



*Our Vision* Every homeless woman, youth and child will have the opportunity to heal, learn and grow, build the foundation for a brighter future, and blossom into who they are truly meant to be.



# NEWS FROM THE LOTUS HOUSE

## From Groundbreaking to Move-In and Beyond. Lotus Village!

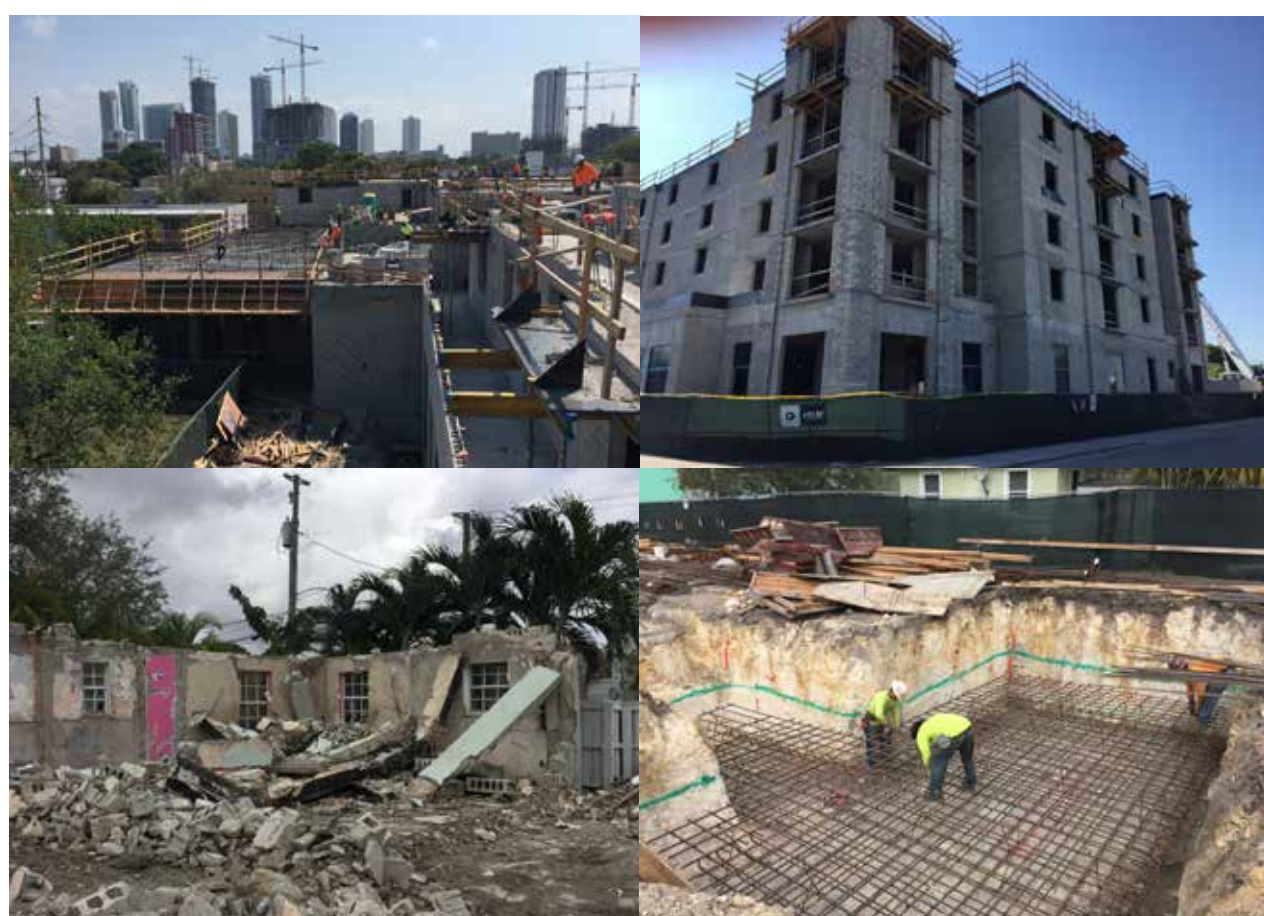


Move-in day was cause for celebration and pure joy!

