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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## CELEBRATING



LIGHTING THE WAY WITH LOVE

## THANK YOU FOR 20 YEARS OF LOVE

Letter from our Founder & President Constance Collins

Dear Friends,

We celebrate 20 years as a foundation that saves and changes lives thanks to your steadfast, generous support over the past two decades. Thank you!

Together we have made a difference. Together, we have sheltered over 12,000+ women, youth and children. We are the proud mothers to 360+ 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 alumni of Lotus House. They are the very heart and soul of our work together in ending and preventing homelessness. Some have even ventured forth to make a difference in our initiatives at the national level to advance the status of women and children experiencing homelessness in the National Women's Shelter Network. They are helping to carry our work to end and prevent homelessness.

Thank you for making all we do together possible. Thank you for 20 years of love and counting!

Only love, Constance





## SUNDARI FOUNDATION

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Sundari Foundation Inc was formed by a passionate group of volunteers committed to providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources for women and children experiencing homelessness.

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## LOTUS HOUSE

The Foundation identified its first building for acquisition in the heart of Overtown. It was named "Lotus House," after the pink lotus flower which is the universal symbol of compassion.

## **FIRST BUILDING**

Lotus House opened its doors and quickly reached its capacity of **34 guests**. The shelter was staffed by its volunteer Founder, one team member and a dedicated group of volunteers.



## MATERNITY PROGRAM

Lotus House opened the doors of its new maternity building and sheltered up to **65+ women and children** on a nightly basis.

## LOTUS ENDOWMENT FUND

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Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. was formed to ensure that Lotus House and other initiatives will be a resource for generations to come.



Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc.



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A community center for the growing campus opened between the two residential buildings. The center included a professional teaching kitchen and community rooms for expanded programming like group counseling, yoga, dance, and a "baby and me" play corner.

## LOTUS HOUSE THRIFT

Lotus House Thrift, LLC was formed and since has been supporting Lotus House by providing:

clothing for our guests

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furnishings for their new homes when they exit the shelter

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basic job readiness & retail job training via our paid internship program





acceptance of over **\$2 million** in donated goods from the community, annually

Annually, Lotus House Thrift facilitates over 200 move outs & over 2,000 clothing requests fulfilled.

Every purchase made at Thrift saves and changes lives!



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SCAN TO LEARN MORE & SCHEDULE A PICK-UP

## LOTUS WELLNESS CENTER

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A new health and wellness clinic, operated by Lotus Wellness Center, LLC, opened as a "Good Samaritan" clinic staffed entirely by volunteers. The clinic served as a vital resource for Lotus House guests, its alumni, and for uninsured women from the Overtown neighborhood.



#### CHILDREN & FAMILIES PROGRAM EXPANDS

The third residential building opened, expanding the Children and Families Program. Lotus House was sheltering over **110+ women and children daily!** 

Lotus House was serving over 68,000 meals and providing over 40,000 shelter bed nights annually.

# **EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION**

We expanded our education and employment program by offering barista trainings and retail job training programs to support our guest's journey towards self-sufficiency.





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The Foundation adopted evidence-based counseling modalities that through the years have provided invaluable insight into the special needs of those we serve, supporting our policy and advocacy goals.

## **YOUTH PROGRAM**

A fourth residential building for our Youth Program, women ages 18-24, opened. With this program, Lotus House housed over **160+ women, youth and children on a daily basis.** 



## FIFTH RESIDENTAL BUILDING

As the need in our community continued to rise, Lotus House expanded from one to five apartment buildings, sheltering over **250+ women and children nightly.** With the loving support of our volunteers and donors, we worked to convert these spaces into a place of healing. However, we were faced with a great obstacle. Lotus House was not large enough to meet the demand of women and children who sought shelter. By 2014, we were turning away over 2,000+ women and children because we simply did not have enough capacity to serve them.



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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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The spirit of advocacy at Lotus House continues to blossom and flourish, thanks to the passion and commitment of team members, alumni, supporters and volunteers in our community. Cultivating seeds of change, Lotus House deepened its advocacy work for the human right and dignity of every woman, child, and youth to a home, as essential to their wellbeing and prosperity as food, education, and health care. Understanding the deep need of the women, youth and children in our community, we worked to drive collective action at the local level in order to meet

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF THE WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS.

the great demand of those in need.

## LOTUS VILLAGE GROUNDBREAKING

Lotus Village broke ground in a heartwarming celebration awash with love and pink!

