



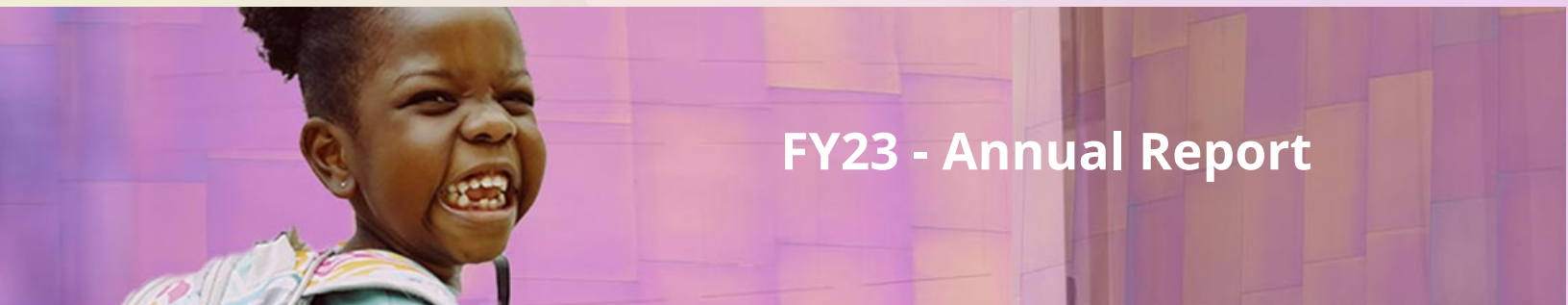
# FY23 ANNUAL REPORT

(JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023)

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**CHILDREN'S PLACE ASSOCIATION**





# FY23 - Annual Report

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Dear Friends,

I sincerely hope that this finds you and those who are dear to you continually well and safe. I was recently asked, "What is your superpower?" I had to pause for a moment and consider the question. What does that mean? I settled on: An ability greater than what is considered normal.

In a world that often moves at the speed of light and more often celebrates individual pursuits, I think the superpower that everyone reading this letter shares is the ability to consider and respond to the needs of others. It is evident when the staff work tirelessly to help a child and/ or family in need; a Board member mobilizes their network on behalf of CPA's mission, volunteers give up their Saturday to play "elf," or our generous supporters allocate their resources. It is done to support our mission and reveal our shared hope for our communities and city.

The most striking thing about our collective superpower is that from all walks of life and cultures, crossing politics and other polarizing issues, we are united because we are great at giving. Time. Money. Friendship. Talent. Caring. Hope. Whatever way you have supported our mission that endeavors to secure today in pursuit of a better tomorrow, the Children's Place Association applauds you.

This year, we celebrated the agency's first live adoption since the start of the pandemic. Our team helped a Dad secure custody of his two-year-old daughter. We began expanding direct clinical services to bolster supportive housing outcomes. We continued to build our school partnership ecosystem so that more children can benefit from Child Thrive's burgeoning model. Moreover, our early learning center was lauded for achieving full enrollment in record time this school year, all while marching steadily toward national accreditation!

Your willingness to champion our cause is what makes all of it possible. So, as we look back on the past year and forward to the year to come, I hope you show off your superpower unabashedly and never tuck your cape! The children and families we serve need us to demonstrate the power and potential that abounds when caring for others.

With gratitude,  
Cinaiya Stubbs  
President & CEO, Children's Place Association



## FY23 - Highlights

The year marked a transformative period for Children's Place as the world transitioned from the pandemic. Systemic challenges and staff shortages persisted. A harsh Chicago winter posed an additional hurdle, with frozen pipes flooding our suite, rendering our main space uninhabitable for several months.

**Resilience Amidst Setbacks:** Undeterred by setbacks, our dedicated team persevered in providing essential services to our families, demonstrating their incredible resilience and commitment to our mission.

**Addressing Mental Health Challenges:** Responding to the rising prevalence of mental health issues, we proactively welcomed a clinical psychologist to our team, enhancing our ability to better assist our families in navigating their myriad challenges. **Milestones and Collaborations:** The year saw the first live adoption event since 2019 and establishing a new partnership with KIPP and Child Thrive. Key leadership changes and new hires further strengthened our team.

**Celebrating Support and Achievements:** Acknowledging long-term supporters and receiving awards for staff and leadership, the year was characterized by growth, change, and a renewed focus on spreading awareness of compassion and a shared sense of connection within our community.

We thank our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, committed staff, and visionary leaders for standing by our side and sharing in our successes. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our achievements this year.

**Looking Ahead:** As we reflect on the year, we contemplate what it means to show up and contribute meaningfully, creating sustainable pathways for those in need. The journey continues, guided by a shared commitment to positively impact the lives of the vulnerable children and families we serve.



