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2026 ANNUAL REPORT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Letter from our
Founder & President
Constance Collins

Dear Friends,

This year, we celebrate more than two decades of shelter operations since the opening of Lotus House, the blossoming of Lotus Village in our brand new Children's Village, and thousands of lives changed ~ and saved~ thanks to our collective commitment to ending and preventing homelessness in our community. We are also celebrating the many ways in which Lotus House serves as a model on a national level, including its leadership in the National Women's Shelter Network and growing community of shelters and safe haven programs, seeded by Lotus House just five years ago. Today the NWSN network is stronger than ever and our philanthropic investments locally are shining a light for other communities to follow on this important information sharing platform to advance best practices.

As we celebrate so many accomplishments, we are looking forward to the future and preparing to deepen our philanthropic investments in adult education, job readiness training, employment assistance and microenterprise - our response to a changing world in which artificial intelligence calls us to adapt, be nimble and harness the power of the future. We are deepening our support for our community with two new, outward facing expansions of Lotus Village in the predevelopment stages, namely: The Innovation Center and Marketplace at Lotus Village. Both complement and expand the award winning, national models, established by Lotus House and the Children's Village at Lotus Village, advancing high quality, comprehensive homeless services to break cycles of violence, poverty and homelessness.

The Innovation Center at Lotus Village is a planned, state of the art, education, employment and microenterprise center, aiming to provide adults and youth the tools, training and resources needed to create, incubate and launch creative concepts, products and microenterprises, achieve greater financial security, find meaningful employment opportunities through enriched education and technical training, and prepare for, succeed and thrive in a rapidly evolving labor market and AI future. Its companion project,*The Marketplace at Lotus Village*, brings vital new community resources and critical affordable housing to the Overtown Miami community and surrounds. Both outward facing additions to Lotus Village will serve Lotus House guests and the Overtown Miami community and surrounds. Both advance the mutual goals of Lotus House and Lotus Endowment to support the development of new national models for entrepreneurship, empowerment, enrichment and resources to strengthen individuals, families and communities in an overarching aim to end and prevent homelessness, break cycles of violence and poverty, and open windows of opportunity for generations to come.

Together, we are making a difference, building pathways to prosperity for everyone. Together, we have sheltered over 10,000+ women, youth and children. We are the proud mothers to 400+ newborns and counting. Those we serve have gone on to make a difference in our community, in the stability of their new homes, their success in school and work, and giving back to others and their community. They and we are proud to call them Alumnae of Lotus House. They are the very heart and soul of our work together in ending and preventing homelessness. Some are even making a difference in our initiatives at the national level to advance the status of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness in the National Women's Shelter Network, carrying forward our work to end and prevent homelessness.

Thank you for making all we do together possible. Thank you for 22+ years of love and counting!

Only love, Constance



WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

LIFE TO DATE IMPACT

85%
successfully exited the shelter system

430+
newborns who will call Lotus House their first home

3.5 mil+
meals served

ANNUAL IMPACT

1.4k+
women, youth & children sheltered

11k+
individual and group counseling sessions

84%
successfully exited the shelter system

182k+
bed nights

6k+
health & wellness linkages

365k+
meals served





ABOUT LOTUS HOUSE

Lotus House is the largest women's homeless shelter in the country, sheltering 525+ women, youth, and children each night and 1,300+ annually. More than a shelter, Lotus House is a national model for providing comprehensive, trauma-informed sanctuary for women and children experiencing homelessness – a place of safety, healing, education, opportunity and hope. At their most difficult times, women and children are welcomed with kindness, compassion, dignity, and the tools and resources to empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self-sufficiency, and build the foundation for safer, brighter futures.

Our holistic, wrap-around, trauma-informed approach recognizes the unique needs of those we serve. For women, gender-specific programming promotes healing, self-sufficiency, and long-term stability. For children, child and family-centered services provide critical protective factors and opportunities for healing, learning, and growth. Our comprehensive range of services and opportunities includes:

- Child & family assessments and therapeutic services
- Medical & mental health linkages and resources
- Educational supports for all ages
- Holistic programming & enrichment activities
- Individual adult counseling & support groups
- Resource coordination for social services & benefits
- Employment assistance & job readiness training
- Housing & move-out assistance

Each year, more than 85% of the women and children served successfully exit Lotus House outside the shelter system. Our impact is also reflected in the remarkable women who return to give back to the community that once supported them. Nearly 40% of our team are Lotus House alumnae, working across departments and at every level of the organization, including leadership, management, front line operations, and supervisory roles. Their lived experience, professional expertise, and dedication are at the heart of what makes Lotus House a home.