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## FROM LOTUS HOUSE TO LOTUS VILLAGE

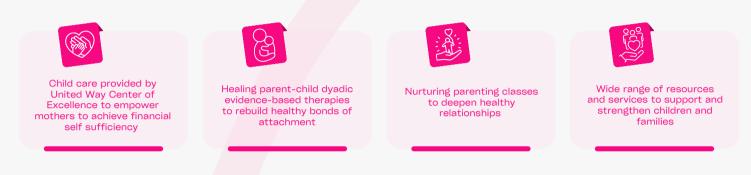
Lotus Endowment Fund launched a capital campaign to build a new home for Lotus House, Lotus Village, a state of the art facility on a national level.

In record time with the help of our entire village, Lotus Village Development, LLC, a subsidiary of Lotus Endowment Fund, completed construction of the ground and second floors of Lotus Village in time for the Singles Women's Program to move in on New Year's Eve 2017. Lotus House moved the rest of the shelter into Lotus Village by the end of January 2018, expanding to shelter **525+ women, youth, and children.** 

## CHILDREN FIRST AT LOTUS VILLAGE

Putting children first, Lotus House recognizes that children are able to thrive when their needs are met by positive and consistent early experiences with loving caregivers and nurturing environments. With the needs and wellbeing of children in mind, the Micky and Madeleine Arison Children's Wellness Center in Lotus Village was designed to promote the healthy social and emotional development of infants and young children.

A new national model for embedding trauma-informed, therapeutic services, early child care, and education in homeless shelters, the Children's Wellness Center offers:



"The parenting classes taught me a lot about managing my emotions around my child. The classes emphasized the importance of breaking negative cycles from my own upbringing and helped me realize that it's crucial not to carry any harmful patterns from my past into how I raise my child. I have the power to do better and create a healthier upbringing for my daughter. I don't need to discipline her the way my parents did; I can choose a different, more positive approach."

#### Otisha, Alumna, Assistant Operations Manager at Lotus House





## THE FARM

A climate-controlled, hydroponic urban garden for children and families, "The Farm" was launched by Lotus House as an innovative, educational initiative to bring transparency and sustainability to the production of vegetables, with the added benefit of serving high-quality, pesticide-free, farm-to-table produce year-round.

In The Farm, our women and children have the space to explore, interact, and create. Operating as an innovative children's science lab offering a hands-on paid internship program, The Farm feeds bodies, minds and spirits on all levels.

# heads of lettuce **53,000+**

#### SINCE 2019, THE FARM HAS PRODUCED:



During the pandemic, Lotus House remained fully operational with doors wide open to meet a rising need. Our programming for children expanded to include the Lotus Learning Pod. Lotus House also began food distributions for struggling residents of Overtown.

## **THE STUDIO**

Ever-evolving, at Lotus House we continuously explore new ways to offer educational, therapeutic and creative arts programming that will create enriching experiences for our sheltered children. "The Studio at Lotus Village" and the "Lotus Village Voices Vodcast" provides our women and children with the opportunity to share their stories, talents, hopes and dreams, elevating their voices and experiences to audiences across our country. Listen on Spotify or Apple podcasts!



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LISTEN ON SPOTIFY PODCASTS

## RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

Alongside our research partners at Florida International University. Lotus House has provided traumainformed, evidence-based early assessments and deep therapeutic supports for all Lotus House children and families. The largest research study of its kind ever done in the United States, the results of the research have demonstrated that the early provision of evidencebased assessments and interventions to address the special needs of children and families helps reduce trauma symptoms and the impact of adverse childhood experiences.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

early detection of developmental issues

improving the developmental, social and emotional well-being of children

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reducing and/or eliminating the impacts of childhood trauma

enhancing attachment and bonding between mothers and their children improving and building strong, loving parent-child relationships

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identifying and addressing mother's mental health

So far we've published:



Graziano, P. A., Spiegel, J. A., Hayes, T., Arcia, E., & Sundari Foundation. (2023). Early Intervention for Families Experiencing Homelessness: A Pilot Randomized Trial Comparing Two Parenting Programs. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 91(4), 192-207. https://doi.org/10.1037/ccp0000810

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## THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S SHELTER NETWORK

Lotus House launched its initiative to establish the National Women's Shelter Network (NWSN), a growing network of shelters and programs across the country to advance the status of women, children and families experiencing homelessness.

