



# HELPING KIDS LEARN AND SUCCEED

We are here so every child enters kindergarten ready to learn, develops the skills they need, and is supported in and out of school.

## WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Education is vital for escaping poverty, but many students face challenges. In Davidson, Hickman, Houston and Robertson counties, 75% of third graders don't read at grade level. Kids entering kindergarten without basic literacy skills are three to four times more likely to drop out later.

## WE ARE HERE ...

### > TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Early brain development fosters lifelong learning. We support this through Imagination Library for book access, Childcare Nashville for quality child care and pre-K programs, and Read to Succeed for educator training to enhance early childhood education.

### > TO IMPROVE LITERACY RATES

If kids aren't reading at grade level by third grade, they're likely to struggle across subjects and fall behind. Raising Readers Nashville boosts third-grade reading proficiency through quality early learning, combating absenteeism, addressing summer learning loss and providing classroom book access.

### > TO MAKE SURE KIDS GRADUATE

We're partnering with agencies to ensure every student receives support to graduate and plan for their future. This includes promoting social and emotional education, offering mentorship and family guidance, and providing personalized tutoring through Raise Your Hand.

## WE'RE SEEING RESULTS

# 5,696

students increased their math and literacy skills

# 1,239

children showed improved social-emotional learning

# 796

children were enrolled in Read to Succeed

# 30

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# BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

We are here so everyone has the opportunity to earn a livable wage, grow their savings and move toward greater financial stability.

## WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Greater Nashville is thriving, but many are being left behind. One-fifth of our neighbors are living in poverty, and 30% of those are children. We owe it to our neighbors to provide clear pathways to more stable futures.

## WE ARE HERE ...

### > TO EQUIP INDIVIDUALS FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES

To escape poverty, individuals require better-paying jobs and opportunities for advancement, which necessitate postsecondary education, training or certification. Our SNAP Employment and Training, in collaboration with partner agencies, empowers individuals to attain the education and skills necessary for sustainable wages, paving the way for a financially stable future.

### > TO MAKE SURE OUR NEIGHBORS KEEP MORE OF WHAT THEY EARN

A startling number of Americans find themselves on the precipice of financial ruin with no emergency savings to cushion the fall. We are tackling this vulnerability head-on through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) free tax-prep program. By putting money back into the hands of our neighbors, this program serves as a lifeline, preventing one-off financial setbacks from cascading into a cycle of debt, poverty or even homelessness.

### > TO HELP FAMILIES INCREASE THEIR SAVINGS

Individualized counseling at the Financial Empowerment Center aids those facing financial challenges in achieving greater stability. Professionally trained counselors assist clients in managing debt, enhancing credit, budgeting, establishing bank accounts and saving for the future, all at zero cost.

## WE'RE SEEING RESULTS

# 1,863

people received no-cost financial counseling to decrease debt and take control of their budget

# 1,006

individuals increased their job skills through training opportunities

# 893

individuals received SNAP Employment and Training support

# 31

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# BUILDING STRONG, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

We are here so every person has access to quality health care, support for chronic conditions and connections to their community.

## WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Too many of our most underserved neighbors struggle to access quality health care, supportive services and a strong community network. In fact, Tennessee ranks 40th out of 50 states for overall health – and roughly 10 percent of our population is uninsured.

## WE ARE HERE ...

### > TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS ACCESS QUALITY HEALTH CARE

We partner to provide affordable health care for the uninsured and support for those affected by HIV/AIDS through Ryan White Part B. Additionally, we collaborate with community-based clinics to connect individuals with medical and dental care, as well as supportive services.

### > TO ASSIST THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND CHRONIC DISEASE

Living with chronic disease, mental health issues and addiction is a daily challenge for many. Our partner agencies equip clients with education and resources to manage their conditions for healthier lives. The Williamson Prevention Coalition and Robertson County Prevention Coalition collaborate to prevent teen substance abuse, fostering partnerships for a drug-free community.

### > TO BUILD STRONG, SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

We foster community bonds through Family Resource Centers, senior meal delivery and teen outreach programs, helping neighbors forge lasting connections. A supportive community enhances learning for children, improves quality of life for adults and significantly impacts isolated seniors.

## WE'RE SEEING RESULTS

# 23,641

individuals had their medical needs met to address a health-specific emergency or crisis situation

# 3,618

individuals reported improved mental health and a decrease in feelings of depression or hopelessness

# 1,584

individuals were helped to make behavior changes to support improvements to their health and quality of life

# 76

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# MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS' BASIC NEEDS

We are here so no family goes without a stable place to call home, food on the table and support during times of crisis.

## WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

At any given time, more than 5,000 local students have no place to call home – they're living in cars, at shelters or on friends' couches. And families struggling to make ends meet are often one unexpected expense from not being able to pay their rent or utilities that month.

## WE ARE HERE ...

### > TO MOVE FAMILIES OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

Through The Family Collective, we swiftly move homeless families into stable housing and prevent future homelessness. Overcoming financial barriers like security deposits and first month's rent is crucial. Our network of coaches assists families in securing housing and planning for long-term stability through employment and financial coaching.

### > TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY

Our partner agencies, including food banks and meal providers, ensure access to nutritious meals for our neighbors. We collaborate with the community to offer food pantries and support children with meals outside of school hours.

### > IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Our 211 Helpline is available in times of crisis. We are here to help avoid foreclosure, utility cutoffs or repossession. We pool funds from various sources to help make rent or mortgage payments, pay outstanding utility bills, and provide relief from natural disasters like floods or tornadoes.

## WE'RE SEEING RESULTS

# 64,593

referrals were made through United Way's 211 Helpline

# 1,436

families have been housed through The Family Collective since its inception

# 22,375

individuals received emergency financial assistance during a time of crisis

# 56

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