From the very humblest of beginnings over a decade ago and thanks to the generosity of so many, Lotus House has blossomed into its new home, Lotus Village, a state of the art, trauma-informed, comprehensive homeless services facility with expanded capacity to shelter more than 500 women and children nightly. Our life-changing mixed-use "village" offers women and children counseling and support services, a working classroom kitchen nourishing bodies and minds, an in-take sanctuary, healing hands salon, computer library for adult education and after school programming, an art and activities lab with alternative pathways for healing, yoga and meditation room, family community rooms, children's play areas and soothing gardens throughout, to soothe, empower and uplift. In addition to realizing our long awaited dream for new facilities tailored to the needs of the women, youth and children we shelter, Lotus Village promises to be a center for innovation, best practices, research, shared learning, and development of public and social policies to advance the status of women, youth and children to prevent and end homelessness.



Our deepest gratitude to the many treasured contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, professionals, donors and volunteers who made Lotus Village a beautiful dream come true!



**Our Impact** With your support, Lotus House provides trauma-informed, holistic sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources to empower women and children experiencing homelessness to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self sufficiency, and build the foundation for a brighter future.

**1,600+ women sheltered and counting**

**1,050+ children sheltered and counting**

**155+ newborns who will some day call Lotus House their first home!**



## Dear Lotus House

### Thank You Letters from Former Guests

Thank you for the safety that your shelter has given me. Thank you for the bed that my son and I rested on at night. Thank you for the food that you have fed my family. Thank you for the help and guidance that has helped me become the person I am today. Instead of the seventeen year old young girl with a bad attitude, you see a 19 year old happy woman today. Thank you for my strength and confidence to be able to do so.

*Lotus House Mother*

Thank you Lotus House for looking after my mom so we can live in a house. Without your help we would not be here. Thank you so very much for your help.

*Lotus House Child Alumni*

I came here bitter, angry, rude, felt like I always been an outsider, never felt accepted by my foster family or society. I am leaving as a new blossom butterfly. I am just starting to enjoy my life at 31 years old. All of me I am starting to love, the good/bad "growth." I even get compliments from staff and guests how 360 degrees I have changed. I am so grateful, thankful, humble, appreciate all Lotus staff, faculty have done for me.

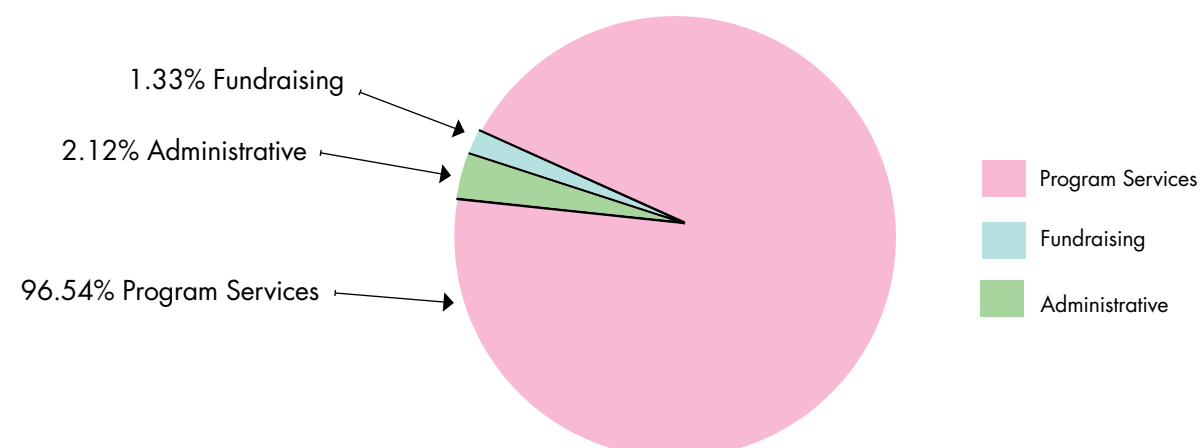
*Lotus House Alumni*

Thank you Lotus House for all you done...Thanks for being my mom's friend. You done a lot for us. 😊 And thank you for buying us shoes. I love you Lotus House. Thank you. Your a good friend to me. 😊

*Lotus House Child Alumni*

The only word I can use to describe my experience is blessed. Blessed to be alive, blessed to have shared my journey with such wonderful people. ...It is through the love and compassion given from each staff and volunteer that has gotten me to this beautiful place in my life. A place of success.

*Lotus House Alumni*



SUNDARI FOUNDATION, INC.

CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016 FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES

The 2018 annual budget for Lotus House is approximately \$9 Million, allowing us to serve over 1,500 women, youth and children each year.