*"Once you learn to read, you will forever be free."  
– Frederick Douglass*



## FY23 - Highlights Cont.



### Remembering a Leader

#### ROBERT TONE BALE

While there was a lot to commemorate, we also had to bid farewell to one of our biggest advocates, Robert Tone Bale, a founding board member and early leader of Children's Place, who passed away on July 23, 2022 at the age of 83. Tone served on our Board for 18 years (1989-1999 & 2013-2021) and was instrumental in forging the path that led us to where we are today. His legacy and contributions will forever remain in our hearts.



### Celebrating g-Term Dedication

#### MS. JANICE EVANS

Children's Place honored Ms. Janice Evans at our annual "Building Bridges" celebration for her 20 years as a CPA foster parent. Her dedication to nurturing and supporting foster children exemplifies the transformative power of love and stability in a child's life. Ms. Evans' presence at the event inspired others to consider the vital role they can play in making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Ms. Evans has opened her heart and home to 16 foster children, leaving an indelible mark on their lives and embodying the mission and values of our organization.



### Live Adoption Event

#### VASQUEZ CHILDREN

After a long, two-year wait, we held our first in-person adoption event in Chicago on November 18 at the Daley Center. Chief Judge of Cook County Timothy Evans, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, DCFS Guardianship Administrator Janet Ahern and others were there to celebrate this momentous occasion. The best part of the day was having long-term Children's Place foster children, Joseph (8) and Valerie (12), adopted by their maternal aunt, Rosa.

Joseph announced loudly, "It's over now? Yay! I get to live with you forever now!" Valerie shared a similar sentiment, "So it's finally done? My name is Vasquez now? Wow, I'm so happy. Thank you so much!" And Rose rounded out the celebration with, "Wow, I can't believe it's finally over. Thank you so much! Patrick (CPA Case Manager) gets things done!"

## FY23 - Highlights Cont.



### Award-Winning Team

#### Cinaiya Stubbs, President & CEO

Cinaiya received the 1954 Project Beacon Award for Innovation in Teaching & Learning from The CAFE Group at their third annual Luminary Awards, honoring outstanding Black leaders' innovative work and profound impact in education. As part of the prestigious award, Children's Place also received an unrestricted \$50,000 grant.

#### Foster Care & Adoption

Our Foster Care and Adoption Team received the Director's Award from the Statewide Foster Parent Advisory Council and DCFS for the outstanding 2023 Foster Parent Law Implementation Plan.

#### Founding CEO, Cathy Krieger

The Bright Promises Foundation recognized Cathy for her lifetime of pioneering charity work with Children's Place Association and other Chicago agencies. The Lifetime Achievement Award acknowledges 15+ years of outstanding contributions to the child welfare profession.

Congratulations, Cathy, for this extraordinary achievement!



### The Beginning of a Partnership

Child Thrive forged an exciting new partnership with KIPP One Academy in Austin – a public charter school part of the nationally renowned Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), allowing Thrive to reach even more at-risk youth with their afterschool programs.



### Leadership Changes

#### Dr. Algean Garner II

Dr. Algean Garner II joined Children's Place as Director of Clinical Services. Garner, a Clinical Psychologist, is spearheading the expansion of our mental health initiatives and trauma-informed care services for the community.

#### Maurice Fears, Sr.

Maurice Fears, Sr., our former Chief Innovations Officer who spearheaded the opening of Child Thrive last year, was promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

#### Jakina Dortch

Jakina Dortch, a Chicago West Side native and 10+ year educator who believes that community activism and external educational programs can be used to combat the obstacles that stifle upward mobility for adolescents, joined the team as the new Child Thrive Director.



### Early Learning Center Gets a Fresh Look

On June 24th, members of our Junior Board, Katie Conroy and Derek Breese, Children's Place staff, and volunteers from Mesirow gathered to paint the entrance sign for our Early Learning Center, helping the outside reflect the warmth inside our beloved space.

# Special Events

From our We Are One Chicago celebration to our second annual Pickleball FUNdraiser and much beloved annual Adopt a Family event, our 2023 special events were a true testament to the transformative power of community, purpose, and impact. Within these moments of shared enthusiasm and passion, we fostered connections, raised vital funds, and amplified our impact, fueled by the collective energy of those who believe in making a difference.



## The We Are ONE Chicago Celebration – Building Bridges, Connecting Communities

– on June 2nd united diverse individuals in a powerful display of unity and community. This enchanting event provided a dynamic platform for sharing inspiring stories and celebrating our remarkable achievements. With exceptional speakers Cinaiya Stubbs and Jakina Dortch and a heartfelt tribute to Ms. Janice Evans for her extraordinary 20 years as a Children's Place foster parent, the celebration showcased the profound impact of mentorship, guidance, and support in shaping lives and inspiring greatness.

