

2020-2021

# Annual Report



For The  
Children Inc.

**A place where children come first**

## Dear families, supporters, and partners,

On behalf of our staff, board of directors, families, and children, we invite you to walk alongside us as we reminisce over the activities that took place over the fiscal year 2020-2021. We are grateful and blessed for the generosity of our funders, staff, partners, and volunteers. Although 2020 was a challenging year, we found 2021 to be fierce and relentless, however, with bountiful hearts, we embraced our families by offering them much needed services including rental, utilities and funeral assistance, fresh produce and hot meals, as well as free behavioral and mental health therapies. All services were provided by 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.

Through this pandemic, our funders and supporters continued to graciously share their treasures, times and talents with our children, and families, and although currently, 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 in food, gas, lack of access to affordable rent and other commodities and therefore, we are all digging deeper into our finances to make ends meet.

For The Children Inc. is grateful for your past support and we are hopeful that you will continue to be a sustainable partner with us and that each of you will continue to lift each other up as we push forward towards future challenges.

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 academic year 2020-2021, our Early Childhood Academy/Kids Zone served 48 unduplicated Pre-K students between the ages of 3 to 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 to be socially, emotionally and academically prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.

In the current year, 6 children (100%) who were eligible to transfer to kindergarten were successfully promoted to start regular school in the fall 2021.

**Served 64 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 123 children ages 5-12 attending nearby local elementary schools. 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.

In 2018, For The Children Inc.(FTC) was awarded, for the first time, the prestigious 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) federal grant in recognition to the 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 to provide free tutoring and other personal enrichment activities to 100 students attending 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

The 21st CCLC 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

132 family members took a survey from October 2020 through February 2021. Of these, 124 out of 132 (94%) agreed or strongly agreed that they improved their knowledge of literacy; 96% improved their knowledge of financial literacy; 94% improved knowledge of general literacy; and 92.5% improved their knowledge of health. Due to Covid-19, we operated the program using a hybrid model where most of the children remained virtual and others met on-site as approved by their parents or legal guardian (s).

All 174 Youth Zone 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 a lot of room for growth, and we are on our way to tackle the Covid-slide.



## TEEN ZONE

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

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 University, FAU, Palm Beach State, South University, Barry University, and as far as Montreal, Canada..

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

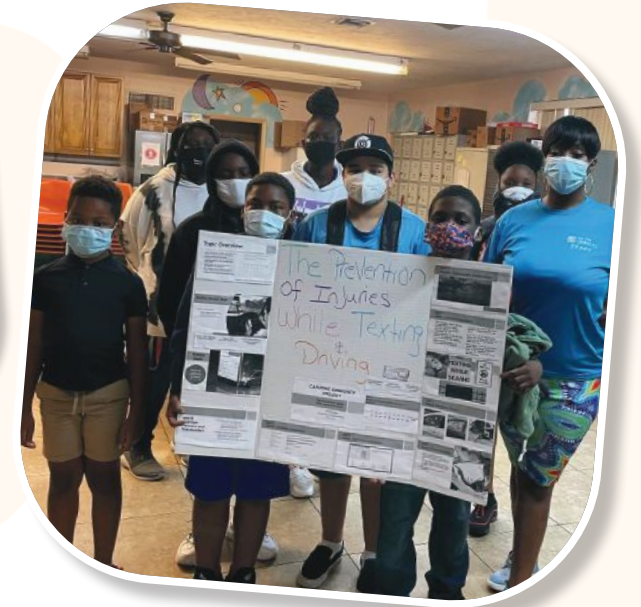
### Served 157 Middle and High School Youth



## 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 8 families every quarter and works with the entire family as follows: Weekly session in nutrition and healthy cooking. Trips to local farmer market and stores to learn how to purchase and create healthy meals in a small budget. Mental health fitness through yoga, meditation, exercise activities and Parent & Community Engagement. Braman Auto provide over 45 bicycles for children who participated in the HFH.

**Served 36 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 with free visual and non-visual art activities ranging from dance, drum, gardening, cooking, performance, STEAM and field trips. More than 400 children participated in three or more art activities for the year.

**Served 483 Youth and 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.*



Our students stay on the move or out on the road headed to another field trip. We like to combine education and recreation trips for a healthy balance. Covid-19 showed us that we can be creative in spite of a pandemic.

“Covid-19 brought us deaths, pains, tears, isolations, and joy at the same time.  
Everything has a cause and effect”  
Taddie Fanfan





We follow a similar routine across each program. Focusing on academic until lunch at 12noon. Thereafter, we shift into our clubs and activities. We spend the last 30 mins cleaning. We placed cleaning supply baskets throughout the buildings as well. Face covering is required inside all premises except at lunch time and during outdoor activities.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2021 *(with comparative totals for 2020)*

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	2020
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>				
Government grants	\$ 1,079,177	\$ -	\$ 1,079,177	\$ 889,469
Contributions and grants	193,983	246,821	440,804	529,415
Program service fees	273,815	-	273,815	242,274
In-kind donations	198,567	-	198,567	199,263
Interest income	2,080	-	2,080	5,538
Other revenue	1,735	-	1,735	751
Net assets released from restrictions	159,534	(159,534)	-	-
Total Support & Revenue	<u>1,908,891</u>	<u>87,287</u>	<u>1,996,178</u>	<u>1,866,710</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services:				
Youth zone	680,522	-	680,522	721,516
Teen zone	444,330	-	444,330	398,318
Community Wellness	335,928	-	335,928	354,859
Early learning	172,502	-	172,502	162,981
Supporting activities:				
Management and general	98,947	-	98,947	68,992
Fundraising	3,364	-	3,364	3,364
Total Expenses	<u>1,735,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,735,593</u>	<u>1,710,030</u>
Change in net assets	173,298	87,287	260,585	156,680
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,543,065</u>	<u>159,534</u>	<u>1,702,599</u>	<u>1,545,919</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,716,363</u>	<u>\$ 246,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,963,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,599</u>

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS



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continued  
support.*

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