The NWSN's public policy initiative aims to change the narrative and to advocate for policies that advance the status of women and children experiencing homelessness, raise awareness of the intersections of gender-based violence, trauma and homelessness, and provide more resources for women and children and the shelters and programs that serve them.

The NWSN team has been meeting with various federal agencies and legislators on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. to bring attention to the needs of women and children, while raising awareness of the public health crisis on the ground. Meetings with federal agencies include:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness
- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
- White House Domestic Policy Council
- White House Gender Policy Council



More than a network ~ the National Women's Shelter Network is a movement to advance the status of women, children and families experiencing homelessness and the shelters and safe havens that serve them in communities all across the country.

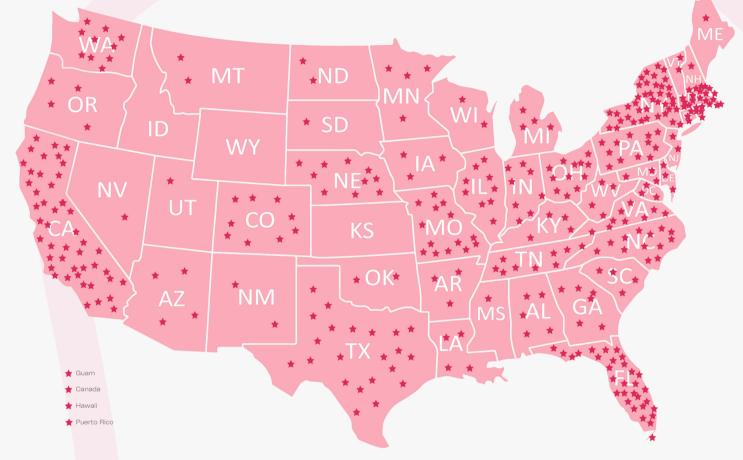
The NWSN has expanded its organizational platform to create more comprehensive benefits for participating Members of the Network. The expanded National Women's Shelter Network, Inc. is a not-for-profit, 501c3, organization that offers shared learning, community, deeper education support, tools and resources for shelters and programs that serve women and children, and pursues key policy objectives and plans for ending and preventing homelessness in our country.

We are the last and final safety net for millions of women and children in transition, the majority of whom are victims of violence and other crimes. 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.



## WE ARE TRAILBLAZERS UNITING THE COUNTRY

The NWSN President, Constance Collins, joined unhoused persons and many advocates for the oral arguments before the Supreme Court in the City of Grants Pass v. Johnson case. The decision of the Supreme Court makes safe shelter all the more important for women and children. We were proud to be in solidarity, offering the unique perspective of women and children and the shelters that serve them, in what is the most important court case addressing homelessness in the past century.





The NWSN initiative now includes over 370+ women and families shelters and safe haven programs from across the country and our team has visited over 110 shelters across the nation. Together, we are working to end and prevent homelessness.



Join Us In Washington, D.C. For The Annual Conference JANUARY 27-30, 2025





Children's Village, the newest initiative of the foundation, broke ground across the street from Lotus House. The Children's Village is an innovative new neighborhood children's resource center serving our sheltered children and the children and families of our Overtown community, scheduled to open in January 2025!

Children's Village will serve an estimated **2,500+ children and youth annually** for generations to come. In the Children's Village, we have the opportunity together to create a beacon of light and hope for the many thousands of children whose lives will be touched by this special project.



SPONSORED BY LOTUS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC. A DEVELOPMENT OF LOTUS VILLAGE II, LLC TO BENEFIT LOTUS HOUSE Lotus Endowment Fund launches a \$20 million capital campaign to support the construction, development opening and operations at Children's Village, Join Us!

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE DREAM TEAM

#### **CHARITABLE LENDER**

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation

NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT LENDERS SPONSORED BY Enterprise Community Investment, Inc. Florida Community Loan Fund, Inc. US Bancorp Community Development Corporation

#### NEW MARKET TAX CREDIT CONSULTANTS

Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen P.C. SB Friedman Development Advisors LLC

#### **DREAM TEAM**

Aviñó & Associates, Inc. Behar Font & Partners, P.A. Bilzin Sumberg C&T Design and Equipment Co. Civic Construction Company, Inc. Cole Scott & Kissane P.A Evelyn Langlieb Greer, P.A Hotwire Communications iLLuminosity Lighting Kimley-Horn m2e Consulting Engineers Pacifica Engineering Services Permit Me, LLC Savino & Miller Design Studio Schwartz Media SOCOTEC

#### SPONSOR

Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc.

