



Center for
Transforming Lives

From Poverty to Prosperity. Together.

Expanding Our Horizons

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE CEO

Carol Klocek,
CEO



Dear friends,

As I write this, our halls and offices are packed with boxes. Items are sorted into what we'll take to Riverside and what will find new homes. It's a time of endings and new beginnings. As we turn the page, we are thinking less about saying goodbye, and much more about saying hello.

Our move to Riverside expands our horizons and builds capacity in every program while also creating new ways of reaching the community.

Consider our Donation and Distribution Center as one powerful example. Through our annual Home for the Holidays campaign, we've been able to provide furnishings and home kits for 20 families each year, but through our Donation and Distribution Center, we'll be able to double that, simply because we'll be able to collect donated items in addition to cash donations. Imagine also newborn kits. Kitchen kits. Diapers. Wipes. So many needs fulfilled that we've not been able to meet before because we haven't had storage capacity.

We'll also say hello to so many entrepreneurs. Women enrolled at Center for Transforming Lives are using every means possible to support their families including starting small side businesses. We engaged 134 entrepreneurs through our Level Up programming, celebrated 22 new business launches and supported 35 businesses with our small business grant. We'll be able to support hundreds more through Riverside Coworking, our economic mobility center which will be a small business ecosystem for a wide variety of entrepreneurs and individuals seeking ways to increase their income through education and employment.

We'll say hello to little ones in our expanded flagship child development center and drop-in child care center. We'll greet new teachers and new volunteers, new mothers who gather in the living room space to get to know one another and form support networks. Many Center for Transforming Lives' employees will say hello for the first time in person, having worked in different locations spread out across the county.

In 2024, we changed the landscape for women and children through our construction of the new facility. In 2025, we're expanding our horizons as we open. I can't wait for you to join us in our new space. I hope you choose to volunteer or tour soon!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Klocek". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

THE NEW RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

The new Riverside Campus represents a pivotal moment in Center for Transforming Lives' history, enabling us to improve accessibility, increase capacity and enhance our impact—critical steps in meeting the growing and evolving needs of families experiencing poverty.



Throughout 2024, the new campus underwent a transformation of its own as we renovated an existing 1950s-era, all-concrete building. Significant progress has been made, bringing the vision for a one-stop-shop social service hub to life! We can't wait to open our doors in 2025 and expand the horizon for women and children in Tarrant County.

THE NEW RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY

Strategically located in the heart of two low-income neighborhoods and steps away from a bus stop, the new Riverside location eliminates significant transportation barriers, making it more accessible to the low-income families we serve.



INCREASED CAPACITY

At 65,000 square feet—three times the size of our current headquarters—the new facility will provide the space needed to expand our reach by 30%, empowering us to serve close to 4,000 individuals annually.

ENHANCED IMPACT

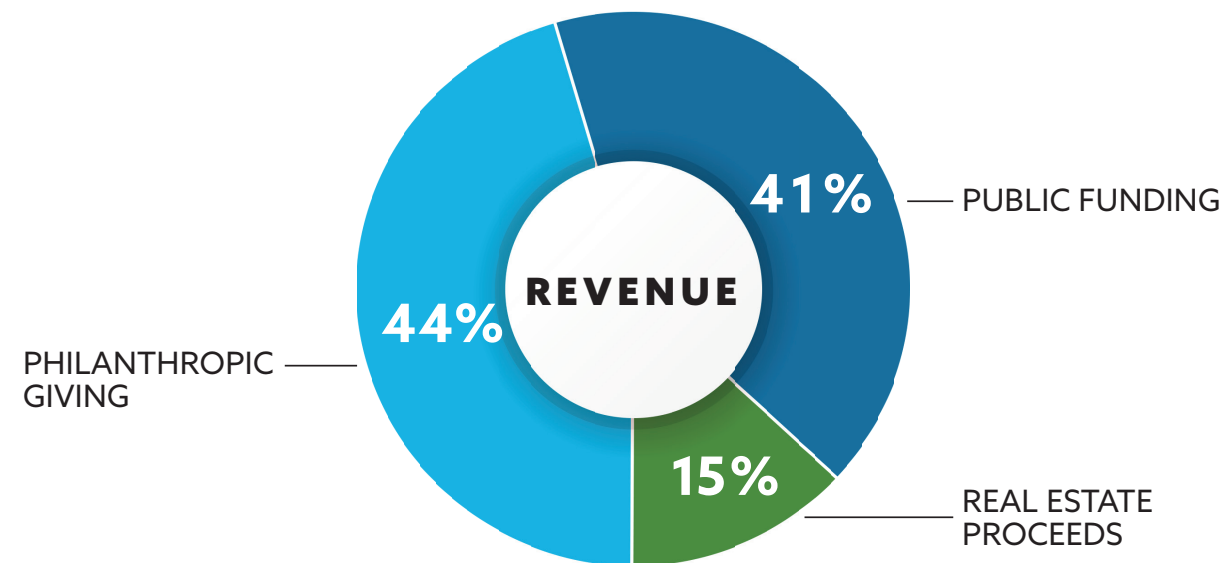
The campus embodies a “one-stop-shop” model designed to deliver bundled, two-generation services proven to drive long-term success for families. Key features include:

- A flagship child development center
- An economic mobility center with coworking, commercial kitchen, makerspace and audio/visual studios for entrepreneurs
- Free drop-in child care for all participants on-site
- A counseling center with play therapy rooms
- A housing connections center
- A donation and distribution center

This innovative campus will be a cornerstone for southeast Fort Worth, providing families with seamless access to multi-generational poverty-reduction resources and creating a brighter future for women and children in our community.

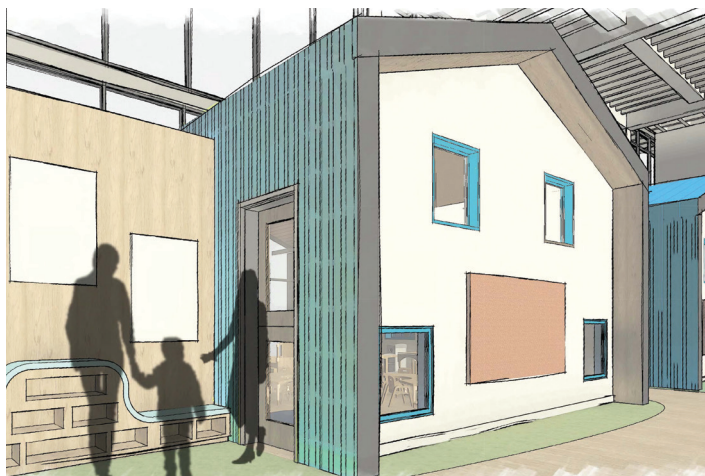
Thank you for believing in and investing in this vision.
Together, we are creating lasting change.

The Riverside Campus is truly a public and private partnership that has resulted in a \$39 million transformation in the heart of southeast Fort Worth, where the poverty rate of single mothers with young children is 71 percent. It's a testament to our values – built by families for families.



THE NEW RIVERSIDE CAMPUS

A state-of-the-art facility designed to support women and children experiencing poverty and homelessness so they can thrive.



FLAGSHIP CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Reading nooks, light-filled classrooms, a spacious indoor play area, a resource library for parents and a playground designed to heal young brains from trauma – the Riverside Child Development Center will be one-of-a-kind.



RIVERSIDE COWORKING

The new economic mobility center at the Riverside Campus, named Riverside Coworking, will provide commonly needed business resources such as computers, a commercial kitchen, makerspace and audio/visual studios combined with free childcare. Entrepreneurs can also take advantage of free classes and other events that encourage connection and community.

HOUSING CONNECTIONS CENTER

Three private intake rooms will offer a warm welcome for families seeking safety and housing in the new Riverside Campus. Free drop-in child care gives mothers the space to talk openly about their struggles and needs with a case manager, while their children play in a safe, nurturing environment. The new Donation & Distribution Center allows families to easily pick up basic essentials, such as diapers, formula, soap and toothpaste, while they're on-site.

THERAPY WING

The Therapy Wing in the Riverside Campus will offer seven rooms, increasing our capacity to offer mental health services. Two specialized play therapy rooms foster a sense of safety for our smallest participants, empowering them to explore their feelings, enhance their coping skills and thrive in their therapeutic journey.