Amidst these connections, we raised **\$108,325.00** – a testament to the generosity and commitment of our community, reinforcing our collective dedication to fueling positive change. Together, we forged connections, laughter echoed, and inspiration flourished, reaffirming our commitment to impactful work and the boundless potential within our community.



## Second Annual Pickleball Fundraiser

Over 150 pickleball enthusiasts participated in the **Second Annual Pickleball** fundraiser at Maggie Daley Park and raised **\$10,000** in support of Children's Place Association.

Special thank you to @properties co-hosts Joie DeGraff, Wendi Gordon of Joie and Wendi Real Estate Group, and long-time volunteer and donor Fredi Bensdorf.

# Annual Adopt a Family Gift Program



In the spirit of community and generosity, our **Annual Adopt a Family Gift Program** thrived this year, embodying the proverbial “it takes a village” sentiment and then some! Thanks to the overwhelming support of our donor families, thousands of gifts were contributed, spreading joy to **143 families** in need.

## **ADOPT A FAMILY – FAMILY DONORS**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the unwavering supporters who have been with us throughout the years, making a significant impact:

### **30 YEARS!**

THE CAHILL SISTERS

### **10 YEARS...**

CHICAGO KINDNESS CLUB

SARAH GORNIK

MELANIE HARRIS

JENNIFER HOMAN

KPMG

GINNY MOFFAT

JENNIFER & CHRIS REDDICK

MARC SCHMIDT & COURTNEY NZERIBE

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# Chicago Programs

Children's Place Association is a champion for Chicago's most vulnerable children – those facing extreme poverty, health issues, abuse/neglect, homelessness, and neighborhood violence. We provide critical assistance to children and their families to maximize the impact on the child's future. Since opening in 1991, we have helped Chicago-area children and parents break the cycle of adversity in four key areas of impact:



Health



Education



Family Support



Financial Stability

## Scope of Services

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FOSTER/ADOPTIVE CARE

SUPPORTIVE FAMILY HOUSING

CASE MANAGEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS &  
SUMMER CAMPS

YOUTH MENTORING

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*"Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world."  
– Nelson Mandela*



# Impact Report

(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

## Impact by Numbers

### Early Childhood Education

**78** vulnerable children participated in high quality early education



**34** children received home-based early education

**100%** of children (18 in total) graduated from preschool fully prepared for kindergarten

**2,467** hours of service

**34,310** meals served

### Supportive Housing



**14** of formerly homeless families stably housed (35 people)

**100%** off households with serious illness



### Nursing

**90** Medically complex children received care

### Foster / Adoptive Care



**72** children served

**41** had health issues or disabilities

**8** children received permanency (4 adopted, 2 GUARDIANSHIP, 1 reunited with birth parent, 1 child became independent)

### Case Management

**21** families served

### Mental Health

**66** clients received mental health services

### Summer Camps

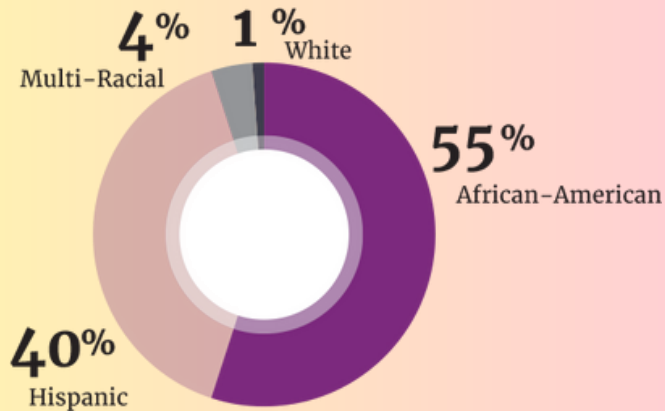
**15** children participated in our summer camps