#### **PROJECT DEVELOPER**

Lotus Village II, LLC, a subsidiary of Lotus Endowment Fund

#### **PROJECT OPERATOR**

Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House



## WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Your help in providing assistance for the development of the Children's Village lays the foundation for our collective future-our children, because we are all one, **one village, one family. Join us!** 

While there are many avenues to assist, there are three primary ways to help make the dream of the Children's Village at Lotus Village a reality:

a gift to Lotus Endowment Fund to help us build and outfit the Children's Village at Lotus Village

a gift to Lotus Endowment Fund to support the future programming of the Children's Village

a financial gift, appreciated stock, property or bequest to Lotus Endowment Fund to endow the future operations and supportive services

The main lobby to the Children's Village at Lotus Village will include our primary donor recognition wall, where we will thank the donors who have helped to make the Children's Village at Lotus Village a dream come true, now, and for generations to come. It is fitting that the entrance to this beautiful facility expresses our gratitude for your precious gift, honors your legacy as a village founder, and inspires and motivates future generations to take up the call of service to those in need. It is a reminder to those we serve that they are valued, cared for and loved by many.

#### JOIN US IN SAVING & CHANGING LIVES & BECOME A FOUNDER OF THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AT LOTUS VILLAGE!

#### Contact

Constance Collins, President | 305.613.1573 | constance@lotusendowment.org

#### Tax Deductible

All donations for the Children's Village should be made payable to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. Gifts to Lotus Endowment Fund are deductible to the full extent allowable under IRC section 501c3 (tax id# 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.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE FOUNDERS

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## WHERE HOPE BLOSSOMS

As we wait for the completion of Children's Village, Lotus House continues to operate as the largest women's homeless shelter in the country. Our **annual** impact includes:

525+

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women & children sheltered nightly

child and family therapy sessions

2.5k+

13k+

individual/group therapy and counseling sessions

85%

**SUCCESSFULLY** exited outside of the shelter system

7k+

healthcare referrals made

number of bed nights

100k+

meals served

diapers used

189k+

365k+

Lotus House is a model in which community and collaboration are embedded in everything we do, recognizing that the solutions to complex social problems are found in our coming together. All of us are the solution to ending and preventing homelessness in our country. It Takes a Village!



#### How has your experience been here at Lotus House?

It is an unforgettable experience. I will tell you that getting here was a blessing for us. We received therapy, education services and resources for my children, and employment services and training for me.

#### How did you start working here?

I did an internship in the Lotus Village Culinary Center. I learned how to work in all of the parts in the kitchen including how to prepare for lunch and dinner, serve the meals, and clean the dishes.

Once I completed the internship, I learned about a vacancy in the Operations Team and applied to become an Assistant Operations Manager. I was offered a position and now work serving Lotus House guests. We see everything from the opening of the rooms for new guests, cleaning the pavilion where we have our meals, and making sure the facility is always clean and welcoming so the guests see that it is a cozy place they can call home.

#### Do you have any words of encouragement for new guests?

The strength, encouragement and desire to endure must always remain. If you don't have faith, well, the path is a little more difficult. But, always believe in yourself. Think about the future of your children and all of the things you would like to achieve. You will be surprised at how strong you are!

#### ALUMNI LEADERSHIP

The team at Lotus House is made up of 130+. Alumni of the program (Lotus House graduates) comprise **38%** of our team, including **30%** of our Directors and Assistant Directors, bringing a unique understanding and lived experience.



"I was introduced to Lotus House in 2007. Lotus House has helped me grow both personally and professionally. When my son was murdered in the streets of Miami I decided to get some help. Constance offered me the shelter's resources and encouraged me to be my best self. She believed in me.

I went to grad school at Barry University School of Social Work and am presently the Wellness Director at Lotus House. My goal continues to be to bring as many guests as I can to the other side with me. To the side of GREATNESS!"

**Rai**, Alumna Wellness Director Lotus House Advisory Board Member



"My experiences at Lotus House as both a guest and working here are truly blessings. If it wasn't for this place, I really don't know where would I be. However, I do know that I wouldn't have had the same interpersonal work experiences from other guests or the skills that I have learned. As a matter of fact, everyday, I'm still learning."