Lotus House is a national model for innovation, collaboration, and best practices in preventing and ending homelessness. We are helping to shape a higher standard for shelters – one rooted in trauma-informed care, dignity, holistic services, lived experience and a deep understanding of the unique needs of women and their children. We are committed to advancing a model of care that can inspire meaningful change in how communities across our nation respond to homelessness, transforming the trauma of shelter into windows of opportunity and enriching the lives of women, children, and families for generations to come.

Children's Village
at Lotus Village



The Children's Village at Lotus Village is a dream come true ~ thanks to all of you! Our award-winning Children's Village is a vibrant, welcoming education and resource hub enriching the lives of children and families at Lotus House and throughout our Overtown community and beyond. Anchored by Lotus House's Center for Advancement of Children and Families, our new village offers exciting, educational after school and summer programming, a thriving middle school and special needs pre-school, legal services, health services and offerings like mindfulness, yoga and meditation, creative arts, and a host of fun activities, like Back to School parties, drumming circles, car washes, grocery give-aways for the community, and so much more. Bringing together more than twelve nonprofit partners under one roof, Children's Village is built on the simple yet powerful belief: It takes a village to raise a child ~ our Children's Village!

From its soft opening in the fall of 2025, the Children's Village has continued to grow into a thriving center of creativity, education, resources, and meaningful opportunity and support for our Lotus House children and the children and families of our Overtown community and surrounds. With all nonprofit providers now actively delivering services, children and families can access an extraordinary range of educational, therapeutic, health, enrichment, and family support programs in one welcoming place. From early learning and academic enrichment to evidence-based therapy, grief support, mindfulness, arts, STEM, workforce development, and summer activities, the Children's Village offers opportunities for children to learn, explore, build confidence, and reach their full potential. In less than a year since opening, more than 2,300 children, youth, and adults have participated in enrichment programs and activities. As the Village continues to expand its programming and reach, we look forward to building on our early momentum and deepening its impact in the years ahead.

Children's Village has also become an important source of therapeutic care, health services, and family stabilization. In 2026, more than 700 children, youth, and adults participated in family strengthening and preservation programs, including screenings and assessments, individual and family therapy, trauma-focused counseling, support groups, and parenting and caregiver support. An additional 1,300+ participants accessed health and mental health services, legal resources, workforce and financial supports, housing assistance, and other vital community resources. Through this collective impact model, our nonprofit partners work together to deliver coordinated, comprehensive care that addresses the interconnected needs of children and families.

Beyond enriching the lives of children and families at Lotus House, the Children's Village provides vital post-exit stabilization for families transitioning out of shelter and essential resources to our surrounding neighborhood, helping prevent homelessness before it begins. With the support of our extraordinary partners and community, the Children's Village is building a stronger network of support and brighter possibilities for generations to come, helping break cycles of violence, poverty and homelessness and creating pathways for children and families to thrive.





"Being a provider within the Children's Village is more than having a space to serve children, it is being part of a beautifully diverse collective committed to changing the trajectory of children and families. Together, we are not simply providing services; we are building a community of opportunity, belonging, and hope."

-Ieshia Haynie, Executive Director
Overtown Optimist Club

Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc.

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A dream come true, at Children's Village, we now have the capacity to receive large donations and provide our sheltered guests, alumnae, and community members with access to much needed items such as furniture for new homes and apartments, clothing, linens, toys, food, and household essentials. In collaboration with our Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique and Community Outreach Team, thousands are benefitting.

TOY ROOM

Generously sponsored by Karlie Kloss, the Toy Room at Children's Village is a sight to see! With help from our community, the toy room is generously stocked with toys from our annual toy drive ~ every item is brand new! Best of all it looks and feels like a real toy store, with shelves of games, dolls, books, art supplies, electronics and more, so our children get the joy of walking in and choosing for themselves. Kids visit when they first move into the shelter, on their birthdays, when they complete their counseling sessions, or especially when they bring home a good report card! No occasion is too small to celebrate. The toy room also serves moms and alumnae, who can come shop for their children's holiday gifts, giving parents the dignity of choosing something special for their children and letting every child unwrap a gift picked out with love.





