

From the CEO

Dear friends,

As this remarkable year comes to a close, I am constantly grateful to you for your generous support and belief in our mission. This year marks such a significant milestone in the evolution of our 119-year-old organization. Our move to Riverside was bold, and the campus we've created is extraordinary, beautiful and truly meets the moment for single-mother-led families. As you, our closest friends, know, the space is designed especially for them, but it also has created a centralized community hub for all who are working toward well-being. Here's what we added:

1. Free Drop-In Child Care to remove barriers to services and also allow for privacy. When mothers go through hard conversations, they don't have to keep their children in the room – they can freely say what they need to say.

- 2. A Donation and Distribution Center allowing us to collect and distribute new home and newborn kits, diapers and wipes so many more basic needs are being met for families than ever before.
- 3. The spacious Riverside Coworking facility, which opened in June, brings support for new or existing small businesses to Southeast Fort Worth. We already have nearly 100 members!
- 4. An innovative Mobile Health service, with three community health partners on-site, offering free or low-cost health care services to the community.

Four new services launched in just four months! I'm so impressed with our team and their ability to take an idea, turn it into reality and do it well. Beyond expansion, we continued operating all our regular services, and in several areas improved our performance over last year. Please take the time to read through all our service sections in this report. I believe you'll be impressed by what we accomplished.

The most meaningful part of our move, though, is the change we see in the mothers and their children. The mothers have told us that they feel safe here, that they have confidence that their children are safe and well cared for. They are impressed by how much the children learn. The mothers don't feel judged, and instead, they tell us that Center for Transforming Lives helps them to feel capable when they didn't before. The supportive community they've found through us makes all the difference. I've heard all my career that solving poverty for single mothers with children is impossible. But we have the

If you have not yet toured, come see for yourself. To sign up, please contact development@transforminglives.org.

We appreciate your incredible support and engagement.

We can't do this transformational work without you!

proof that *it is possible*. We see it happen every day.

Be well,

Carol Klocek, CEO



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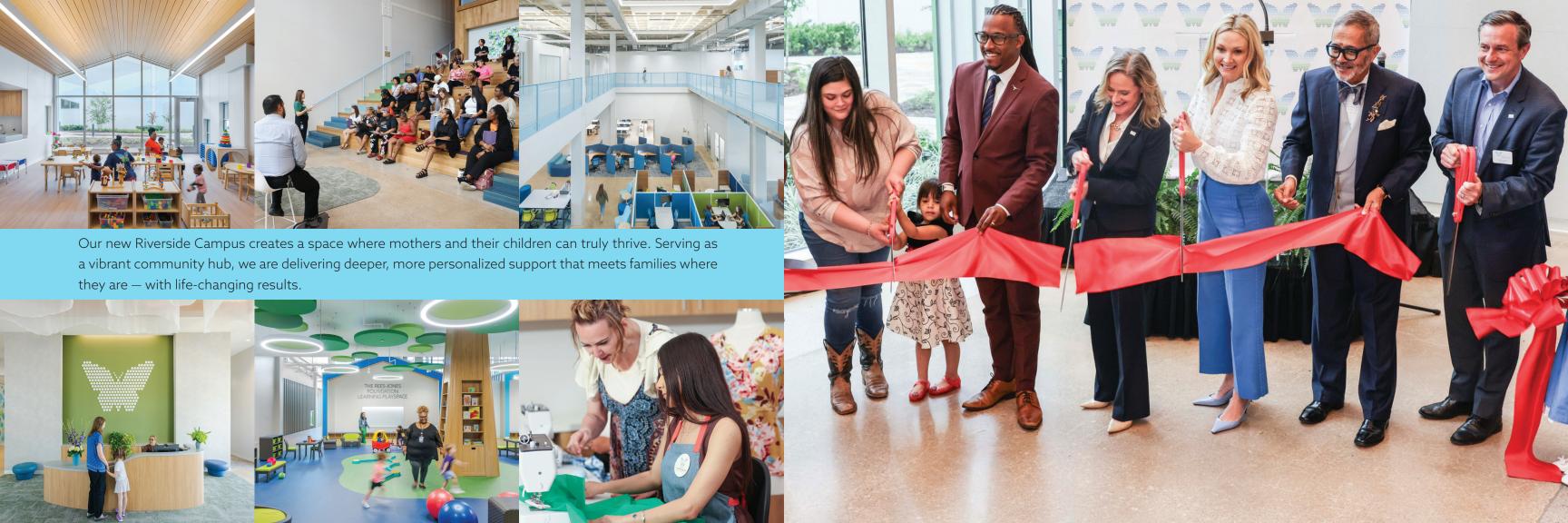
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Integrated Service Delivery Model

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



CLINICAL COUNSELING



ECONOMIC MOBILITY







The need for Homeless Services has never been greater - 4 out of 10 families are evicted each month in Tarrant County, five times the national average. Homelessness creates a cycle that's difficult to break without comprehensive support.

Every dollar we invest in housing support makes a powerful difference.