RIVERSIDE CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: *Susi and Mike Bickley*



We are proud to celebrate **Susi and Mike Bickley**, longtime partners of Center for Transforming Lives whose passion for our mission led them to **chair the Riverside Campus Capital Campaign**. Together, they led a **committee of 19 community members**, dedicating countless hours to meetings and tours, offering valuable advice and introductions, and providing warm encouragement along the way.

Their dedication has connected new supporters far and wide, while their **leadership, advocacy and belief in our work** continue to shape its future. Thanks to their efforts, an incredible **\$17.3 million was raised**, day-by-day moving us closer to expanding our impact for women and children.

As loving parents of **three children and five grandchildren**, Susi and Mike understand the power of family and the importance of investing in a future where all children can grow up with stability and opportunity. Their generosity continues to drive lasting change, and we are honored to recognize their incredible support.

Please join us in celebrating **Susi and Mike Bickley!**

RIVERSIDE CAMPUS STEERING COMMITTEE

Thank you for dedicating your time, insight and expertise to our Riverside Campus Capital Campaign — we are incredibly grateful for your guidance and commitment. Your words of advice, connections and willingness to share your passion have been invaluable in bringing this vision into reality.

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INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

Poverty is a complex and often generational issue. Lasting solutions require more than a single program approach; they require an integrated model with multiple solutions for both mothers and children. At Center for Transforming Lives, that means every family is encouraged to participate in ALL our services. This comprehensive approach ensures families' long-term success.



HOUSING
SERVICES



EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION



ECONOMIC
MOBILITY



CLINICAL
COUNSELING



"Center for Transforming Lives was just a huge blessing. They truly want us to succeed, to give us the opportunity to get back on our feet, and to be able to provide for ourselves and our children."

2,927

INDIVIDUALS
SUPPORTED

1,002

FAMILIES
SUPPORTED



HOUSING SERVICES

*The need for housing services is growing at an alarming rate.
3 in 10 families are evicted every month in Tarrant County.*

Center for Transforming Lives works quickly to get families off the streets and out of shelters, into homes of their own. Case managers then work to build a cycle of emotional and financial stability for each family, using a trauma-informed, two-generation approach. Center for Transforming Lives offers community-based housing paired with comprehensive support:

- INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT
- RENTAL ASSISTANCE
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION
- COUNSELING SERVICES
- FURNITURE
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

205

FAMILIES PROVIDED SAFE
AND SECURE HOUSING

81%

OF FAMILIES REMAINED
STABLY HOUSED

40%

INCREASED INCOME

377

CHILDREN PROVIDED WITH
A PLACE TO CALL HOME



*"When I thought
about going into a
shelter with my son,
I broke down. Then
I found Center for
Transforming Lives.
It was a blessing."*



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Education is the single most effective tool for breaking the generational hold of poverty – especially early childhood education.

However, only 26% of homeless children and 49% of all children are kindergarten ready in Tarrant County.

Center for Transforming Lives provides affordable, year-round, literacy-rich education at three child development centers and six partner sites. Our **Early Head Start** program educates children who are newborn through 3 years with low child-to-teacher ratios, individualized care, healthy daily meals, ample

outdoor time and social strengthening activities. Our **Head Start** program for 4- and 5-year olds includes all of these services with an increased focus on developing the social-emotional, cognitive, physical and language skills needed to successfully transition to kindergarten. Because young children need nurturing, low-stress environments filled with language, learning, physical activity and positive interactions, all classrooms are child-centered, with one-on-one attention and support. Wrap-around services include health care navigation, mental health supports and parenting education.

93%

OF CHILDREN MET OR EXCEEDED
DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS
AND ARE ON TRACK TO BE
KINDERGARTEN READY

29%

OF PARENTS
REPORTED INCREASED
EMPLOYMENT STABILITY

14%

OF CHILDREN
EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS

657

CHILDREN EDUCATED

672

ADULTS SERVED



"I can't imagine where we would be without Center for Transforming Lives. Being able to leave my kids in a safe place so I could find work was huge."



ECONOMIC MOBILITY

34% of single mothers with children under age 5 are living in poverty in Tarrant County.

