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# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

*Lotus House*

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# ABOUT LOTUS HOUSE

The largest women’s shelter in the country, Lotus House provides emergency shelter with comprehensive supportive services to assist high special needs women, youth and children experiencing homelessness, among the most vulnerable and marginalized members of Miami-Dade County, in healing, improving the quality of their lives on every level and transitioning to homes outside the shelter system. Since opening its doors in 2006, Lotus House has sheltered over 7,000 women, youth and children experiencing homelessness, including women and children with histories of domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of trauma and victimization, as well as women and children with special medical and/or mental health conditions, developmental challenges and disabilities. We provide sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to heal, learn, grow and blossom into who they are truly meant to be. In their dreams come true, we enrich our community with the fruit of their potential realized.

Recognizing the fragility of the women, youth and children who enter our doors, Lotus House offers gender-specific trauma-informed, wrap-around holistic supportive services and programming, which include access to health and mental health services, evidence-based counseling, child therapy, parenting classes, employment and educational supports, life skills training and so much more. These tools and resources, coupled with a safe supportive sanctuary, allow the women, youth and their children a meaningful opportunity to heal, transform their lives, achieve greater self sufficiency, feel empowered and build brighter futures.

With over 80% of the women, youth and children successfully exiting the program, Lotus House serves as a model for showcasing innovation, evidence-based best practices and community-based service driven research. In our mission to end homelessness, we advocate for the human right and dignity of every woman, youth and child to a home, as essential to their wellbeing and prosperity as food, education and health care.

We raise awareness of the special needs of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness; inspire innovative, holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of childhood abuse, domestic violence and homelessness; and advance service-driven research and enlightened social and public policies for greater understanding, social inclusion, and resources for women and children experiencing homelessness. Your generosity makes all that we do possible.

Together, we change our world, one woman, one youth, one child at a time. Thank you for your support!



# OUR IMPACT

**7,200+ women and children sheltered since inception**

**350,000+ meals served annually**

**500+ women and children sheltered nightly**

**8,800+ counseling sessions\***

**1,526 women, youth and children sheltered\***

**182,000+ shelter bed nights annually**

**82% successfully exited outside of the shelter system**

**240+ babies will call Lotus House their first home**

**450+ holistic activities hosted \***

\*Data from November 1, 2020 - October 31, 2021

# WITH YOUR SUPPORT



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

An already vulnerable population, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed women, youth and children to further dangers, including increased domestic and family violence and homelessness. For the last two years, Lotus House has sheltered a record-breaking number of women, youth and children with 2021 numbers already surpassing 2020, having sheltered **1,526** women, youth and children so far (November 2020-October 2021).

Best practices, adaptation and innovation have been the guiding principles in the operation of Lotus House throughout the pandemic. Under the oversight and guidance of a cross department COVID-19 response team, nearly every aspect of the operations, programming and supportive services of the shelter were modified to prepare for and respond to the exigencies of sheltering high special needs women, youth and children as safely as possible. From new deep cleaning protocols, investments in UV light technology, masks and greater social distancing to deeper educational and therapeutic supports, **it was a year of many firsts.**

Every precaution necessary to advance the safety and health of our guests and team was taken. In addition to implementing social distancing guidelines and required mask usage throughout the village, Lotus House invested in new technology to elevate our safety measures, provided onsite **weekly** COVID-19 testing and **monthly** administration of the vaccine when it was made available.

## COVID-19 Impact

- A 38% increase in the percentage of sheltered women with domestic violence in 2020-2021 compared to 2018-2019
- A 7% increase in adults reporting a victimization or crime, when comparing 2020 to 2021
  - 388 unaccompanied youth sheltered in 2020-2021
- 88% of children reporting a history of trauma and/or violence





# EDUCATION

Lotus House is dedicated to supporting our women, youth and children on their educational journey, providing them with the tools, resources, linkages and supports they so critically need in order to learn, grow, thrive and achieve greater self-sufficiency.