### Child Thrive

**47** kids participated in our afterschool programs

**294** program participants

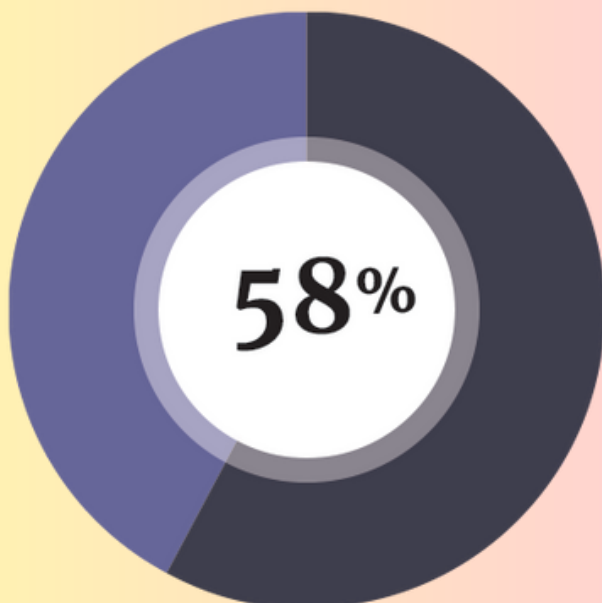
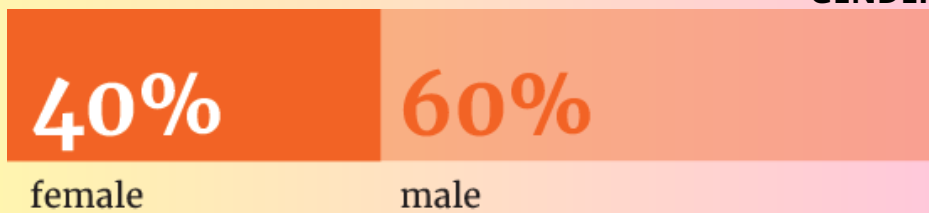
### RACE/ETHNICITY



### CHILDREN'S AGES



### GENDER

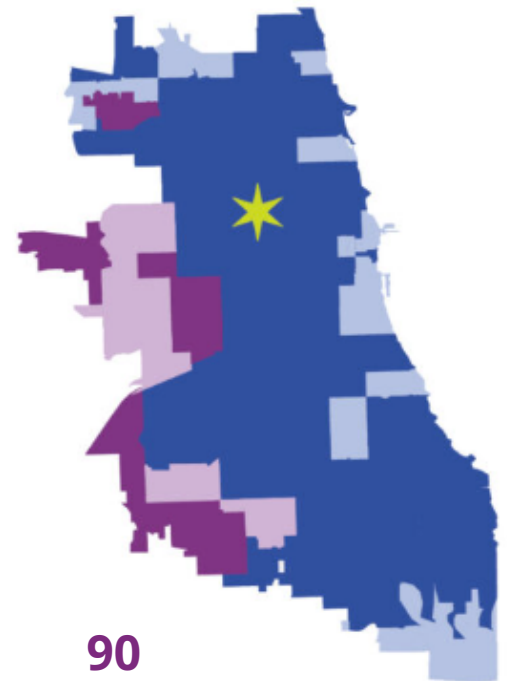


### FAMILY INCOME

of participants had incomes under \$20,000

### CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS WE SERVE:

Located on Chicago's westside, Children's Place Association serves children and families throughout the city.



CHILDREN'S PLACE LOCATION



CHICAGO ZIP CODES WHERE OUR PARTICIPANTS LIVE



CITY-ADJACENT SUBURBAN ZIP CODES WHERE OUR PARTICIPANTS LIVE

# Program Stories

## Child and Family Support Services

### MEET SUZY

Meet Suzy, a mom facing some tough challenges. With her two daughters in DCFS custody, the court set out a list of tasks for her to complete, including development classes, mental health counseling, and drug testing. As Suzy attended court sessions over Zoom, our program supervisor noticed something important: Suzy seemed to struggle with audio and visual cues, hinting at a possible cognitive disorder.

Thanks to the support of Children's Place leadership, we pushed for a cognitive evaluation. The results showed that Suzy's reading ability was at a third-grade level. With this information, we advocated for an ADA accommodation, which the court granted. This opened up new possibilities for Suzy.

With ongoing support, Suzy not only completed the required tasks but also achieved sobriety, leading to an end to mandatory drug testing. The court recognized her progress, allowing in-home visits with her daughters. Suzy is now being assessed for supervised overnight visits, marking a significant step forward for her and her family.

### MEET KAREN

Meet Karen, someone with big dreams and an even bigger heart. With the guidance of CFSS staff, Karen set a SMART goal to improve her finances and enroll in a Certified Nursing Assistant program at Malcolm X College. What inspired her? Her mother, who bravely faces HIV, and the support she received from the Children's Place Association.

Karen's journey wasn't without hurdles. Financial strain and reduced work hours made attending classes a challenge. But Karen didn't give up. With the support of CFSS staff and a determination that knows no bounds, she sought resources and overcame these obstacles.

Thanks to Karen's diligence and tenacity, she secured financial support and successfully completed the nursing program. And that's not all—she's continuing her educational journey by enrolling in Chamberlain University's Registered Nursing Program.