Our Economic Mobility Services educate, coach and engage women to create long-term financial independence and stability for their families. Center for Transforming Lives equips participants to operate a positive budget by increasing income, savings and credit scores while decreasing debt and/or establishing their own business. Financial growth programs include:

- GROUP FINANCIAL EDUCATION
- INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL COACHING
- CAREER READINESS
- MATCHED SAVINGS
- SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

\$1,071

AVERAGE INCREASE IN
INCOME

\$545

AVERAGE INCREASE
IN SAVINGS

\$94,838

IN SMALL BUSINESS
GRANTS DISTRIBUTED
FOR BUSINESS CAPITAL

22

NEW BUSINESSES LAUNCHED

325

PARTICIPANTS



"The business grant helped a lot. It really helped to showcase my product to more customers and expand my income."



CLINICAL COUNSELING

Center for Transforming Lives offers clinical counseling services dedicated to the emotional well-being of women, children and families. Our team of licensed therapists provides evidence-based, trauma informed care through individual counseling and group therapy. This two-generational approach seeks to:

- REDUCE THE EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL IMPACT OF TRAUMA
- HELP PARTICIPANTS WITH STRESS MANAGEMENT
- STRENGTHEN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
- BUILD CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY TO SUCCEED

77%

REPORTED REDUCED
TRAUMA SYMPTOMS
AFTER RECEIVING CLINICAL
COUNSELING SERVICES

2,217

HOURS OF CLINICAL CARE
WERE PROVIDED

145

ADULT PARTICIPANTS

23

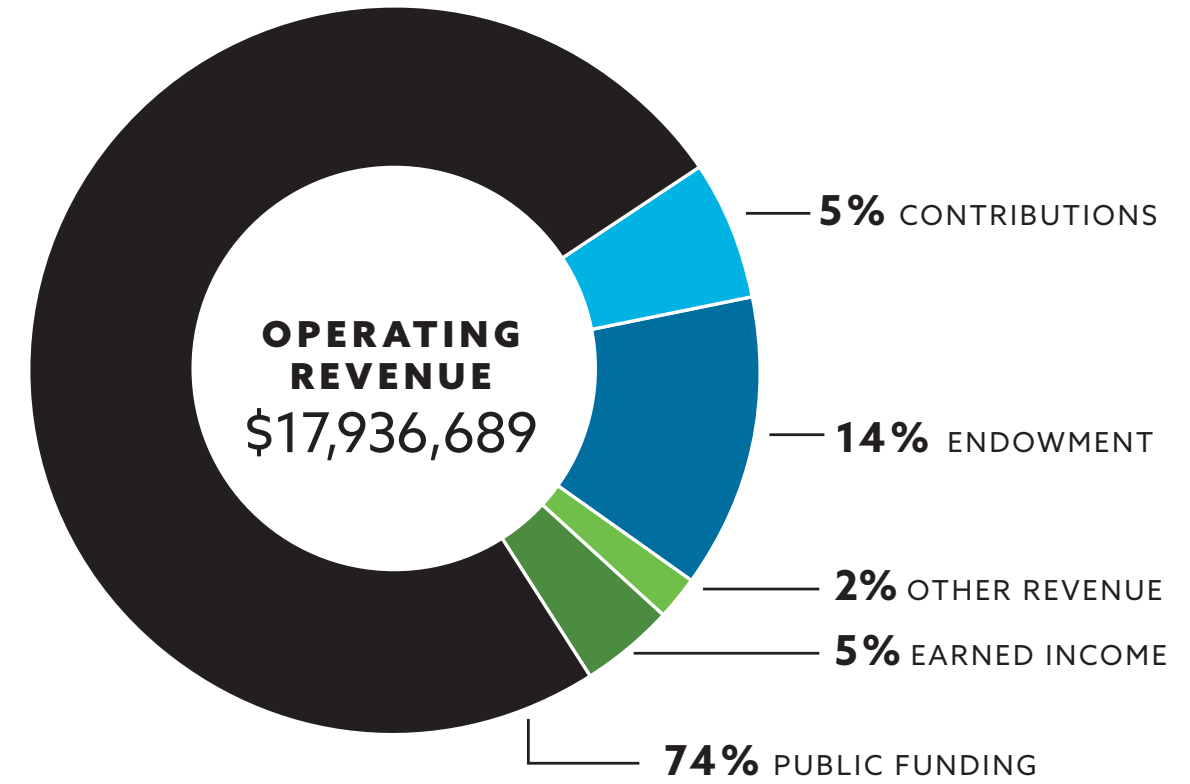
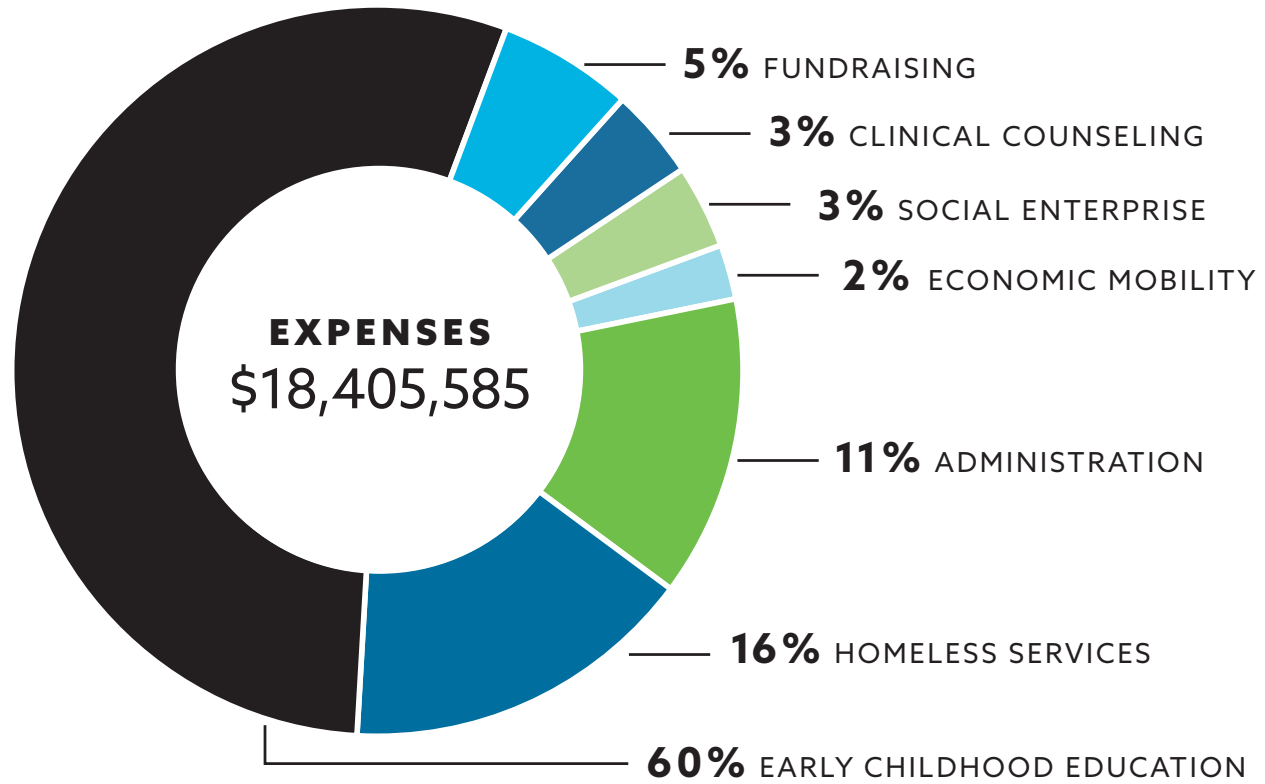
CHILD PARTICIPANTS



“Thankfully, counseling
is helping both of us to
overcome our fears.
A little bit of hope goes
a long way.”



2024 FINANCIALS



WINGS OF HOPE SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Matthias



Our **Wings of Hope Honoree** is **Rachel Matthias**. Rachel's commitment to Center for Transforming Lives is deeply personal. Raised by a single mother who worked tirelessly to provide for her children, Rachel understands firsthand the challenges many families in our community face. This childhood experience fuels her dedication to Center for Transforming Lives' mission. Rachel is quick to recognize that true generational change is only possible by working with both mothers and their children at the same time.

Since connecting with us in 2021, Rachel has been a driving force in expanding our mission—first **as a board member and now on our Development and Finance Committees**. Through her leadership, personal and corporate connections, and invaluable insights, she has helped **secure vital support** and **strengthened our reach**. She continues to champion our cause, attending events and advocating for lasting change.