Our sheltered guests benefit from English and Spanish literacy courses, educational supplies, Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), college prep, testing prep and our Basic Life Skills Program which includes group and individual coaching to help prepare guests to live independently. Our Basic Life Skills Program offers workshops in:

- Financial literacy
- Basic computer and keyboard skills
- Public transportation navigation assistance
- Basic civics education and voter registration
- Public speaking and communication skills workshops



## LOTUS LEARNING POD

Our work in the Lotspeich Education Center blossomed into a new program last year, Lotus Learning Pod, in response to the impact of the pandemic on our children's academic achievement. Facing an already disproportionate and growing educational gap, our Lotus Learning Pod provided intensive supports, resources and guidance for hundreds of children over the past year, offering:

- School supplies, uniforms, required PPE and other materials
- Virtual school navigation assistance and accountability
- After school homework assistance
- Tutoring services in all subjects
- Additional supports for enriched programming activities
- Field trips and cultural events
- Graduation celebrations, prom and senior activities
- And much more

**100+ CHILDREN ENROLLED!**

We are so proud of our **6** high school graduates (4 pictured here). Completing senior year during a pandemic was no small task. They will all be continuing their education by attending college/university. We look forward to seeing what their future holds.

**Congratulations Class of 2021!**





# EMPLOYMENT

Our Employment Program provides women and youth with the education, tools and resources needed to enter and succeed in the workforce, including job readiness training, work etiquette workshops, resume preparation, practice interviews, interview and work attire, real world paid internships at Lotus House and Lotus House Thrift, and personalized coaching, tools and resources. With the support of many volunteers, our Employment team works with each woman and youth on the work path in developing an individualized action plan for seeking and retaining employment. Recognizing knowledge is power, Lotus House offers in-house, job readiness training for culinary, retail, hospitality, barista and other careers, such as security, child care assistance and more. For many, our paid internships offer essential, real world, "on-the-job" work training, a work history and certificates of accomplishment, as well as references to successfully compete in their search for employment. Empowering those we serve with education, tools and enriched resources, this program is designed to ensure that women and youth have the keys to achieving financial self sufficiency and long term stability for themselves and their children.



## INTERNSHIPS

- 25 hospitality interns
- 82 retail interns
- 102 culinary interns
- 4 farm interns

## RETAIL

The Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique is home to our Retail Job Training Program. Learn more about this and much more happening at Thrift later in this report.

## FARM

The Farm internship allows women and youth to learn the basics of hydroponic farming. Through this innovative program, participants learn the basics of plant biology, food safety, hydroponic systems and nutrition. Interns engage in all aspects of the Farm program, including outdoor rooftop gardening and weekly family cooking classes.

## HOSPITALITY

Our newest job training program, created by alumni of the shelter, the Lotus House Hospitality Training was designed to prepare program participants for success in the hospitality industry. Interns learn a wide range of skills from deep cleaning, housekeeping, safety, inventory, customer relations and more. Once program participants complete the training, they are eligible to apply for our Operations Manager Internship where they get hands on experience working at Lotus Village. They help us keep a healthy and clean environment for all those who call Lotus House home.

## CULINARY

Powered by our job readiness training Culinary Program, the David and Leila Centner Culinary Center prepares 350,000+ meals a year, serving 3 meals a day and snacks for our 500+ women and children. Our menu is primarily made of plant based recipes using fresh ingredients. After becoming certified as Safe Food Handlers through our Culinary Program, Interns get the chance to learn the four stations in our state of the art kitchen: dishwashing, prep station, grilling/hot food, and serving. Once internships are completed, we connect them to local restaurants where they can find full time employment.

\* Internship Numbers Since Inception



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE LIKE AT LOTUS HOUSE?