**Please give generously. To donate and learn more, see [www.lotushouse.org](http://www.lotushouse.org). Thank you!**  
**Follow us on facebook for the latest news at "lotushouseshelter".**

Donations to Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House are deductible to the full extent allowable under IRC 501c3 (tax id#81-0652266). A copy of the official registration and financial information (Foundation #CH17660) filed with the State of Florida may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free 800-436-7352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

## A New National Model Putting Children First

At Lotus House, we recognize that every aspect of a child's experience in our shelter, from therapeutic care and education to the physical space and its contents, is integral to their wellbeing, offering opportunities for healing, growth, exploration, discovery and learning. We know that homelessness is traumatic for everyone, especially children. In safe, supportive shelter with protective factors that put children first, we have the opportunity to mend broken bonds, heal bodies and minds, and uplift spirits so that children and families thrive.



Children's Play Room and Pavilion in Lotus Village

Childhood is a time of intense growth and development in all areas, including a child's intellectual, social and emotional development, laying the foundation for their success in school and later life. When their needs are met by positive and consistent early experiences with loving caregivers and nurturing environments, babies and young children thrive. In Lotus Village this begins with a model therapeutic early childcare and education center, with six classrooms offering a full range of therapeutic and community supports for our littlest ones, newborns to age 3, and their mothers, in collaboration with the United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education.



Thanks to The Children's Trust and our research partners at Florida International University, our counselors offer an expanded array of assessments for every child to better understand their needs, and are implementing new, evidence-based, child and family therapies for all children and families. Best practices are evaluated and outcomes advanced by service driven research, to provide greater insight into and solutions for children and families who are victims of violence and other serious traumas.



Our objectives of creating and fostering a nurturing educational and social environment that truly places children first are carried throughout Lotus House and our new home in Lotus Village, with critical child and family case management, resource coordination, linkages to community services, enriched after school programming for all ages, and welcoming, child-friendly spaces from our new intake sanctuary and family rooms to the special children's playroom, art and activities lab, and children's garden.



We have an opportunity to mend broken bonds and heal the trauma of homelessness with an inclusive, welcoming sanctuary that places children first. With countless partners in service and community supporters to thank, Lotus Village is premised on a deeply collaborative model that recognizes ~ it takes a village! Together, we are creating a prototype for the future in which shelter and services for children and families provide empowering, supportive pathways to success and innovative solutions to prevent and end homelessness across our nation.



Name a Residential Room in Lotus Village

# A GIFT OF LIFE



## Become a Founder.



## Make Life, Make Love, Your Legacy For Generations To Come

By making a gift to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., you help to assure that Lotus Village will be a resource for women, youth and children in need for generations to come. Your pledge or legacy gift is truly life saving for the most needy and fragile among us, helping to provide a sanctuary with wrap around support services like counseling, education, key life skills, job readiness training, medical and mental health care, healing arts and activities to reclaim lives and build the foundation for brighter futures. Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., is a 501c3 supporting foundation, benefiting Lotus House and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation, Inc. Please include Lotus Endowment in your will and estate planning, consider a gift of appreciated stock and/or make a high impact single or multi-year pledge to become a founding sponsor. A gift to Lotus Endowment is a gift of love, a gift of life, helping to prevent and end homelessness.

Learn more about how to make a gift, become an official Founder, and choose for yourself or someone you love a lasting legacy within Lotus Village by contacting Constance Collins, President, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., [constance@lotusendowment.org](mailto:constance@lotusendowment.org) or call 305-613-1573.

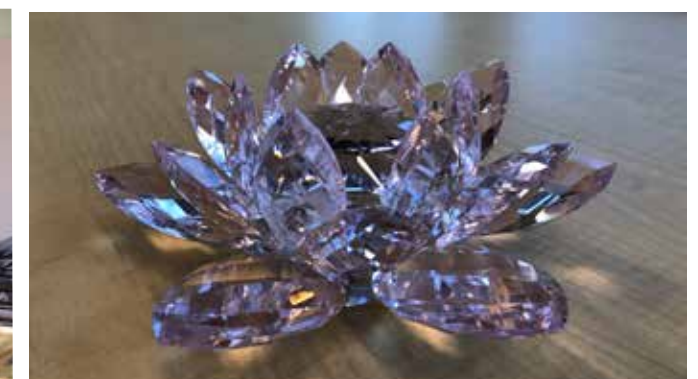
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