CUPBOARD

Generously sponsored by Jane and Amir Gold, the Food Cupboard at Children's Village, is always in high demand. We are now able to accept large dry food donations, from pallets of rice and pasta to canned goods and cereal. Donated food items are distributed in three ways: through our monthly community give aways, where neighbors can pick up groceries; through our alumnae, we can now stock pantries for families as they exit the shelter; and we can provide groceries for our neighbors when they are in need, so they do not have to choose between feeding their families or paying their rent.

VOLUNTEER. DONATE. HOST A DRIVE

None of this would be possible without our donors and volunteers, who give, sort, organize and stock these spaces every day. Learn more about how you can help at lotushouse.org or contact love@lotushouse.org.



LOTUS HOUSE THRIFT CHIC BOUTIQUE

Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique is an essential part of the Lotus House mission, transforming community generosity into meaningful support and opportunities for women, youth, and children experiencing homelessness. As a social enterprise, Lotus House Thrift generates vital resources for Lotus House while creating pathways to employment, economic independence, and greater stability for the women, youth and children we serve. Working hand in hand with the Donation Center at the Children's Village, Lotus House Thrift extends the reach of community generosity, ensuring essential items and resources reach the families who need them most.

Lotus House Thrift provides clothing, shoes, and other necessities to women, youth and children at the shelter, ensuring they have what they need to feel comfortable, confident, and prepared for new opportunities in school, work and beyond. From everyday clothing to professional attire for job interviews and the workplace, donated items help remove barriers as women and youth work toward employment and independence. The thrift store also plays an important role in helping individuals and families transition out of shelter. As women prepare to move into permanent housing, donated furniture, household goods, and other essentials help transform their new space into a welcoming home.

At the heart of Lotus House Thrift is its retail job training program, offering guests hands-on experience in a supportive, real-world work environment. Paid internships provide opportunities to earn income while developing valuable professional skills and gaining meaningful work experience. Participants learn every aspect of retail operations, including customer service, marketing and sales, cash handling, merchandising, inventory management, and store operations. These experiences build confidence, strengthen professional skills, and prepare participants for future employment. The Program Director is a Lotus House Alumna and today, 63% of the Thrift team are Lotus House alumnae, bringing lived experience, resilience, compassion and a deep commitment to our mission into their work.

LOVE2SHOP SHOP2LOVE

Lotus House Thrift is also a place where community and purpose come together. Shoppers discover an ever-changing selection of furniture, designer and vintage finds, gently used clothing, home décor, and so much more, all at amazing prices. We like to say ~ Love to Shop and Shop to Love! Every purchase supports women, youth and children on their journeys toward successful transitions and stability. Every donation helps ensure that essential items and valuable opportunities are available to those who need them most. With 100% of proceeds supporting our programs, Lotus House Thrift turns community generosity into meaningful impact.

"This internship was very educating. I learned about retail, marketing and design. I feel it was a very knowledgeable training to gain experience for future employment opportunities. The staff and volunteers really went above and beyond in helping us feel welcomed and made sure we understood the assignments. I really feel the women of Lotus would love this opportunity."

-Lotus House Thrift Intern

Give Your Gently Loved Items a New Purpose!

Choose Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique for your gently used clothing, furniture, and household goods. Your donations help furnish homes for individuals and families moving from Lotus House, provide essential items to women, youth and children in need, and support critical job training and paid internships for Lotus House guests gaining a fresh start in the work world. Every donation helps uplift lives and create brighter futures.

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HEALING HANDS SALON

At Lotus House, healing takes many forms, and our Healing Hands Salon is one of the most beloved spaces in our community. A welcoming place of care and connection, the salon gives women, youth, and children an opportunity to feel seen, celebrated, and cared for while building self-esteem and confidence.

Throughout the year, guests enjoy professional haircuts, styling, and nail care - whether preparing for a job interview, getting ready for a special occasion, or simply taking time for themselves. From back-to-school haircuts and prom makeovers to special events, the salon helps ensure guests can take part in milestone moments and celebrations of culture and community, regardless of circumstance. In these moments, the salon becomes a space of joy, community, and transformation - reminding every guest that they are worthy of care, opportunity, and celebration.

