR TEAM HAS CONDUCTED 15 FIELD TRIPS, SUCH AS VISITS TO THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK AND THE FROST SCIENCE MUSEUM.**



## HEALING HANDS SALON

We know the importance of providing a space for our guests to restore both inner and outer beauty and a sense of self-worth. Our salon provides hair cuts, nail care, and self-esteem building workshops that build self-esteem and confidence!

**OVER 757 SALON SERVICES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THIS YEAR!**

# LOTUS HOUSE ALUMNI BLOSSOMING

## MEET DAMAR!

Damar came to Lotus House when he was 1½ years old. During his stay he loved to dance around the shelter and paint any chance he got.

Fast forward to today, he is 15 years old and a sophomore in high school. He is a member of his school football team as part of the defensive line and an honor student!



## DYNAMIC DUO!

Latoya and Lianna, mother and daughter alumni, recently hit an amazing milestone- **GRADUATION**. Lianna graduated from high school and Latoya with her associates degree

They both have fond memories of their time at Lotus House and enjoyed the activities and field trips. They are so proud of each other and grateful they got to share graduating together. Lianna plans to attend FIU to study business and communications while her mother, Latoya, is excited to start a new career!



# SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The needs of those we shelter and in the Overtown community are many, and more desperately, there is a need for access to medical resources, education and care. Health education is a vital component to building a healthy community as it not only increases knowledge about personal health behavior but improves health and wellness for the community as a whole.

At Lotus House, our team works to support those we shelter with access to health education workshops, physical exams, prescription medicine, immunizations and more. Knowing that our guests are not the only ones in our community in need of these resources, we have expanded our Lotus in the Neighborhood program to include health education and prevention in addition to food resources and other essential supplies. We hope to develop skills that produce lasting changes to how our guests and the community approach their health and eliminate barriers to health care with our programming at Lotus House and in our outreach activities for our Overtown neighbors.

## LOTUS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

### 3 DISTRIBUTIONS TO DATE IN 2022

With the support of our community partners, Overtown residents received access to :

- Prepared meals & grocery items
- COVID-19 testing and vaccinations along with educational materials
- Health education on HPV & Cervical Cancer, Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, Dental Hygiene and more
- Childhood Immunizations
- On-site Mammograms
- Glucose Screenings
- Skin Cancer Screenings

**75,000 POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED SINCE 2020**



**ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROVIDING VITAL SIGN SCREENINGS AT OUR MARCH DISTRIBUTION**



## EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT ELIZABETH, COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

“While at Lotus House I enjoyed an array of activities and I am grateful for the support system that allowed me to graduate high school and attend college. I have a stable job which allows me to have some financial security which is pivotal in today’s economic climate. I started as an operations intern and I would operate and train other staff members on how to use our UV towers. Then I advanced to an operation manager before I was promoted to Community Outreach Coordinator. This new position entails managing volunteers and helping organize various community events that Lotus House holds throughout the year. I am extremely excited about this position.”

## HEALTH & WELLNESS AT LOTUS HOUSE



MOBILE DENTAL UNIT PROVIDING DENTAL EXAMS FOR ADULTS SHELTERED WITH US

Our Health & Wellness Program aims to address longstanding issues related to health access and health disparities among women, youth and children experiencing homelessness. Working with our onsite service provider, Jessie Trice Community Health Systems, and other third party medical providers, our team works to mitigate health access barriers via bilingual health navigation and support services, referrals, follow-ups, and prevention education helping to advance the health and safety of those we shelter.



HEALTH SCREENINGS BEING PROVIDED BY ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### IN 2022 TO DATE OUR HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM COORDINATED

- 957 Physical Exams
- 517 Dental Exams
- 162 Children’s Immunizations
- 26 Health Education Workshops with 232 attendees

# THANK YOU TO OUR SEEDS OF CHANGE SPONSORS

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**IT TAKES A VILLAGE....THANK YOU!**

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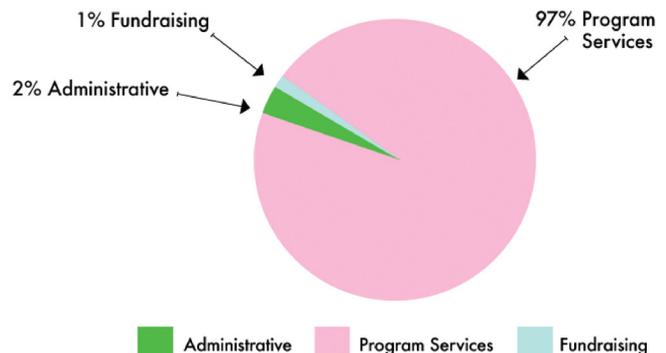
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5TH YEAR IN A ROW!