## Child Thrive

### MEET JAYDEN

Jayden is a 12-year-old who, when he first joined Child Thrive, faced challenges regulating his emotions, leading to behavior incidents. With various interventions and support, Jayden underwent a remarkable transformation. He now exhibits improved self-control and consistently makes better decisions.

### MEET YUKARI

Yukari is an 11-year-old who initially struggled with managing emotions and decision-making upon joining Child Thrive. Since returning to KIPP this school year, Yukari has become a leader, making smart decisions and serving as a positive role model for younger peers, including her siblings.

Jayden and Yukari joined Child Thrive in January 2023 during our partnership with KIPP. Although Jayden isn't participating this school year, he remains enthusiastic when we visit KIPP. Despite having summer school last summer, he expressed a desire to be part of our summer camp.

Working closely with Jayden involved multiple conversations with him, KIPP staff, and a parent conference. After implementing a reflection period during which he couldn't attend programming, Jayden returned with transformed behavior. The change was significant—he actively participated in sessions, distanced himself from negative influences, and became a joy to work with.



# Program Stories

## Early Learning Education

### Center Base

#### Meet Luna

Meet Luna, who initially faced some challenges in development and social-emotional growth. Our team came together to support Luna's family, discussing strengths and areas of concern and creating personalized plans. We talked with Luna's mother about what we observed, tried different approaches, and set goals for progress.

With her mother's consent, Luna joined Behavioral Support Groups led by a master's level intern. We helped the family access Early Intervention services, leading to a plan for special education through Chicago Public Schools. Luna received an official diagnosis of Autism Syndrome Disorder, and we assisted in setting up services at a local school, even arranging transportation.

Fast-forward to the current school year (2023-2024), and Luna is thriving in a half-day program at CPS! Teachers rave about her language development, and we've seen improvements in academics, social skills, communication, behavior, and practical life skills.

Thanks to this progress, Luna has moved to a less restrictive classroom and no longer needs a one-on-one aide, according to her mother, reflecting the remarkable transformation she's made since starting with us.

#### Meet Tara's Family

Tara enrolled in the program for the first time last fall. After relocating to Chicago from central Illinois, She was doubled up in a small apartment with her two children, her sister and nephew. After almost a year of advocacy and patience, Tara finally got all of her subsidies and benefits switched back to Cook County and has been able to move into an apartment of her own, gotten a full-time job with benefits, and is very close to reaching her financial goal to buy her first car! Meanwhile, her daughter has been making incredible strides with the program and is currently showing incredible verbal and literacy abilities for her age!

### Home Base

#### Meet the Ortiz Family

Meet the Ortiz family – a heartwarming tale of transformation. Over two years in our home-based program, we witnessed a significant journey. Initially focused on their daughter, Arcely, we soon understood the wider family needs. Arcely's brother, dealing with bipolar disorder, required support beyond our usual scope.

That's where our holistic approach stepped in. We linked the Ortiz family with a mental health consultant, leading to a specialized clinic referral for the son. Our team provided guidance, answered their questions, and ensured access to crucial mental health resources. Even as Arcely faced initial separation anxiety, our support and engaging activities helped her blossom in our nurturing program.

Now, this once-anxious 2-year-old radiates joy within our program, a testament to the positive impact of our holistic family support.

# Program Stories

## Adoption and Foster Care



### MEET JAMIAH

Jamiah is a resilient 2-year-old with special needs who entered DCFS care last winter under heartbreaking circumstances. Her journey began when her mother and partner brought her to the ER, unresponsive and with signs of child maltreatment – facial bruising, a brain bleed, and healing rib fractures. Jamiah faced non-accidental trauma, seizures, eye wounds, and a daunting condition preventing her from swallowing.

After five challenging months of treatment, she found solace in one of our specialized foster homes – a pivotal step towards healing. Her father, Tywan, who was noncustodial then, remained constantly throughout her transitions. The Children's Place team worked tirelessly with Tywan to complete the necessary services for reunification, providing medical training, in-home nurse visits, and ongoing support.

Tywan's dedication and progress reached a significant milestone a few weeks ago—Jamiah was officially reunited with her father, moving into his home after an emotional goodbye with her foster family. Our Foster Care team will continue to support Jamiah and her father for at least six months in aftercare until the case is closed in court.

This heartwarming journey highlights the incredible progress made by Tywan and Jamiah, supported every step of the way by our dedicated staff. At Children's Place, this is what we do – we stand by families, nurture healing, and celebrate reunifications.

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of children who are removed from the care of their parents are reunited. An even smaller percentage are returned home by the court to their father – making Jamiah's story all the more special.



# Child Thrive

In the second year of its existence, Child Thrive has continued its effort to empower the West Humboldt Park neighborhood by developing collaborative strategies that improve daily living conditions, increase resilience in youth, strengthen the social fabric and enhance health and safety for all residents.

