

2021-2022

Annual Report



A place where children come first

Dear...

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Dear families, supporters, and partners,

On behalf of our staff, board of directors, families, and children, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our families, supporters, and partners. We invite you to join us as we reflect on the activities of the past fiscal year. Your generosity has been a blessing to us all.

Despite the challenges of 2021, we entered 2022 with renewed determination and resilience. We continued to serve our families with open hearts, offering a range of essential services, from rental and utility assistance to mental health therapies. Our Children Community Wellness Center and Healthy Families Healthy Kids Program, funded by the Palm Beach County Financially Assisted Agencies, Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County, and community partners, were instrumental in this effort.

We could not have survived 2023 without our funders and supporters who generously shared their treasures, times, and talents with our children and families. Although we are still facing the challenge of hiring staff, we are blessed that our program capacity is steadily increasing. Nevertheless, we are all feeling this recession with rising costs of food and gas and a lack of access to affordable rent and other commodities; we are all digging deeper into our finances to make ends meet.

For The Children Inc. is deeply grateful for your past support. As we look to the future, we are filled with hope and excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead. We are committed to continuing our mission and supporting each other as we navigate the challenges that may come our way.

Gracefully yours,

Reginale Durandisse

Reginale Durandisse, Founder & CEO

Lana St. Hilaire

Lana St. Hilaire, Board President

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PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND

Preparing children for Kindergarten and beyond sets up participants to grow, thrive, and be successful in school and life. In the academic year 2021-2022, Our Early Childhood Academy/Kids Zone served 51 unduplicated Pre-K students between the ages of 3-5 at the Historic Osborne School in Lake Worth. We offered them activities in a safe and nurturing environment that allowed children to freely explore their world through the arts, sciences, mathematics, music, and languages. The Kids Zone was designed to ensure its participants are socially, emotionally, and academically prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn. We offered afterschool activities to accommodate parents with older siblings year-round.

In the current year, eleven children (100%) eligible to transfer to kindergarten were successfully promoted to start regular school in the fall of 2022.



Served 67
Kids



LOW-COST ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The Youth Zone located at Barton Elementary provides low-cost academic and enrichment activities for a daily average of 133 children ages 5-12 attending nearby local elementary schools daily. The majority of the families receive afterschool support through the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County and the rest pay whatever they can afford.

For The Children Inc.(FTC) was awarded, for the first time, the prestigious 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CLC) federal grant in recognition of agency-wide excellence in further education among minority children. Under the directorship of Meleshia Weller, the program was implemented in March 2019 and is housed at Barton Elementary School. It provides free tutoring and other personal enrichment activities to 100 students attending 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

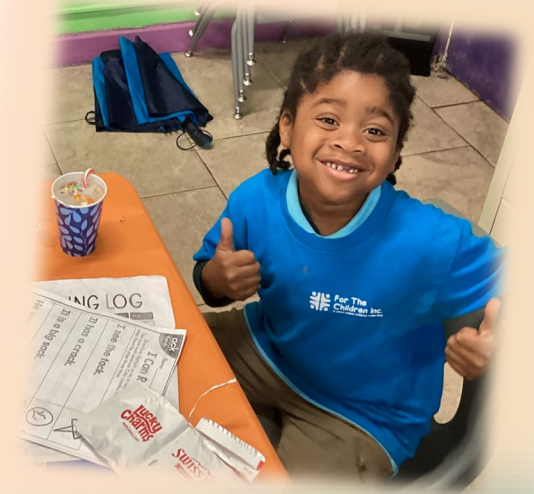
The 21st CLC offers the following to students and families.

- Small Group Tutoring
- Daily Homework Assistance
- Health and Wellness Opportunities
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Family Engagement & Support Services



One hundred and ninety-one program participants were promoted to the next grade; 85% maintained a passing grade in all core subjects, and 34% met the reading and math standards. There is still much room for growth, and we are jointly with our students, parents, teachers, staff, and our funders to address this pressing needs.

Served 196 Youth



Teen Zone

The Teen Zone comprises the Youth Empowerment Center (YEC) and Teen Learning Center (TLC). It serves an average of 100 middle and high school youth at the Osborne Community Center, Lake Worth High, and Boynton Beach High School daily.

Among its many accomplishments and activities, the Teen Zone had 24 graduates. Twelve of the graduating seniors went to major universities such as Florida State, Florida International, Florida Memorial, Nova Universitas, FAU, Palm Beach State, South University, Barry University, and Montreal, Canada.

Along the way, all 157 students were promoted to a higher grade, and no dropouts were reported.



Served 157 Middle and High School Youth



CHILDREN COMMUNITY WELLNESS

CCW provides free psychosocial assessment, behavioral and mental health, and Wraparound services for families with children ages 3-18 residing primarily in Lake Worth Beach, Town of Lantana, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and other residents are welcome.

Served 50 Families



HEALTHY FAMILIES HEALTHY KIDS

HFHK targets 13-15 families every quarter and works with the entire family: weekly nutrition and healthy cooking sessions; trips to the local farmer market and stores to learn how to purchase and create healthy meals on a small budget; mental health fitness through yoga, meditation, exercise activities, and Parent and Community Engagement.

Served 51 Families

96% of the parents reported that their participation in the CCW and HFHK helped them to better communicate and deal with their children, spouses, and stresses.



MAP offers our children and families free visual and non-visual art activities, including dance, drum, gardening, cooking, performance, STEAM, and field trips. Over 400 children participated in three or more art activities for the year.

Served 521 Youth and 567 Families

MAP is supported by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation Arts & Culture Fund, and other supporters.

Activities and Field Trips

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Our students are frequently on the move, often headed out on road trips for another educational excursion. We believe in combining learning with leisure to strike a healthy balance.



Community connection and engagement are crucial for the development of a child, and we appreciate our community partners, parents, volunteers, staff and the residents of Palm Beach County.

Thank you for your continued support and you can always reach out to us for site visit or volunteer opportunities at 561-541-6833.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2022 (with comparative totals for 2021)

**For The Children Inc.
Statements of Activities
Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021**

			<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Revenue and Other Support				
Government grants	\$936,771	\$	\$936,771	\$1,079,177
Contributions and grants	314,463	431,982	746,445	440,804
Program service fees	450,778		450,778	273,815
In-kind donations	232,176		232,176	198,567
Interest income	2,836		2,836	2,080
Other revenue				1,735
Released from donor restrictions	246,821	(246,821)		
Total Revenues and Other Supports	2,183,845	185,161	2,369,006	1,996,178
Functional Expenses				
Program services:				
Youth zone	820,688		820,688	680,522
Teen zone	554,980		554,980	444,330
Community wellness	423,631		423,631	335,928
Early learning	197,814		197,814	172,502
Supporting activities:				
Management and general	128,859		128,859	98,947
Fund raising	4,269		4,269	3,364
Total Functional Expenses	2,130,241		2,130,241	1,735,593
Change In Net Assets	53,604	185,161	238,765	260,585
Net assets, beginning of year	1,716,363	246,821	1,963,184	1,702,599



Thank You!



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- Sam Goodstein, Board Member
- Reginale Durandisse, Founder & CEO



We are thankful to THE TUDOR FOUNDATION for their generous support. We want to thank each staff member, individual donor, unanimous donor, volunteers, and agency partners for keeping our children and families safe while creating a safety net so our community will thrive.

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*For your continued
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