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# Children's Village at Lotus Village

We are so excited to announce that Lotus House is expanding its important work to prevent and end homelessness in our community with the planned development of an innovative, new holistic children's resource center, affectionately called the Children's Village at Lotus Village!

Adjacent to Lotus Village, the Children's Village is designed as a collective impact model working in concert with other mission aligned Overtown based nonprofits and organizations to better serve and more deeply support our sheltered children and the children and families of our beloved neighborhood and surrounds. The Children's Village will offer enriched educational and therapeutic support, diverse programming, social services and resources for the children, youth and families of Lotus House, Overtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

With a planned five-story, 75,000 square foot development, the Children's Village will feature: a beautiful, engaging and educational playground and outdoor recreational facility; expanded educational and therapeutic facilities for additional child and family therapy, resource coordination and our groundbreaking service driven research; and community support facilities for the shelter's core operations and the important work of Lotus House Thrift, providing job readiness training, clothing and move-out furnishings for sheltered women and children.



With occupancy anticipated in Summer/Fall 2024, the Children's Village will create a new national model for unprecedented collaboration, community engagement, cooperation, and holistic support for children and families to truly end and prevent homelessness by putting children first and investing in their future.

The creation and development of the Children's Village at Lotus Village is made possible by the support of the Lotus House Endowment Fund, Inc. for Lotus House and its initiatives. The total project cost is estimated to be \$28.5 million and will be funded through a combination of philanthropic gifts and financing arranged by Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., as well as government grants and support. To support the acquisition and development of Children's Village at Lotus Village, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. has also launched a capital campaign to raise private funds. This extremely important initiative to benefit children and youth in need has also garnered the in-kind support and pro-bono contributions from our surrounding community.

With the potential of the Children's Village to serve an estimated **2,500 CHILDREN ANNUALLY** for generations to come, Lotus House is excited about our community's continued commitment to enrich the lives of sheltered children and their families, as well as those in our Overtown neighborhood.

## Join us in saving and changing lives and become a Founder of the Children's Village at Lotus Village!!

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Like Lotus Village, the award winning, state of the art, comprehensive homeless services facilities Lotus House calls home, the Children's Village will showcase evidence-based best practices, offering holistic educational and therapeutic supports, children and youth programming, social services and a wide range of community resources for the children, youth and families of Lotus House, Overtown, and its surrounding neighborhoods. Planned offerings include: barrier free access to basic health care such as immunizations and back to school check-ups, eye care and dental services; legal services to assist in securing and preserving benefits, rental subsidies and housing; an array of social services and linkages to benefits and community resources; educational offerings and supports for all ages; a beautiful new playground; and diverse programming for children and youth of all ages, including pre-school, aftercare, after school and school break, vocational training and summer camps in the arts, science, technology, athletics, literacy, math, writing and financial and life skills. In co-locating many non-profits together, the Children's Village will create a platform for unprecedented collaboration and coordination amongst agencies serving high special needs children and families from Lotus House, Overtown and surrounds.

The pandemic has exacerbated and laid bare so many inequities, gaps and needs in our community, particularly for the children, youth and families sheltered by Lotus House and in our neighborhood and surrounds, all of whom have been impacted by racial, ethnic, education, health and economic disparities and inequities. In the Children's Village, we have the opportunity together to create a beacon of light and hope for the many thousands of children whose lives will be touched by this special project.

**JOIN US IN SAVING AND CHANGING LIVES IN THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE!**

This special project is sponsored by Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., via its non-profit development subsidiary Lotus Village II, LLC, and upon completion will be operated by Lotus House along with Lotus Village.