With continued funding support from the R3 grant, we were able to host a fun-filled summer camp, allowing youth to engage in artistic, cultural, and recreational activities while exploring Chicago. Additionally, new funding support from the Department of Family Support Service (DFSS) Enrichment year-round grant afforded us to expand our services in the West Humboldt Park community by partnering with KIPP One Academy, our first school partner. Our partnership with KIPP One has allowed us to spread our afterschool programming and increase our reach within the community. This partnership has strengthened our programming by implementing data driven, research-based curriculum that meets our youth's academic needs while developing their artistic and life skills.

As Child Thrive continues to build, our afterschool programming will spread to more schools; our summer camps will grow from a mini-camp to a full camp. Additionally, our Mission in Action program will be relaunched, allowing our programming to be implemented in more high schools. With these efforts, we will continue our mission of changing the lives of the residents of West Humboldt Park and surrounding areas' residents.

Jakina Dortch  
Child Thrive Director

## Child Thrive Core Focus Areas

YOUTH SUCCESS

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS &  
IDENTITY

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

SAFE SPACES

*"Child Thrive has been an invaluable resource to KIPP One Academy. The program director, Jakina Dortch, has afforded KIPP One a multitude of opportunities to engage in various community partnerships that has enhanced student learning and participation. The organization's effort on developing emotional intelligence has increased our student's ability to cope with and respond to unique social-emotional economic challenges."*  
-7th grade Teacher/ Afterschool Coordinator, Lawrence Bynum



# Thrive Highlights

## Thrive Summer Enrichment: A Season of Growth and Adventure

In our second year of Thrive Summer Mini-Camps, we witnessed a remarkable season of enrichment, skill-building, and the blossoming of new friendships, all made possible through the continued support of our valued community partners.

### Program Features:

- **Diverse Enrichment:** From basketball to theater, tennis to healthy cooking, our mini-camps offered diverse activities to cater to every camper's interests.
- **Creativity Unleashed:** Campers explored their artistic side with team-building exercises and arts & crafts and even ventured into the world of music video making.
- **Water Adventures:** Thanks to our partners at Goldfish Swim School, swim lessons became a highlight, ensuring fun and safety for our campers.
- **Outdoor Thrills:** Rock climbing added an extra layer of adventure, encouraging campers to conquer new challenges and build resilience.

### Exciting Excursions:

- Underwater Wonders: The Shedd Aquarium fueled a love for marine life.
- Iconic Landmarks: Navy Pier and an architectural tour showcased the beauty of our city.

### Summer Camp Partners:

Thanks to our partners – Silk Row Rising, Grassroot Tennis, J.P.A. "We Rock," Goldfish Swim School, C.H.E.F. Illinois, Y.M.C.A., and Chicago Adventure Therapy – for succeeding Thrive Summer.

Together, we created a summer of growth, learning, and unforgettable experiences.

## Thrive Afterschool at KIPP: Nurturing Minds, Fostering Growth

In January, Child Thrive expanded its services to enrich afterschool programs at KIPP One Academy – our first school partner. Our dynamic Thrive programs included:

### Art:

Introducing students to diverse artistic forms and media, this course served as a creative haven. Through engaging exercises and mini-games, students explored self-expression, honed critical thinking skills, heightened emotional awareness, and grew in self-understanding. By the course's end, they had not only expanded their creativity but also gained a deeper understanding of their environment.

### Music:

Empowering students to use music as a tool for positive change, this course guided them in collectively writing a song on a topic of their choice. From lyric analysis to understanding the impact of music, students delved into the transformative power of their own voices. Every part of the song aligned with the intention of their message, reinforcing the idea that music can be a catalyst for impactful change.

### STEM:

Igniting a spark of curiosity, our STEM course immersed students in the fascinating realms of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, fostering their confidence, teamwork, and communication skills while also equipping them to tackle challenges with resilience and collaborative ingenuity.

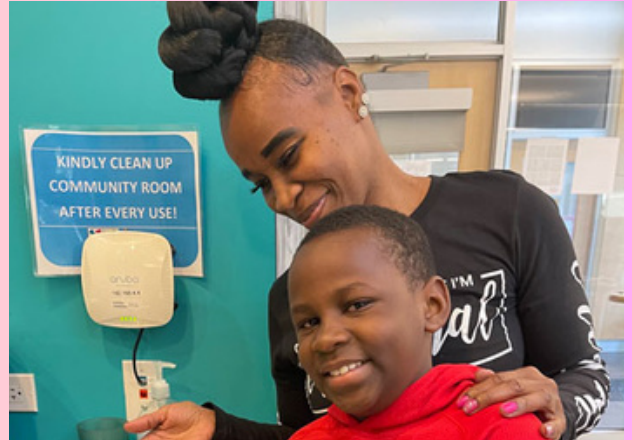
# Thrive Highlights



## Thrive Fridays

Nurturing Community Bonds

Thrive Fridays, our latest initiative, provides a safe and engaging space for youth in West Humboldt Park and nearby neighborhoods. Focused on promoting prosocial behavior, accelerating student achievement, and fostering life skills development, this program offers a variety of artistic, cultural, and recreational activities.