The Healing Hands Salon also offers workshops on personal care, hygiene, skin and hair care, hydration, and sun safety, helping guests build healthy routines and feel confident in caring for themselves.





THE FARM

Planted with love, The Farm at Lotus Village has grown into so much more than a source of fresh, nutritious food. This innovative hydroponic farm along with our outdoor gardens, provide fresh, pesticide-free produce for the 1,000 meals we serve each day, while offering women and children hands-on opportunities to explore nature, nutrition, and the joy of growing their own food.

Led by a Lotus House alumna, The Farm is a vibrant outdoor classroom where children discover the magic of the seed-to-harvest journey, learn about sustainability, and develop a deeper appreciation for healthy eating. From planting and harvesting fresh vegetables and tropical fruits to taking part in cooking classes and enjoying their harvest as part of daily meals, children experience firsthand how food nourishes both body and mind.

Since its inception, The Farm has produced more than 55,000 pounds of fresh produce! Beyond the harvest, it inspires curiosity, creativity, and connection, bringing learning, wellness, and the natural world to life for the women and children of Lotus House.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Education and employment open doors to opportunity, build critical life and work skills, and create pathways to greater stability. At Lotus House, women and youth are supported in setting goals, developing new skills, and taking meaningful steps toward independence and a brighter future.

Our Education and Employment Program provides individualized learning support for all ages. Children and youth receive help with school enrollment assistance, homework, and tutoring, while adults can access ABE and GED preparation, English and Spanish literacy classes, college counseling, and computer resources. Career coaching, workforce development, job readiness, resume and interview preparation, financial literacy, and employment assistance help guests prepare to enter or re-enter the workforce.

A unique part of the program is the opportunity to participate in on-site vocational training and certificate programs in retail, food service and prep, hospitality, and food farming. Hundreds of participants each year gain practical skills and earn certificates of accomplishment. Guests can build on this experience with paid internships at Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique, the David and Leila Centner Culinary Center, our Hospitality Program, and The Farm at Lotus Village. These hands-on opportunities provide valuable work experience, recent employment history, and income, while helping participants build confidence, professional references, and get a head start on securing employment.

"When I was 5, me and my mom moved into the Lotus House, which became a second home for us. We ended up staying for a whole year. In that year, I became Lotus House's number 1 volunteer. After that year, Lotus House helped us move into a fully furnished apartment that we were able to call home. My mom secured a great job. I was in a great charter school, and in the years after that, I continued to volunteer.

Fast forward to around 2020. I was able to secure my first job opportunity at Lotus House in the art room, assisting with the children and their activities for summer camp after COVID hit. After that internship, I was connected with many mentors to help me start and launch my homemade cosmetics business.

Fast forward to me going into my junior year of high school. I got the opportunity to work in the kitchen, if only I maintained good grades. So I worked, made good grades, and ended up graduating second in my class.

Now, after graduation, I'm working with Lotus Thrift. In the next few months, I will be switching my career path to serve in the military and going to college for HVAC and construction, then again for social work and business."

Alana, 18



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Women, youth, and children experiencing homelessness often arrive at Lotus House with significant unmet healthcare needs. Barriers such as lack of insurance, cost of copays, transportation, and difficulty navigating a complex healthcare system can make it challenging to access essential medical, dental, vision, and mental health care. For many, emergency rooms have been their only source of treatment, with little opportunity for preventive care or ongoing support.

Our Health and Wellness team helps guests overcome these barriers, access the care they need, and take an active role in their health and well-being. Working closely with community healthcare providers, and with on-site clinics at both Lotus Village and Children's Village, operated by Care4U and Community Smiles, we make healthcare more accessible in a familiar, barrier-free environment. Both clinics are a vital resource for our sheltered guests and our Overtown community. Guests receive support attending appointments, following treatment plans, and managing health concerns. For many, these clinics become a medical home, providing continuity of care even after they leave the shelter.



Medical, dental, and vision care: Exams, screenings, treatment, and glasses.

Mental and maternal health: Counseling, psychiatric care, and prenatal and postpartum support.

Healthcare coordination: Linkages, medications, co-pays when funding is available, transportation, advocacy, and follow-up.

Health education: Workshops on nutrition, reproductive health, chronic conditions, and healthy living.