The experience at the Lotus House was life changing. I don't believe I would be where I am today without the assistance of the Lotus House. Many people have a false depiction on what a homeless person looks like, but in actuality have no idea. I became officially homeless at the end of 2012. I was a college student living my best life on campus but if I'm honest with myself I was homeless. The nurse at my college told me about Lotus House one day. She called and L.H said a bed had just opened up and if I don't grab it now I'll probably be waiting a while to get in. I was terrified but I went that night. Homelessness to me is not having a stable, reliable, consistent, and safe place to live. I didn't receive that stability until 10 months later transitioning out of the Lotus House Women's Shelter. During the 10 months living at the L.H. I was able to gain employment, housing and continue on with my college education. I love the saying "You grow through what you go through". It was extremely difficult but I made it through. If you're currently experiencing homelessness understand it doesn't have a face and you too deserve to have stability and peace.

**CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR LIFE AFTER YOU LEFT LOTUS HOUSE?** After leaving the Lotus House I went on to have my very first apartment. I continued to be employed and received my AA at Miami Dade College in 2015. I made the decision to go and complete my bachelor's degree in Savannah, GA at the HBCU Savannah State University. I received my bachelor's degree in 2017 in audio/video production. My career goal is to be a screenplay writer and direct my material. I'm currently pursuing that career in Atlanta, GA.

**WHAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST IN FILMMAKING AND VISUAL EFFECTS?** I've always known I wanted to be in the film industry since I started college. To do what? I had no clue. As a teenager I loved reading stories and diving so deep in them I never wanted to put the book down. In high school I would literally spend my lunch time in the library reading. As I got older I realized I wanted to start writing stories, so I did. Throughout college and Youtube University lol I've learned the foundation of writing a good story. As far as visual effects I didn't go to school for it but it kind of fell in my lap on the Underground Railroad. I learned my responsibilities as I worked and gained so much experience from it.

**WHAT WAS IT LIKE WORKING ON THE SET OF "THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD"?** I couldn't have asked for a better introduction into the film industry. I've gained lifelong friends. This was an eye opening experience and I was able to see a masterpiece come together. This limited series on Amazon Prime is called The Underground Railroad; A story told by Miami native Director Barry Jenkins. I was the Visual Effects Coordinator on the show for 9 months. Production isn't glamorous. A film production crew/cast really give it their all on these shows. Barry did an amazing job with it. Visually and musically this series will take you



Tenisha in front of The Underground Railroad billboard in Los Angeles, CA

## You grow through what you go through

into another world. It's a show I believe everyone should watch. There was even a therapist on set just in case you needed someone to talk to when we had tough shoot days. Additionally, to offset the heavy content at work the cast/crew would do fun activities after work. I wouldn't trade that experience for anything.

**ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO INCLUDE?** My life story is a beautiful journey. I took the bricks that were thrown at me and created a solid foundation. I'm an aspiring screenplay writer/director who's currently writing a short-film series to showcase my talent. Currently, I'm looking to attend a UCLA Screenwriting Professional Program this year. I was accepted into the program last year but due to COVID hardships, I couldn't start. My goal is to sharpen my screenplay writing skills and work towards attending that 10 month program. Filmmaking is a powerful tool and everyone has a story. I want my stories to change lives and make them feel deeply about things, circumstances, hardships and/or people. This career path won't be easy. If I didn't let homelessness stop me, nothing will.



2016, Lana volunteering at our gala



2021, Lana launches A1 Creations

**LANA** started volunteering after she moved out of Lotus House with her mom in 2013. Since then, she has volunteered over 2,500 hours (and counting)! She is now starting the 8th grade and is the proud business owner of A1 Creations. She sells homemade lip gloss, chap stick, hand sanitizer and lip scrubs. As an Honor Roll student, Lana is very involved in school and looking forward to high school. "Lotus House is a second home to me. I now have a baby brother but love to spend time here because I am a big sister to all the children."