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE FOUNDERS AND DREAMTEAM

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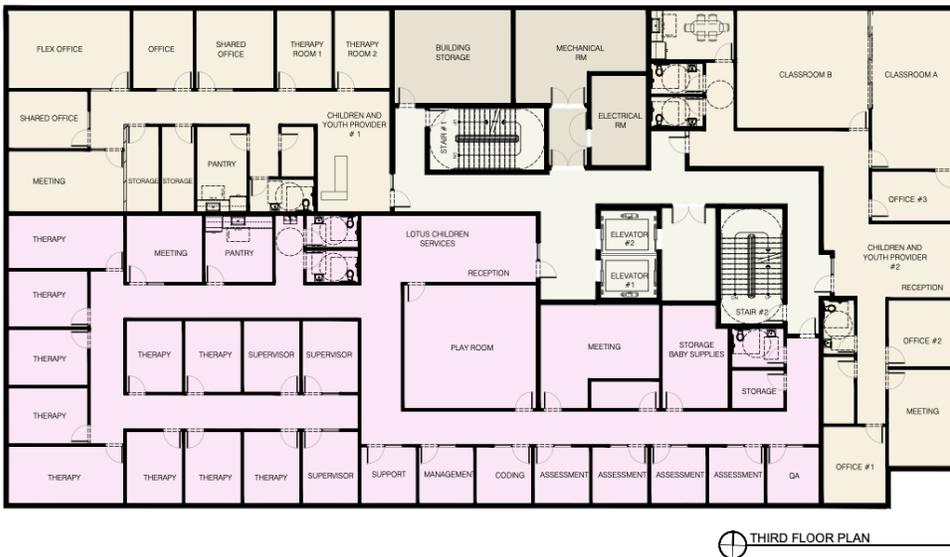
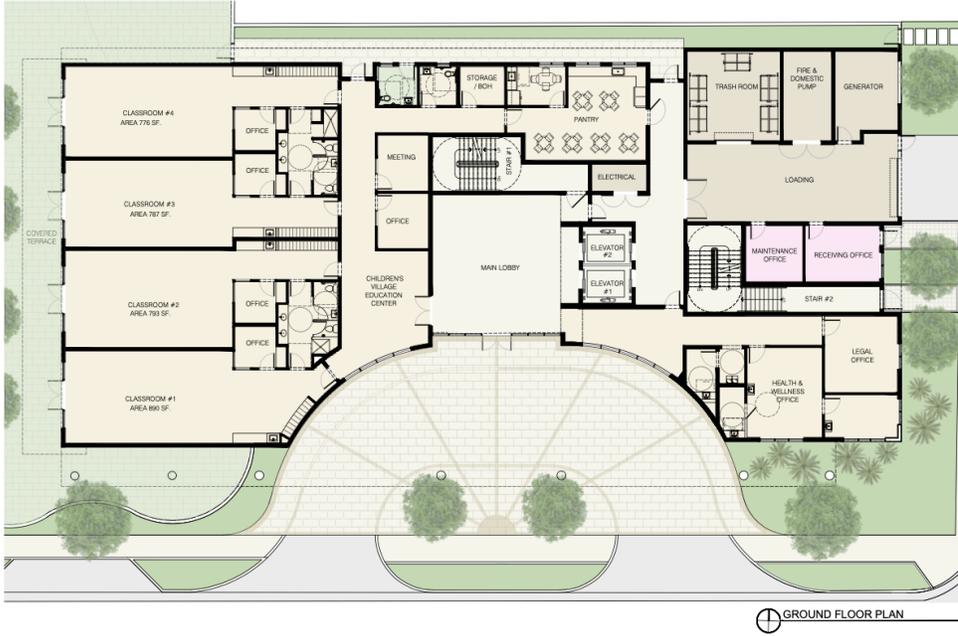
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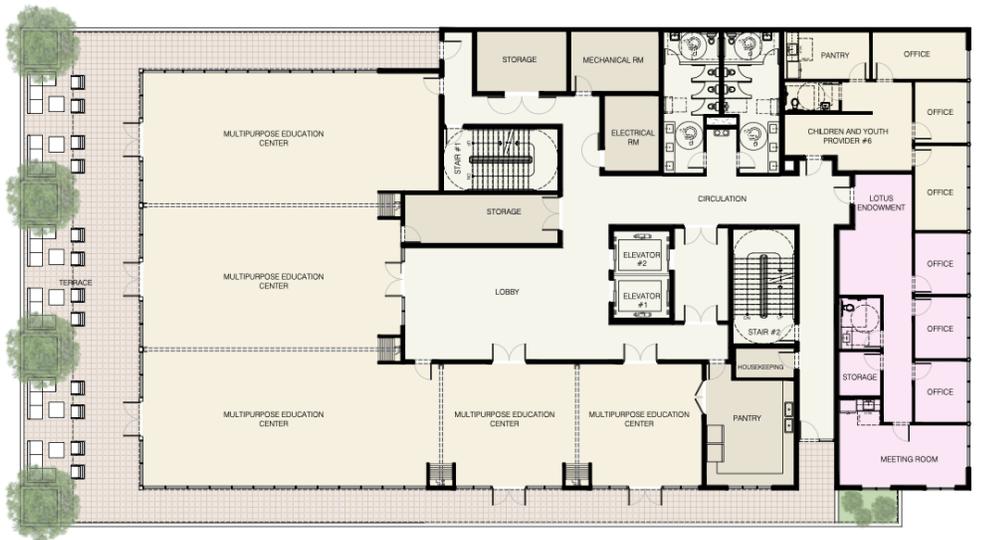
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Make Life, Make Love, Your Legacy