Recovery support: Substance use screenings, treatment linkages, therapy, and support groups.

A multi-faceted, coordinated approach to health and wellness helps build long-term healthcare connections and a medical home, moving our guests from crisis-driven care to stable, community-based health systems.



GET INVOLVED

Your support and our volunteers make all we do possible, generously sharing their time, treasure, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of the women, youth and children we serve. From sponsoring events and activities to helping with daily operations and community events, your dedication, generous support and hard work are vital to the success of those we serve and we are incredibly grateful. Thank you!

There are many ways to get involved, and every act of kindness, big or small, helps empower women, youth and children to build brighter futures.

Shop at Thrift Chic Boutique: Donate and shop for something special amongst our unique selection of clothing, furniture, and home décor, while supporting the programs and services that empower the women, youth and children at Lotus House. Love to Shop and Shop to Love!

Join Overtown Distributions: Help collect and share essential groceries, supplies and other resources with our neighbors, connect families with community services, and be part of the outreach efforts that strengthen and support the Overtown community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Volunteer: Share your time, talents, and skills to make a difference. Whether serving a meal, organizing supply closets, helping with deep cleaning, leading a workshop, or hosting an activity, there are many ways to get involved - as an individual or as part of a group. Every helping hand makes a meaningful difference.

Host a Drive: With more than 525 women, youth, and children sheltered each day, essential supplies are always needed. Bring friends, family, or colleagues together to collect much-needed items and help provide comfort, care, and support to the Lotus House community.

Make a Donation: Your generosity helps provide safe shelter, essential resources, and opportunities for women and children to improve their lives and build brighter futures. Sponsor a meal, a field trip or a special holiday celebration! Gifts of all sizes help change - and save -lives.

LOTUS HOUSE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

We care deeply about the Overtown community and are committed to supporting our neighbors. Both our clinic, operated by Care4U and Community Smiles, and childcare center, operated by United Way Center of Excellence, were bulit to not only serve Lotus House guests, but to bring vital resources to our neighbors. Along with those, one of the most important ways we give back is through our Lotus in the Neighborhood Program, bringing vital resources directly to local individuals and families through monthly giveaway events. Led by our Community Outreach team and made possible by generous donors, community partners, and countless volunteers, these events have become a trusted source of support for many Overtown families. It is an important way we help prevent homelessness, connecting individuals and families to services and resources that can truly make a difference.

Now more than ever, as the cost of living continues to rise, many families face difficult choices between essentials like food, healthcare and other basic needs - and rent. Each month, hundreds of neighbors arrive - often lining up hours in advance - to receive prepared meals, fresh groceries, hygiene products, clothing, household essentials, school supplies, health screenings, and wellness exams. For many, these events provide a dependable source of support and help ease the pressure of everyday expenses so that they stay housed. In 2026 alone, Lotus House has distributed over 150,000 pounds of food.

Throughout the year, we also aim to make special occasions brighter with larger community celebrations and seasonal giveaways. At Thanksgiving, hundreds of turkeys are shared with local families, while our December giveaway delivers thousands of gifts for children and adults.

With the opening of Children's Village, our commitment to Overtown continues to grow. A community food pantry, clothing closet, and access to essential services are expanding support for local families and helping address needs beyond the monthly events. Made possible by the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the collaboration of community partners, we are building a stronger, more connected community where everyone is cared for and supported. Together, we end and prevent homelessness. Together we are stronger!




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SUPER FRUIT PUNCH
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THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S SHELTER NETWORK

Launched just five years ago, Lotus House's initiative to establish the National Women's Shelter Network (NWSN) has grown into a powerful national movement to advance the safety, economic security, health and wellbeing of women, children, youth, and families to end and prevent homelessness. Today, the NWSN proudly includes 630+ member organizations and covers all 50 states and 3 US territories, collectively providing an extraordinary level of care and support across the country.

For the first time, women's, youth and family shelters and safe-haven programs have created a united voice for change at the national level which reflects the experience of our nation's first responders and elevates the voices of those we serve. Lotus House continues to play a key role in this national movement, helping to advance information sharing, best practices, raise public awareness, and drive resources and effective solutions to end and prevent homelessness.

WATCH

Through collaboration, education, advocacy, and strategic partnerships, the NWSN and Lotus House continue to expand their reach, inform and strengthen the national response to homelessness.

