

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

Lotus House, 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 problem solving. We know that babies have the capacity to learn and experience feelings from birth. During infancy and early childhood, children develop their capacity for trust, self-esteem, conscience, empathy, focused learning and self-control. It 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.

An understanding of these fundamental principles of childhood development and promoting healthy social and emotional wellbeing of children and families is at the core of Lotus House and our new Lotus Village. Every facet of Lotus Village has been designed to address the special needs of children and families in holistic, trauma-informed ways. This starts with the carefully planned development of 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 and Miami Dade Public Schools, this innovative program will also serve as a feeder school for other early care and education programs to help raise awareness of the special needs of children with trauma.



With the help of The Children's Trust and our research partners at Florida International University, our counselors now offer an expanded array of assessments for every child of Lotus House 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 who are victims of violence and other serious traumas.

Our objectives of creating and fostering a nurturing care, 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.

Our Impact

With your support, Lotus House lifts women, youth and children out of homelessness by providing trauma-informed, holistic sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources to empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self sufficiency, and build a brighter future. In the Village our impact grows!

Lotus House:

250+

Number of Individuals Sheltered Nightly

650+

Number of Women, Youth and Children Served Annually

75,000+

Number of Shelter Bed Nights Annually

95,000+

Number of Nourishing Meals Annually

Lotus Village:

490+

Number of Individuals We Will Shelter Nightly

1,300+

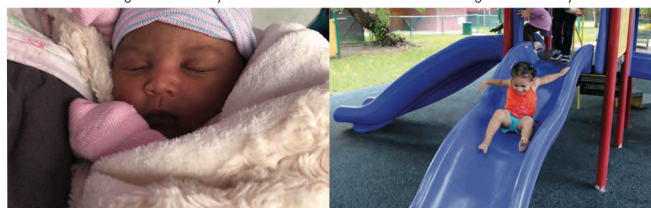
Women, Youth and Children We Will Serve Annually

150,000+

Number of Shelter Bed Nights Annually

500,000+

Number of Nourishing Meals Annually



145 and counting! Newborns who will call Lotus House their First Home

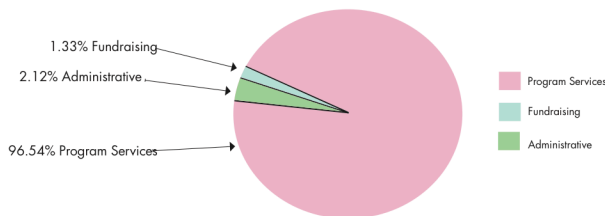
Dear Lotus House

Thank You Letters from Former Guests

[My son] loves his telescope. He knows how to adjust it well to see his favorite astronomical body- the moon! He came to you with a speech problem, fear and memories of our [prior lives]. You worked hard with him and now he is leaving Lotus a confident, bold, happy, energized and very hard-working young man. He has gone from A's & B's to straight A's in all subjects in school. He brought home many certificates and awards! Thank you so much for your tremendous help. Without your hard work, patience and understanding, he would not have gained the confidence that he has today. He told me to tell you he's going to be an astronaut and is going to the moon! *Lotus House Mother*

Being here at Lotus House has been exceptional...I came to Lotus House homeless and diagnosed with breast cancer. I was able to be treated for cancer, underwent a mastectomy and endured recovery here at Lotus. I was able to get medical help, psychiatric help, and now housing all with the help of Lotus House. I thank you and appreciate all the help given to me since my journey. Thank you! *Lotus House Alumni*

I never thought I would have made it on my own two feet again but Lotus House gave me hope and the courage to do so. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful program and I couldn't be more thankful. You all changed my whole life around for the better. I love you all! *Lotus House Alumni*



SUNDARI FOUNDATION, INC.

CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016 FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES

The 2017 annual budget for Lotus House is approximately \$4.2 Million, allowing us to serve over 650 women, youth and children each year.

Please give generously at www.lotushouse.org. Donations to Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House are deductible to the full extent allowable under IRC 501(c)(3) (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.



It takes a village - Lotus Village!

We know homelessness is traumatic for children. We have an opportunity to change this dynamic with safe, supportive shelter in times of transition that truly addresses the needs of children and families to promote their healing, learning and growth. Your support makes all that we do possible. Thank you, with LOVE from Lotus House!



Ending Hunger

Quality nourishment plays a central role in our commitment to improving the lives of homeless women, youth and children. Healthful, nutritious meals and snacks, educational programming, and professional training are key to healing fragile families, creating financial self sufficiency, and investing in the well-being of our children. We are excited to announce that Hungry Harvest is now partnering with Lotus House in our commitment to end hunger, delivering fresh fruits and vegetables sourced from local farms and growers to Lotus House every time they sell a box of food to South Florida consumers. We are also grateful for the many other community partners joining us in ending hunger and the food insecurity of homelessness in our community. Together we nourish and uplift bodies, minds and spirits!

www.hungryharvest.net

Or visit our website to find out how you can help!





Lotus Village

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, we await the blossoming of our all new Lotus Village, a state of the art, comprehensive homeless services facility with expanded capacity to shelter 500 women and children nightly. Winner of the 2016 Non-Profit Innovation Award of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, this life-changing mixed-use "village" combines state of the art shelter facilities and holistic, trauma-informed, supportive services for children and families experiencing homelessness. Lotus Village includes program spaces for counseling and support services, a working classroom kitchen sized to deliver a half million meals a year, an urban garden nourishing body, mind and spirit, an intake sanctuary, healing hands salon to soothe and uplift, computer library for adult education and after school programming, art and activities lab with alternative pathways for healing, children's play areas and soothing garden spaces for Lotus House women, youth and children.

Aptly named, Lotus Village, because it takes a village, this new home of Lotus House will be the first of its kind on a national level and will include a neighborhood health clinic for women and children, with a special men's health initiative, and a therapeutic children's wellness center, with linkages to key community partners, to strengthen and uplift children and families. Lotus Village will not be an island but deeply embedded in and serving the Overtown neighborhood it calls home, preventing and bringing an end to homelessness. 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 will offer a platform for deeper community engagement, collaboration, shared learning and dialogue, on a local, state and national level. The Village promises to be a center for innovative, best practices, research and development for public and social policies to advance the status of women, youth and children to prevent and end homelessness.



Become an official named sponsor of the Lotus Village Health Clinic!

Lotus Village Breaks Ground September 15, 2016 A Dream Come True!



Make Life Your Legacy Become a Sustaining Founder Today!

As a sustaining Founder, your gift assures Lotus Village will be a resource for women, youth and children for generations to come. Make a pledge that is truly life changing, life saving for the most needy and fragile among us, providing a sanctuary with wrap around support services like counseling, education, job readiness training, medical and mental health care, healing arts and activities to reclaim lives and build the foundation for brighter futures. Please include Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501c3 supporting foundation for Lotus House and other initiatives of Sundari Foundation, Inc., in your will and estate planning, consider a gift of appreciated stock and/or make a one time or multi-year pledge to become a founding sponsor or honor someone you love. It is a gift of life, helping to prevent and end homelessness.

Donations to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. are deductible to the full extent allowable under the Internal Revenue Code section 501c3; our Tax ID# is 92-0233563. A copy of the official registration and financial information [#CH26128] 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.

www.lotusendowment.org

Learn more about how to become a founding sponsor and naming opportunities within Lotus Village by contacting Constance Collins, President, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., constance@lotusendowment.org or call 305-613-1573.



Sponsor and name a residential or support services room in Lotus Village!