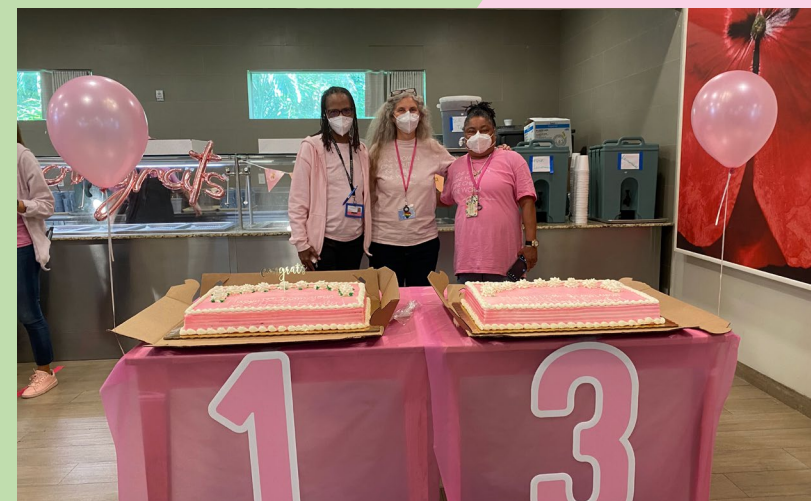
**NIYAH** lived at Lotus House when she was just 4 years old with her mom. Eight years later, she still comes by to visit regularly. An Honor Roll student, Niyah was elected Class President! Her favorite hobby is to read. She loves Diary of a Wimpy Kid and can read a whole book in one sitting. When she grows up she would like to be a medical corp in the US Army because she "wants to help soldiers and treat their wounds." As an older sister, Niyah is setting a great example for her little sister. She would like for our readers to know "always be yourself and don't change for anyone!"



Lana and Niyah visiting Lotus House in 2018



Niyah's first day of 6th grade



Rai Johnson (left), Wellness Director, and Lenora Felder (right), Assistant Director of Guest Services, celebrate 13 years of working at The Lotus House. Both alumnae of our program, Rai and Lenora have been mentors to all of the women and children who have come through our doors in the last 13 years. We are so grateful for all of their love, commitment, and guidance! We are proud to know you. Thank you!

# THEN & NOW



# THE LOTUS HOUSE THRIFT TEAM



**Ronide**

"Growing up was tough for me and my family. I came to realize my reality and learned that how I see myself will overcome any judgments that are thrown at me. The day I stepped foot into the Lotus House I cried tears of pain and shamefulness. Not knowing that this was the beginning of my journey to finding myself. Today I am the Program Director of the Lotus Thrift Chic Boutique and proud to say that I am the best version of myself."



**Kirsten**

"I have been working at Thrift for 3 years and it has been nothing but amazing to work with an organization this wonderful. I lived at Lotus House in 2018 with my now 4 year old son. I'm very grateful that the Lotus House gave me the opportunity to work for them and give back to others that are currently going through what I've endured. Come by and check out an amazing store that I have a chance to give back to!"



**Kelly**

"You can't fall if you don't climb. When I got to Lotus House with a 6 month old baby boy, I thought I was falling real low to the ground. It was actually me climbing to the top of the stairs and there's no joy like having control of your life." As a sales associate, Kelly is responsible for making sure the merchandise is always stocked and looking its best.



**Ingrid**

"I am very grateful and thankful for the Lotus House that received me in 2013 when I became homeless. They built confidence in me and gave me back a new life. I am proud to say that I've volunteered at the Lotus Shelter and Lotus Boutique for over 6 years full time. I'm proudly giving back to an organization that helped me land back on my feet."



**Annette**

exited the Lotus House after graduating top 15% of her high school class. She joined the donations pick up team during the pandemic and continues to thrive. "Believe in your abilities and put your best foot forward." Look for our January 2022 podcast to hear more of her story.



**Lotus House Thrift Chic Boutique is the shelter's donation center, a retail destination, and job training program. When you donate gently-used items and shop with us, you help uplift the lives of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness.**

- 100% of proceeds from Thrift go to fund programming and
- Provides paid retail internships, supportive services and employment opportunities for Lotus House program participants and alumni
- Clothing donations for Lotus House women and children
- Donated furniture and household goods help outfit their new homes when they exit the shelter
- We specialize in furniture, designer, vintage, like new and gently-used clothing, home décor, and more!