2026 National Conference: Safe Shelter Saves Lives

The NWSN gathered in Tucson, Arizona, for its 3rd National Conference, Safe Shelter Saves Lives, and largest ever! More than 480 shelter leaders, women with lived experience, and experts in the field came together to celebrate their shared commitment, exchange ideas, learn from one another, and strengthen relationships across the Network. With over 155 speakers and 60 plenary and breakout sessions, the conference provided an opportunity to share knowledge, build collaborations, and celebrate the collective work of the Network. The gathering was a powerful reminder that while shelters work in communities across the country, they are united in a common purpose: ensuring every woman, child, youth, and family has the opportunity to find safety, stability, pathways "home," and brighter futures.

ANNUAL COLLECTIVE IMPACT:

- **21.4 million+** shelter bed nights
- **33.2 million+** free meals
- **1 million+** counseling sessions
- **1.23 million+** women, children and families served



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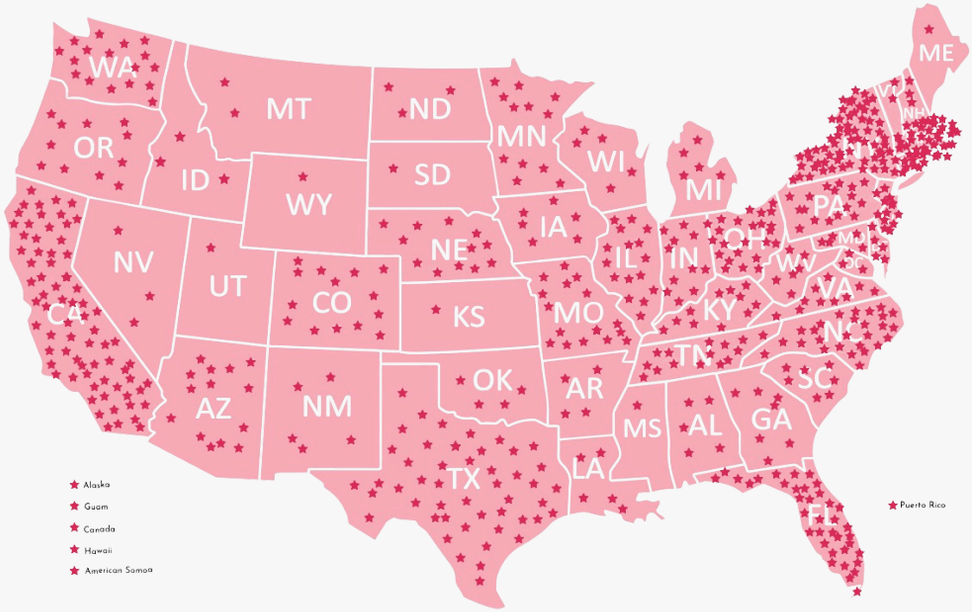
Safe Sleep Solutions

Building on the success of its Safe Sleep Makeovers program, the NWSN continued its partnership with Mattress Firm to create safer, more comfortable, and dignified sleeping spaces. This year, more than 1,000 beds and sets of linens reached 26 shelters across the country. From full room makeovers to mattress and bedding donations, this partnership is helping thousands of women, children, and families experience the comfort and security of a safe place to sleep.



Raising Awareness

The NWSN's *Safe Shelter Saves Lives* public awareness campaign, orchestrated by Sparks Foundry and Mattress Firm, has garnered more than 70 million impressions to date, raising awareness of the importance of safe shelter.

As NWSN continues to grow, so does its capacity to elevate the voices of its members, expand access to resources, and advance solutions that help women and families find safety, stability, and hope.

A National Help Line: Support When It Matters Most

The NWSN launched its toll-free National Help Line, providing direct victim services and shelter placements for women, youth, children, and families in need of a safe place to turn. With a warm, confidential, and safety-first approach, the Help Line offers personalized information and connections to member shelters and programs in the NWSN's growing nationwide network.

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More than a network, the NWSN is a movement to advance the safety, economic security, health and wellbeing of women, youth, children, families and our seniors experiencing homelessness and the shelters and safe havens that serve them in communities all across the country. Shelters and safe haven programs all across the country are the last and final safety net for millions of women and children in transition, the majority of whom are victims of violence. With enriched supportive services and resources, the NWSN and its members transform the trauma of homelessness into windows of opportunity for women and children to build safer, brighter futures. To learn more about the important Lotus House initiative and how you can help support the NWSN, visit www.thenwsn.org. Thank you!