For every \$13,241 we spend to house a family for one year — including intensive case management and wraparound support — we generate about \$26,322 in value through reduced shelter use, emergency healthcare, justice involvement and child protective services. That's nearly double the return on our investment every year.

255

FAMILIES SERVED

91% **OF FAMILIES REMAINED**

STABLY HOUSED

57%

INCREASED INCOME

CHILDREN PROVIDED WITH A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME



Education is the single most powerful tool for breaking the generational cycle of poverty — especially early childhood education. Yet only 26% of children experiencing homelessness — and only 39% of all children — are ready for kindergarten in Fort Worth ISD.

Every dollar we commit to high-quality early learning makes an extraordinary impact.

Each year, we invest an average of \$18,281 per child through our Head Start and Early Head Start programs, which return an estimated \$133,451 in lifetime benefits – including better school success, higher earnings and improved health – **multiplying every dollar more than sevenfold** over a child's life.

618

CHILDREN EDUCATED 90%

DEVELOPMENTALLY ON TRACK TO BE READY FOR SCHOOL 41%

OF PARENTS
INCREASED INCOME

26%

EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS







Maternal emotional health is deeply intertwined with poverty, especially for single mothers, and it profoundly affects their own well-being and that of their children. In fact, 15% of children in Tarrant County have experienced two or more traumatic events, impacting their development, health and long-term academic success.

Every dollar that supports a mother's mental health also helps her child thrive.

One hour of counseling costs \$237, but over the next 12 months, that single hour **generates approximately \$2,695** in **benefits to the community** — from improved mental health to reduced crisis care use — making every session a powerful, year-long investment in healing and stability.

137

ADULTS SERVED 43

CHILDREN SERVED 3,019

HOURS OF CLINICAL COUNSELING PROVIDED

86%

REPORTED REDUCED TRAUMA SYMPTOMS



34% of single mothers with children under age 5 are living in poverty in Tarrant County, struggling to make ends meet and build financial stability. Economic Mobility Services equip participants to increase their income, savings and credit scores while decreasing debt and even establishing their own businesses.

Every dollar invested fuels upward mobility — because education + action = opportunity.

For every \$1,579 we invest in financial coaching and credit building, participants experience an average \$4,000 in financial improvement – including increased income, more savings, less debt and stronger credit. **That's a return of \$2.54 for every dollar spent.**

407
PARTICIPANTS

13
SMALL BUSINESSES
LAUNCHED

\$1,399

AVERAGE INCREASE
IN INCOME

95

AVERAGE POINT
INCREASE IN CREDIT SCORE



Service Expansions

The new Riverside Campus has given us the space and resources to offer a broader range of services and wraparound supports, empowering families to build emotional and financial well-being.



FREE DROP-IN CHILD CARE

For many parents, finding reliable and affordable child care is one of the biggest barriers to accessing the resources they need. By offering free drop-in child care, mothers can focus on building stability with privacy and dignity. By offering free child care on-site, we make it possible for parents to take that first brave step — and every step that follows — toward a more secure future for their families.

DONATION AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Our Donation and Distribution Center has made it possible to meet more basic needs than ever before. Through this hub, we collect and distribute newborn and new home kits, diapers, wipes, school supplies and countless other essentials, easing financial stress for families while ensuring they have the support they need to stay stable. Special thanks to our supporters, who donated \$158,000 in supplies and volunteer time!



MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES

We know that we can't break the cycle of poverty alone. Our mobile health initiative brings care directly to the community, with three trusted health partners on-site providing free or low-cost medical services — and room to grow as community needs expand.









Riverside Coworking supports small business development and expansion in the high opportunity neighborhoods of Southeast Fort Worth. Launched in June inside our Riverside Campus, this innovative space provides computers, commercial and teaching kitchens, a makerspace and A/V studios for marketing – reducing the typical start up costs that are often a barrier for budding entrepreneurs. Free classes and networking events encourage skills building, connection and community. Since its opening, 96 members have registered, with more joining every week!

When we invest in entrepreneurs, we invest in the future.





Every donation and sale transforms lives.



Center for Transforming Lives has owned and operated one of Fort Worth's favorite thrift stores, The Resale Shop, for more than 20 years! Gently used clothing, household goods and furnishings that are donated are sold through the store located at 6500 Camp Bowie Boulevard. **Proceeds from these sales are used to support programs for the women and children we serve – approximately \$200,000 annually!** Thank you to our donors, shoppers and incredible team of volunteers for your ongoing support!



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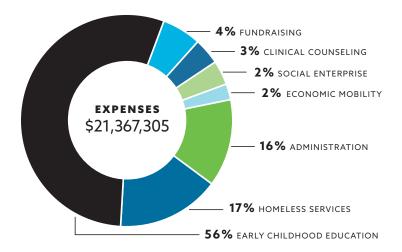
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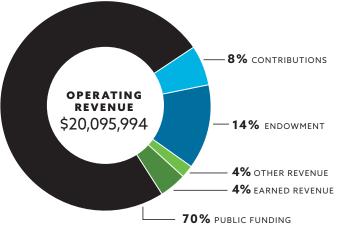
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