**Make sure to follow us to stay up-to-date on new items**

**@lotushousethrift and shop online at [lotushousethrift.org](https://lotushousethrift.org)**

**Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-7pm**

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During unprecedented times, Lotus House continues to explore innovative ways to deliver unique, empowering and enriching learning experiences to our children and families. Experiencing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of web-based information sharing and social media. With the world changing before us, Lotus House has recognized that there is no better time than now to expand into the digital space. Reflecting on the experiences and lessons learned of this past year, the 'Studio at Lotus Village' and 'Lotus Village Voices Vodcast' were born.

In the Studio at Lotus Village, we have created an exploratory educational, therapeutic, and creative arts program and vodcast for the children and families sheltered at Lotus House. Day-to-day studio programming includes collaborative and individual song writing, poetry and choreography workshops and explorative music-making with professional and homemade instruments.

With the use of the new recording studio, the Vodcast amplifies the talents, stories, hopes, and dreams of sheltered children and families at Lotus House. This new show provides our Village with a platform to deliver news and narratives to our followers in an unprecedented manner, broadcasting our everyday struggles and triumphs into their phones, computers, homes, offices and classrooms via prominent digital platforms. We are delighted to announce that our episodes can be found on Spotify and Apple podcasts!

The implementation of this latest innovation encourages creative expression and learning, creates outlets for the voices of children and families, and allows information sharing on evidence-based best practices and innovative solutions modeled in Lotus Village. The timing of this project is all the more relevant in the expanding medium of podcasting and digital media. With much excitement, Lotus House is grateful for the opportunity to elevate the experiences and voices of women and children and connect to broader audiences across the country.



#### Exciting Activities Offered by The Studio

- Music Videos
  - Vodcast Interviews
  - Audio Time Capsules
  - Family and Newborn Photoshoots
- And so much more!

Special thanks to The Children's Trust of Miami Dade County, Florida for their support of this exciting new program! Lotus House is truly humbled to be the recipient of its third Innovation Award, which allows the voices of those we serve to be heard within the community and our world at large!

#### Stay Informed on Village Voices Activities!

- Spotify and Apple Podcasts: **Lotus House Women's Shelter**
- Instagram & Facebook: **@lotushouseshelter**

#### Episodes

MAY 30

Episode 01 - Welcome to Lotus Village - Where Home Blossoms



# RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

With our research, policy and public education initiatives, Lotus House is proud to lead service driven research to help raise awareness on the special needs of sheltered women and children, with a focus on those disproportionately impacted by racial, ethnic, gender and socio-economic inequities and further marginalized by homelessness.

As a result of our ongoing research efforts, Lotus House sponsored research with the Women's Lab from Florida International University, which explored the experiences of women in shelters. Stemming from this community based service-driven research, "*A culture of care: How Lotus House Women's Shelter heals program participants through genuineness, space, high expectations, dignity, individualized attention, and community,*" co-authored by the Florida International University Women's Lab, has now been officially published in the Journal of Community Psychology.

In connection with our early childhood research, which is made possible by the generosity and continued support of The Children's Trust of Miami Dade County, Lotus House demonstrates how the provision of evidence-based interventions and trauma-informed practices, that truly place children first, can help heal broken bonds and reduce the effects of childhood trauma. Comparing two parenting programs implemented by our Children's Services Program, our paper, co-authored with Florida International University "*Early Assessment and Intervention for Families Experiencing Homelessness*" is currently under peer review for publication in the Journal of Consulting Psychology!

Our latest paper summarizing the findings of our service driven research with Florida International University, "*Addressing Mental Health and Trauma-Related Needs of Sheltered Children and Families with Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy,*" has been officially submitted for peer review to the Journal of Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research.