JOIN OUR MOVEMENT TODAY!

ALUMNI STORIES

JAHNELLE

Jahnelle is a proud alumna - a nurse, entrepreneur, and devoted mother. Her story is a powerful example of resilience and perseverance. “I came to Lotus House during one of the most difficult seasons of my life. Like many women, I found myself needing a safe place where my children and I could regroup while I worked toward becoming financially stable and rebuilding our lives. It wasn’t where I expected to be, but it became part of my story, not the end of it. Reflecting on her experience, Jahnelle shared, “My journey has taught me that difficult seasons don’t define us. They prepare us. Today, I use my experiences to inspire others and remind them that it’s possible to start over and build something beautiful.” Inspired by her own path, Jahnelle hopes to one day launch a philanthropic organization called Bloom Again, dedicated to supporting women and children facing challenges similar to those she once endured. Her story is a testament to the strength, determination, and hope that can flourish when women are given the opportunity to rebuild and thrive.





ADRIENNE & NAYLIN

Mom and daughter duo, Adrienne and Naylin, are now regular volunteers at our monthly community distributions. When asked about their memories at the shelter, Adrienne shares: “My experience here, from what I remember, was amazing. I loved it a lot...the art room, we would always have activities. We would always be drawing and playing. Or in the yoga room, we would always have Just Dance... And, it would always be fun because they would always have activities for kids.”

Naylin shares: “My experience at Lotus House was wonderful. It's a very beautiful place...A lot of peace, a lot of harmony. An experience that, the words are few, and I'm overwhelmed... the attention is wonderful. They dedicate time to each person. There's a lot of communication... The service is excellent.” When asked about how she felt about seeing her daughter so committed to giving back, she said “I feel very happy, very proud that my daughter grew up here... Through her, she demonstrates to people that when you're on the ground, you have to get up and help others. And that, for me, is something that touched my heart.”

IN HER OWN WORDS

NIYAH

"Don't be like me. Be better than me."

My mom has told me this for as long as I can remember. When I was younger, I took that saying literally. I thought being "better" meant making different choices than she did and not ending up in the same situations. As I got older, though, I started realizing that being better did not mean becoming someone completely different from my mom. In a lot of ways, 1 am actually a lot like her. She became my first teacher, not cause she taught me everything perfectly, but because watching her taught me what I wanted for my own life.

My mom used to tell me that we were cubs and she was a tiger in the world, and I never really fully understood what she meant. Looking back, I think she was trying to prepare me for a world that would not always be easy. I experienced homelessness as a child. I remember being surrounded by people who needed help and people who were willing to give it.

Because of that experience, helping people experiencing homelessness became more than just a good thing I wanted to do. It became something I was genuinely curious about. I began realizing that homelessness is not one single story. There are different reason people lose stability, and there are people my age who experience it too. That realization made me want to become an advocate, especially for young people who might feel like their circumstances define them.

I become involved with the Nation Women's Shelter Network, where I completed an internship and eventually became the youngest member of its advisory board. Being in that position means a lot to me because I can also remind them that those circumstances do not have to decide where they end up. Our situations may not all be the same, but I believe everyone deserves to feel seen, supported, and capable of becoming more than what they been through.



Niyah, 9, Painting her “Dream Home”



Niyah, 17, Oath of Enlistment, US Navy

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

$5,000,000+

Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

$1,500,000+

The Children's Trust

$500,000+

Action for Women's Health
City of Miami
Dr. Stanley Coira Memorial Fund
Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Funding

$250,000+

Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics
Florida Office of the Attorney General - Victims of Crime Act
Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget
Over a Hump Foundation
The Kislak Family Foundation, Inc.

$100,000+

Bank of America Charitable Foundation
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Sponsored by Lotus House, Thriving Mind South Florida, and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families
The Lowell and Betty Dunn Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation
David and Evelyn Vail

$50,000+

Al and Jane Nahmad Family Foundation
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Downtown Development Authority of Miami
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Micky and Madeleine Arison Family Foundation
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The Charlesmead Foundation
The Tina & Richard Carolan Foundation

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