## Family Night

Once a month, Thrive Fridays transforms into "Family Night," bringing families together for bonding activities. This dedicated time strengthens familial connections and contributes to a more closely-knit community.

Thrive Fridays is not just a program; it's a platform for community building, growth, and connection.

# Partners



Big Brothers Big Sisters partners with Child Thrive for a free 1-to-1 mentoring program. Bigs & Littles meet in a group setting facilitated by a Program Coordinator every other week. Each program includes time for relationship building, structured activity and free time.



In partnership with the Juvenile Protective Association (JPA), Child Thrive offers mental health support services to area youth through local school partnerships. JPA provides direct services to adult teachers through this partnership. Counseling services for families and children in the area are available by request and appointment.



Rush Medical provides free school sports physicals at West Humboldt Place. This service allows youth to access the necessary requirements to participate in school activities. Rush also provides physical health consultations to families that may have specific health questions or other support needed.



The West Humboldt Park Development Council (WHPDC) meets with stakeholders, including local businesses and community organizations, to identify problem properties and then work with pro bono lawyers and others to develop action plans to remediate these blighted buildings. Activities include enlisting cooperation and assistance from city or county officials, police, business associations and civic groups. The objective is to facilitate improvements in the identified properties. We are currently working on a list of properties that may be potential candidates for remediation to provide additional community services.

# Community Partnerships



Aetna Better Health of Illinois and their team of representatives from All Terrain provided bags of fresh produce and creative ways to educate and engage our families about the power of clean nutrition and growing your food.



The Residents of Belmont Senior Living came together to fill backpacks with school supplies for our kids and positive notes to inspire each student. Special thanks to @properties / Christie's International and Old St. Pat's Church for their generous support in donating school supplies and to American Solutions for Business for donating 140 backpacks.



Thanks to Bridge Industrial, our CPA kids have 20 new bikes to ride. Their team enjoyed a fun, team-building exercise assembling the bikes and dropping them off to our kids' delight.



Kirkland & Ellis (the world's largest law firm!) hosted two team-building exercises this year for our benefit, building stuffed animals for our early learners and filling and donating backpacks for our Back to School drive. A big shoutout to Melissa Nickle from Corporate Teams for introducing us!



Our long-term partners, Mesirow, brought a team to our Child Thrive space to decorate and create a cheerful holiday look to lift the spirits of our youth.



Team Publicis Sapient shows up monthly to interact with the kids at our Early Learning Center to read, play, and provide educational materials. Their involvement with Children's Place has even inspired them to start a volunteer committee at their company.



# Children's Place International



Dear friends,

There may be no worse experience for a parent than to see their child suffering from a life-threatening illness in communities where there are no doctors and no medicines. And even when care can be found, parents may learn that costs are far more than what the family can pay. Such is the situation for tens of thousands of children in low- and middle-income countries, where kids suffer and altogether too often die from treatable or preventable illnesses.

In response, this past year, the team at Children's Place International worked with community partners and funders to meet the critical healthcare needs of children and teens and to support their journeys out of poverty through comprehensive support:

Healthcare – including medical services, mental health support, and nutrition;

Family Support – including safe housing, emergency aid, and support groups;

Education – including support through university or technical school and afterschool programming; and

Sustainable Livelihoods – including skills development, internships, and job counseling.

We are so grateful to undertake this work with our community-based partners and CPI supporters. Thank you again to our community for making a tremendous difference in the lives of young people around the globe.

Leslie McLeod  
Board Chair,  
Children's Place International

John Sweeney  
Executive Director,  
Children's Place International



Children's Place International has the immense honor and responsibility to join children from around the world on their path to well-being. The kids and family members we serve face extreme poverty and are vulnerable to preventable and treatable illnesses. We work with in-country partners in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Tanzania, Kenya, and Sierra Leone to build local capacity so the most vulnerable can thrive.

# CPI Highlights

## Dominican Republic Project Launch

Last November, Children's Place International launched a new partnership with Clínica de Familia La Romana in the Dominican Republic to provide critical healthcare, mental health support, and educational scholarships to more than 150 teens living with or affected by HIV/AIDS or other vulnerabilities. Additionally, the project provides funding to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS through education. The Children's Place International Dominican Republic Steering Committee actively supported the project.