In the face of a dearth of research on the special needs of women and children experiencing homelessness and ways to support their healing and growth, Lotus House continues to lead the way, advancing service driven research, showcasing best practices and innovation, sharing information, developing policy recommendations, and providing innovative solutions to ending homelessness.

Relevant to the children and families we serve, the findings of our ongoing community based service-driven research have allowed Lotus House to enhance the experience of children and families, as we support their transition out of homelessness. Through our research, policy and public education initiatives, we aim to provide other service providers with a replicable and scalable framework to help transform the lives of those they serve.

## In other Exciting News:

- After scouring over 1,200 shelters across the United States, Lotus House is in fact the largest women's shelter in the country!
- Lotus House's poster presentation, *Lotus House Women's Shelter as the Lead Agency in a Service Drien Research Project*, was selected for presentation and awarded "*Best Reflects Policy Research*" by the Society for Research in Child Development at its April 2021 Biennial Meeting.





# RAINBOW LOTUS



Lotus House accommodations and holistic services are designed to afford homeless LGBTQIA+ individuals and families a safe, supportive and nurturing environment. LGBTQIA+ youth are disproportionately represented in the population of homeless youth – 20% to 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQIA+; 26% of LGBTQIA+ youth are thrown out by parents when they come out to them; LGBTQIA+ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide, and suffer depression four to five times more severely.

Homeless LGBTQIA+ individuals of all ages need trauma informed shelter and support services sensitive to their special needs. Based on principles of education and empowerment, Lotus House is committed to providing a trauma-informed, LGBTQIA+ sensitive sanctuary honoring the divine nature of all individuals, including adults, youth and children, with unconditional love.

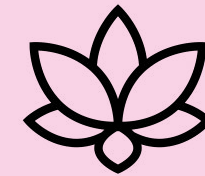
**"20% to 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQIA+"**

## Highlights of Rainbow Lotus Program

- Safe, supportive and nurturing environment for all LGBTQIA+ individuals
- Evidence-based individual and group therapy
- Rainbow Lotus support groups providing positive interactions with other LGBTQIA+ individuals, enrichment, education and advocacy
- Linkages to LGBTQIA+ agencies and involvement with community activities for additional enrichment, advocacy and support services
- Coordination with school liaisons and youth programs to identify and support LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness
- Diverse, sensitivity trained, and well-informed leadership, staff, counselors and resource coordinators, including alumni of the program
- Community education/advocacy regarding LGBTQIA+ homelessness



# GET INVOLVED



## Volunteer

Volunteers play a pivotal support role in everything we do at Lotus House by providing vital assistance to our daily operations and program activities from cleaning and landscaping to tutoring, field trips, arts and activities, helping to make Lotus House a "home" for those in need. From individual volunteering to group and corporate volunteering, you make all that we do possible. To get started, email [love@lotushouse.org](mailto:love@lotushouse.org).



## Make a Donation

From sponsoring nutritious meals at the shelter and support for our core programming, to fulfilling holiday wish list items for our little ones, your donations have a life changing impact on those we serve. Working hard to ensure that every dollar goes as far as possible, your contribution uplifts the lives of the most vulnerable among us. To make a donation, visit [www.lotushouse.org](http://www.lotushouse.org) or email [love@lotushouse.org](mailto:love@lotushouse.org).



## Monthly Giving Program

For as little as \$9 per month, you can sponsor a child, youth, or woman at Lotus House, helping to provide nourishing meals, safe shelter, clothing, basic supplies, in addition to wrap around supports like counseling, resource coordination, education supports, job readiness training, access to medical and mental health care and alternative pathways to healing. More importantly, you will know that you have made a personal difference in the life of a woman or child in need and helped to break the cycle of violence. To pledge your monthly support, visit [www.lotushouse.org](http://www.lotushouse.org).



## Host a Drive

Our women, youth and children are provided with all their basic needs from the moment they enter the shelter. From linens to baby supplies, clothing, hygiene items and so much more, in-kind donations powered by your support, helps ensure that our guests have all they need during their stay and saves Lotus House thousands of dollars in expenses. To get started with hosting a drive to benefit Lotus House email [love@lotushouse.org](mailto:love@lotushouse.org) or check out our wish list at [www.lotushouse.org](http://www.lotushouse.org).