Rachel is the managing director at Forvis Mazars, which ranks among the nation's top 10 public accounting firms. Rachel and her husband, Chip, have two wonderful children. We are deeply grateful for Rachel's **passion and commitment** to transforming the lives of mother-led families!



Thank you to our donors who have generously contributed \$1,000 or more during the 2024 fiscal year. Your heart for the women and children we serve makes a lasting impact.

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BUTTERFLY SPOTLIGHT

Scott Lydick



We are honored to recognize **Scott Lydick** as this year's **Butterfly Society Honoree** for his unwavering commitment to Center for Transforming Lives' mission.

Scott has served on the Board of Directors since 2018, was previously the Chair of Finance Committee, and has led as **Board Chairman since 2022**, guiding us through our **master and facility plan, capital campaign feasibility study, and the acquisition of the Riverside Drive property**. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping Center for Transforming Lives' future and ensuring the agency's sustainability and community impact.

Beyond his strategic vision, Scott played a key role in **fundraising efforts**, leveraging his own network of friends and family by introducing new supporters to our mission. His dedication and advocacy have helped strengthen our ability to serve women and children in need.

Scott is a Managing Director at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Fort Worth and leverages J.P. Morgan's global resources to provide individuals, endowments and foundations with tailored investment strategies across multiple platforms and asset classes in Tarrant County, El Paso, and New Mexico.

Scott and his wife, **Emily**, are proud parents of six children, who share their family's deep commitment to community and service.

Please join us in celebrating Scott's outstanding contributions to Center for Transforming Lives and the families we serve!



The Butterfly Society honors a rich legacy of friends whose vision and support of \$100,000 or more in lifetime giving enables Center for Transforming Lives to accomplish its boldest goals.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Davis



For more than a DECADE, Debbie Davis has been a **dedicated volunteer** at The Resale Shop, witnessing firsthand the transformation of both the Shop and Center for Transforming Lives. Her **passion** for supporting women with children is evident in how she speaks about the organization: “I can’t tell you how much this job has meant to me all these years. I’ve seen miracles happen. I’ve seen people down on their luck that we’ve helped, and they help themselves.”

To Debbie, The Resale Shop is **more than a place to shop**—it’s a place of **connection, support and second chances**. “We offer something far more valuable than just merchandise. We offer friendship and companionship—to each other, to the women who need us, and to the families who walk through our doors.” She believes The Resale Shop’s success comes not only from the generosity of those who donate and shop but also from the **welcoming, family-like atmosphere**. Thank you Debbie – we celebrate you!

Thanks to volunteers like Debbie, supporters who donate clothing and household items, and our friends who shop, in 2024, The Resale Shop generated more than \$455,000! Funds that directly support programming for women and children.



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SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

A social enterprise is an organization or initiative that marries the social mission of a nonprofit with the market-driven approach of a business.

THE RESALE SHOP



Gently used clothing, household goods and furnishings that are donated to Center for Transforming Lives and The Resale Shop are sold through our store at 6500 Camp Bowie Boulevard. One hundred percent of proceeds from these sales are used to support programs for the women and children we serve. Thank you to our donors, shoppers and incredible team of volunteers for your ongoing patronage and support!



HISTORIC 512



With much gratitude and bittersweet emotion, we announced the permanent closure of Historic 512 in 2024, in preparation for our move to the new Riverside Campus. The events you hosted in our historic building contributed more than \$9 MILLION since 1989 to programs disrupting the cycle of poverty for women and their children. Thank you for helping us achieve this significant milestone. Your support has transformed thousands of lives!

We are thrilled that the City of Fort Worth has purchased Historic 512 for a public library.

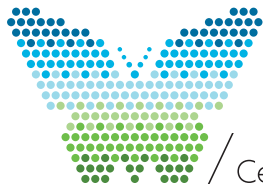


COMING SOON!

RIVERSIDE COWORKING

Opening soon in the Riverside Campus, this new coworking space will provide commonly needed business resources such as computers, a commercial kitchen, makerspace and audio/visual studios combined with free drop in child care for parents who are on-site. Entrepreneurs can also take advantage of free classes and other events that encourages skills building, connection and community.





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