## Tanzania Project Launch

Building on project work initiated with Takeda, Children's Place International launched a new partnership with Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Moshi, Tanzania. Led by Dr. Esther Majaliwa, one of only six pediatric oncologists in Tanzania, a country with a population of 64 million, the project provides lifesaving care for children with cancers. It supports their education during their months-long stay at the clinic. Dr. Majaliwa and her colleagues have raised the one-year pediatric cancer survival rate for kids seen at their center from approximately 20% to 60%.

*I would like to thank them [the CPI community] because they have supported me since elementary all the way through secondary school. It is thanks to their support that I reached that level. Apart from God in heaven, they have been my only hope. And I think that there are other children in the same situation that I found myself in.*

*So, I would love for them to make more efforts, if possible, to support more children because like they say, children are the future of the country.*

*– Evans, a secondary school student*

*The clients I am serving are my extended family members and my dearest friends.*

*They consider me the main support on what they can rely on all the time.*

*Working with those families for this program is a mutual support; they are part of my life.*

*\*Mira, a former CPI client turned CPI Community Caseworker*

# CPI Highlights

## Working through Severe Hardships in Haiti

This past year, the political, economic, and security environment in Haiti led to severe hardships for the children, teens, and families in the CPI Haiti program. Children's Place International, in partnership with Zanmi Lasante, worked with urgency to help respond to the ongoing crisis.

In addition to providing health and educational supports, CPI provided additional funding to help stave off malnutrition and meet other family emergencies. Incredibly, the ZL team has not stopped working throughout this time despite threats to their personal safety and security.

At the end of year, in a testimony to all who have supported this project and most especially to the students and their families, 125 kids are continuing in school, 54 are in university or technical school, and another 23 have graduated from university or technical school.

## Skilled Volunteer Program in Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Haiti

Children's Place International continued our partnership with Takeda to support skilled volunteers from the company to work with NGO partners in Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Haiti. Volunteer work included providing technical assistance on pediatric cancers, mental health, diagnosis, laboratory infrastructure, epidemiology, and research methods. These vital contributions helped expand the reach and impact of NGO partn

# Place the Hope

The Place the Hope campaign raised an **astounding \$280,000** in direct support for our programs' children and families.

Children's Place International also honored two individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to helping children overcome severe illness and poverty: former CPI Board Member Ted Otto and in-country partner Dr. Esther Majaliwa from Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Tanzania. See our video honoring Dr. Esther Majaliwa's child cancer care work in Tanzania.

*When I became really sick, I thought everything was over for me  
. I couldn't pay school fees or buy food for my children. I couldn't get to the doctor or the pharmacy. It was  
Children's Place that helped me with these things. Now, my children go to school and live like all children live."  
— A Mother living with HIV, raising two children on her own.*





## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(For fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Unaudited figures subject to change)

ASSETS	2022	2023
Cash & Cash Equivalents	310,148	470,096
Marketable Securities	831,417	682,890
Accounts Receivable	574,523	495,175
Net Property & Equipment	5,714,689	5,986,422
Other Assets	683,599	273,239
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$8,114,376</b>	<b>\$7,907,822</b>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2022	2023
Current Liabilities	1,081,021	1,008,456
Long-term mortgage payable & other	578,191	441,507
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,659,212</b>	<b>1,449,963</b>
Temporary restricted net assets	271,745	128,040
Unrestricted net assets	6,183,419	6,329,819
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$8,114,376</b>	<b>\$7,907,822</b>

REVENUE	2022	2023
Governmental service fees & grants	4,702,602	6,474,293
Individual foundational & Corporate giving	1,087,793	916,223
Investment Income	-	32,247
Other Income	978,428	448,536
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,768,823</b>	<b>\$7,871,299</b>

EXPENSES	2022	2023
Program Services	4,824,179	6,012,430
Management & General	1,014,652	1,221,943
Fundraising	1,245,655	581,558
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,084,486</b>	<b>7,815,931</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(315,663)</b>	<b>\$55,368</b>

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM	AMOUNT	%
Family & Community Services	730,346	9%
Foster Care & Adoption	1,763,978	23%
Early Learning	2,161,347	28%
Child Thrive	551,313	7%
International	805,446	10%
Administration	1,221,943	16%
Development	581,558	7%
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>\$7,815,931</b>	<b>100%</b>



REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	%
Governmental service fees & grants	6,474,293	82%
Individual foundational & Corporate giving	916,223	12%
Investment Income	32,247	0.4%
Other Income	448,536	6%
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>\$7,871,299</b>	<b>100%</b>

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