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE  
THANK YOU!**



# COMMUNITY

Lotus House is situated in the heart of Overtown, Miami, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the county. We are mindful that too many in our neighborhood suffer from hunger, food insecurity, and lack of resources.

Knowing our support is needed now more than ever, our team provides groceries, prepared meals, and other essential items during regular distributions in our neighborhood:

## “It Takes A Village” Back to School Event

During our 2021 annual event, we provided over 500 book bags filled with school supplies, groceries, prepared meals, PPE, health screenings, immunizations and more for our Overtown neighborhood.

## Monthly Community Distribution

On the first Saturday of each month, we provide groceries, prepared meals, PPE and other resources to our neighbors. Since the start of the pandemic, we have distributed over 70,000 pounds of food!

## Holiday Giveaway

In December, we not only provide food and prepared meals, but toys and other gifts to the community, spreading holiday cheer in what can be a difficult time for many in need.

## Health and Wellness

During the pandemic, we arranged access to free COVID tests, vaccines, PPE and more with the help of our friends at Jessie Trice Community Health Center, located in Lotus Village.



# OUTREACH



# THE PINK SHIRTS

Thanks to support from the City of Miami Downtown Development Authority and the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, Lotus House launched a pilot street outreach program, another direct access point to shelter women and children on the streets of Downtown Miami. Our team is lovingly referred to on the streets as "The Pink Shirts."

Two Lotus House Alumni engaged in weekly direct outreach on the streets of downtown Miami and surrounding areas, meeting with, assessing and, when space is available, pursuing immediate intake of those seeking shelter. This project allowed our team to bring life saving resources, compassion, supportive shelter, therapeutic supports and holistic programming to some of the most vulnerable and high special needs women in our community - many life long victims of violence and abuse. Sometimes all it takes to help someone living in fear on the streets is a little love. Lotus House alumni light the way.



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We are honored to partner with Lotus House  
and their work uplifting the lives of  
the women, youth, and children.

Thank you Lotus House for all  
you do for the community.

Joseph “Pepe” Badía.  
President & CEO



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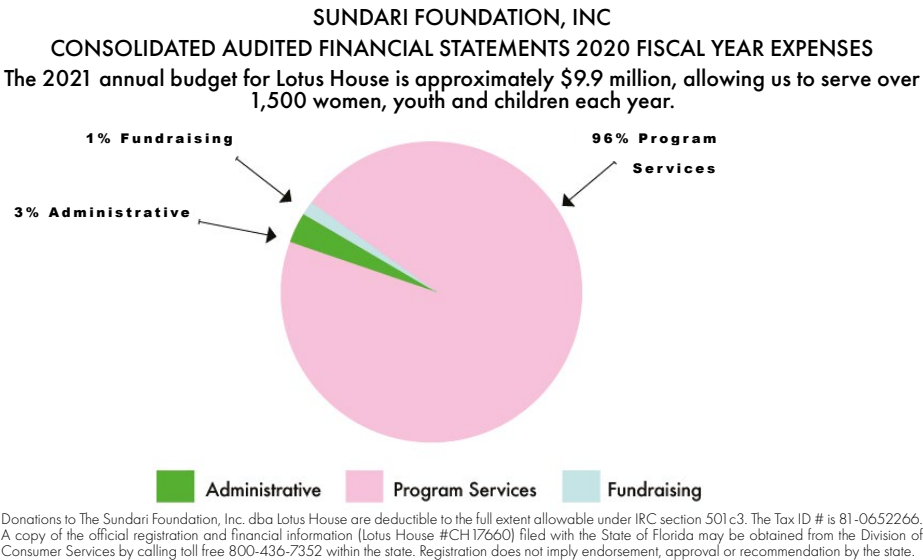
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