In 2007, a year after the opening of Lotus House, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501c3 tax exempt charitable foundation, was organized to support Lotus House and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation, Inc. to prevent and end homelessness. We share the vision of Lotus House that every woman, youth and child experiencing homelessness will have the opportunity to heal, learn, build the foundation for a brighter future, and blossom into who they are truly meant to be. We support the important mission of Lotus House to improve the lives of women, youth and children by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self sufficiency, and build safe, secure lives. In their dreams come true, we enrich our community with the fruit of their potential realized. We advocate on behalf of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness to raise awareness of their special needs; inspire innovative, holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of abuse, domestic violence and homelessness; and advance research and enlightened social policies for greater understanding, social inclusion and resources for women, youth and children in need. In supporting the vision and mission of Lotus House, Lotus Endowment Fund helps to assure the financial stability and long term viability of Sundari Foundation, Inc., so that Lotus House in Lotus Village can continue and expand its life changing work on behalf of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness. Through its subsidiary, Lotus Village Development, LLC, Lotus Endowment sponsored the development of Lotus Village, the state of the art, homeless services facilities completed in 2017 that Lotus House calls home. Via its newest subsidiary, Lotus Village II, LLC, Lotus Endowment is now sponsoring the development and outfitting of phase two, including outdoor recreational facilities and playground, additional educational and therapeutic facilities, and expanded community support facilities for Lotus Village. The generosity of our Founders makes all we do possible to ensure Lotus Village is a resource for women and children in need for generations to come. Make love your legacy and become a Founder today!

## BECOME A FOUNDER

Endow Life Changing Supportive Services. Name a Floor, a Wing or Room in Lotus Village.

Becoming a Founder is as simple as making a pledge to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. of \$50,000 or more, gifting appreciated stock or arranging a legacy gift in your estate plans of at least equal amount. Whether you choose to name a room or an entire floor, your gift of love will have an indelible impact on the lives of impoverished women, youth and children. Naming opportunities in Lotus Village vary with the nature of planned gifts. Specific programs and positions may also be endowed. With wrap around support services like counseling, education, life skills, job readiness training, medical and mental health care, healing arts and programming, and service driven research and advocacy to reclaim lives and build the foundation for brighter futures, you can support specific programs or life-saving shelter operations. We can help you tailor your gift to achieve your philanthropic goals. Your pledge or legacy gift is truly life- saving for the most needy and fragile among us, helping to provide a sanctuary with wrap around support services like counseling, education, key life skills, job readiness training, medical and mental health care, healing arts and activities to reclaim lives and build the foundation for brighter futures. A gift to Lotus Endowment is a gift of love, a gift of life, helping to prevent and end homelessness. For more information on how to make a pledge or legacy gift to Lotus Endowment Fund, please contact: Constance Collins, [constance@lotusendowment.org](mailto:constance@lotusendowment.org). We are here to help you make a gift of life, a gift of love, for generations to come.



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