> **Dominique,** Alumna Guest Services Director



"Being at Lotus House since 2010, as a guest then as a staff member, I have developed a personal and professional sense of gratitude in my life. Since the day I stepped across the threshold of Lotus House, I have had the privilege to obtain a GED, multiple certificates, and I am currently working on being CBHT certified. All of this would not have been possible if I had not first sought the help of Lotus House. Today I am a strong woman that is able and qualified to help another woman and child, and for that alone "I am A Woman, I am a work in progress."

**Monyia,** Alumna Guest Services Director Lotus House Advisory Board Member

## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS...

\$3,000,000	Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust	\$10,000+ All State Foundation Anonymous Blackstone Charitable Foundation De La Torre Family Fund
\$1,000,000	+ The Children's Trust	Enterprise Mobility Foundation Faith Xenos Green Lewis Charitable Fund Jackson Health Laurie Melchior Scott Foundation
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Sundari Foundation Inc. Consolidated Audited Financial Statements 2023 Fiscal Year Expenses

The 2024 annual budget for Lotus House is approximately \$13 Million, allowing us to serve 1,500+ women, youth and children each year.







## LOTUS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

A NON-PROFIT SUPPORTING FOUNDATION

#### Make Life, Make Love, Your Legacy

In 2007, a year after the opening of Lotus House, Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501c3 tax exempt charitable foundation, was organized to support Lotus House and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation, Inc. to prevent and end homelessness. We share the vision of Lotus House that every woman, youth and child experiencing homelessness will have the opportunity to heal, learn, build the foundation for a brighter future, and blossom into who they are truly meant to be. We support the important mission of Lotus House to improve the lives of women, youth and children by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self sufficiency, and build safe, secure lives. In their dreams come true, we enrich our community with the fruit of their potential realized. We advocate on behalf of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness to raise awareness of their special needs; inspire innovative, holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of abuse, domestic violence and homelessness; and advance research and enlightened social policies for greater understanding, social inclusion and resources for women, youth and children in need. In supporting the vision and mission of Lotus House, Lotus Endowment Fund helps to assure the financial stability and long term viability of Sundari Foundation, Inc., so that Lotus House in Lotus Village can continue and expand its life changing work on behalf of women, youth and children experiencing homelessness. Through its subsidiary, Lotus Village Development, LLC, Lotus Endowment sponsored the development of Lotus Village, the state of the art, homeless services facilities completed in 2017 that Lotus House calls home. Via its newest subsidiary, Lotus Village II, LLC, Lotus Endowment is now sponsoring the development and outfitting of phase two, including outdoor recreational facilities and playground, additional educational and therapeutic facilities, and expanded community support facilities for Lotus Village. The generosity of our Founders makes all we do possible to ensure Lotus Village is a resource for women and children in need for generations to come. Make love your legacy and become a Founder today!

## **BECOME A FOUNDER**

Endow Life Changing Supportive Services. Name a Floor, a Wing or Room in Lotus Village.

Becoming a Founder is as simple as making a pledge to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. of \$50,000 or more, gifting appreciated stock or arranging a legacy gift in your estate plans of at least equal amount. Whether you choose to name a room or an entire floor, your gift of love will have an indelible impact on the lives of impoverished women, youth and children. Naming opportunities in Lotus Village vary with the nature of planned gifts. Specific programs and positions may also be endowed. With wrap around support services like counseling, education, life skills, job readiness training, medical and mental health care, healing arts and programming, and service driven research and advocacy to reclaim lives and build the foundation for brighter futures, you can support specific programs or life-saving shelter operations. We can help you tailor your gift to achieve your philanthropic goals. 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. A gift to Lotus Endowment is a gift of love, a gift of life, helping to prevent and end homelessness. For more information on how to make a pledge or legacy gift to Lotus Endowment Fund, please contact: Constance Collins, constance@lotusendowment.org. We are here to help you make a gift of life, a gift of love, for generations to come.



Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., is a 501c3 supporting foundation, benefiting Lotus House and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation, Inc. Donations to Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. are deductible to the full extent allowable under IRC section 501c3. The Tax ID # of Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc. is 92-0233563. A copy of the official registration and financial information (Endowment #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.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LOTUS VILLAGE FOUNDERS

#### \$45,000,000+

Martin Z. Margulies and Martin Z. Margulies Foundation, Sponsor of Lotus Village and Children's Village

#### \$3,000,000+

Micky and Madeleine Arison Family Foundation, Sponsor of the Children's Wellness Center and Pavilion

#### \$2,500,000+

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