

Annual Report

2016

To provide children with high quality education, recreational and family support services that foster positive physical, social, emotional, cognitive growth, and development.



**For The
Children Inc.**
A place where children come first

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Highlights 2016

We thank you for being here with us.

Chief Executive Officer Remarks

As your Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the last 18 years, I look forward to building on the organization's history and accomplishments, encouraging innovation and cross-sector relationships and strengthening our collective impact as we move the needle to prepare our children to be successful in school and life.

For The Children Inc. (FTC) must continue to provide exceptional services for our children to be successful. Affordable access to timely early childhood, after school, middle and high school program for all children regardless of their families' economic status. We will move the needle forward only if we take into account that our children matters, and the cost of providing them with quality and effective services to help them ready to enter Kindergarten, reading on grade level by the 3rd grade and move on to post-secondary education or the workforce will be your return in investment.

There's great potential for FTC to increase our impact while forging alliance and gain deeper understanding of the local municipalities, private and nonprofit sector's critical role in addressing the needs of our children and families. Our Board of Directors and staff are committed to increasing awareness about the essential work of FTC and others within our communities, encouraging partnerships across silos to address critical statewide issues, and pursuing fresh approaches that strengthen nonprofits through innovation and creative thinking.

We are proud to continue to serve alongside of our grantors, board members, staff, volunteers, and our agency partners that place our children and their families at the center of their work. Many thanks to our supporters for your continued confidence.

I look forward to working with you on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Reginale Durandisse, Founder & CEO



Learn

Support our children with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and mathematics. (STEAM)



Served 500+ children ages 3-18 at five locations within the City of Lake Worth, Florida. Ninety Six percent of the children live in single female head of household. The average yearly income of a family of four is \$16,000.00.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs. Christine Brownstein, Mr, and Mrs. Carla Blockson, and Jessy Bell for their devotion to our children.

► ***Leveraged 1000+ volunteer hours from***

16 presenters to offer 20+ educational sessions for our youth.

► Trained 20+ youth from the Lake Worth Youth Empowerment Center/Teen Zone through youth leadership, internship, financial literacy, investing 101, group mentoring, job shadowing, college readiness and preparation, and college tours. 100+ middle and high school teens were served. Ninety percent all the YEC participants were promoted to the next grade, and 100% of all the graduating seniors went on to college.

Thank you to Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County, United Way of Palm Beach County, Extraordinary Charities, P NC Bank, Edward Jones, South University, E-Roadmap, Kiwanis Club of Lake Worth, City of Lake Worth and many more others for your willingness to give our teens a place at the table.

Fostering peer to peer mentoring through education programs that incentivize group participation in partnership with Prime Time Palm Beach County, Youth Advisory Board of Palm Beach County, and Birth to 22, and the TRIO program at Palm Beach State College. Special thank you to Ms. Rowina Harmon for being an ambassador for the Youth Empowerment Center (YEC).

Connect

Connecting Families & Children + Resources



▶ Expanded and improved our literacy program

In collaboration with Lake Worth little library, two libraries were installed at two of our program sites. 500+ books have been distributed to more than 200 local children at walking distance from our program sites

A special thank you to Ramsey McLeod, Mary Linsey, Robert Pratt our young's artist, and to all the supports for landing their helping hands to support this program and the Lake Worth Little Library.

▶ Increased media presence and strengthening partnerships with multiple venues and news outlets.

FTC forges a unique collaboration with Taste History Culinary Tours and host Lori J. Durante where monthly she brings her guest from the tour to visit our historic Osborne School which was the only school in the City of Lake Worth where black children could obtain a free education during the segregations years. This collaboration brought forth many of other resources such as the Macy's at the Boynton Beach adopts the early childhood program and hosts a variety of activities to benefit the Center.

"Collaborating with Palm State College, Nova Southern University, South University, has allowed us to provide a cost effective way to bring immediate, meaningful, and additional resources to our children and families like, character education, mentoring, youth leadership, tutoring, and family support services"

Connecting the Dots

For The Children is part of the solution.....

▶ Increase High School Graduation, job readiness, and post-secondary education

Thanks to the generosity of United Way of PBC, the Teen Learning Center (TLC) was implemented at Lake Worth High school with the goal of providing forty (40) high-risk students with ACT/SAT prep and other asset building activities. Sixty eight seniors from Lake Worth Community High were served. The outcome of this first-year implementation was very promising. We had a total of 61 students who attended the program consistently. Out of the students enrolled, 47 of 61 or 77% passed their ACT/SAT Reading test, which means that they were able to graduate high school or on track to graduation (juniors).

▶ Children Community Wellness (CCW)

The Children Community Wellness (CCW) is a grant program mainly funded by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners which provides free behavioral and mental health services to primarily children of Haitian descents residing within the boundary of City of Lake Worth and Town of Lantana. CCW received 100+referrals from area schools, nonprofits, Youth Court and individuals. CCW served well over the 50+ families and children that the grant intended to serve and 90% of the families reported that the services helped stabilize the family and the children are adjusting well in school and in the home.

Success Story: FTC received a referral from Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County for childcare service for a 4 years old Hispanic little girl. The staff had no idea what was lurking behind the sweet mask of this adorable little angel. Within the first two weeks this little Angel was uncontrollable. She refused to listen to the staff, she cursed them out, scratched the staff and so on. The mother shared with program staff that her daughter had been at four daycares prior to enrolling at FTC Kids which serves children ages 3-5. After a meeting with the parent and staff, all parties agreed to make a referral to CCW. As the mother stated "Thanks God for to the mental health counselor who worked with me tirelessly to help me understand that there was not a guide available for raising a stubborn child. My little girl is a well behaved child today because of the genuine support that the staffs continue to give. I decided to leave her at FTC for the upcoming school year because you guys practice your motto" A place where children come first". "Thank you Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners for funding this much needed program. This mother is now a parent mediator who assists the program with any parental issues relating to children behavior and so on....."

Financials 2015-2016

Revenues + Other Support*	12/31/2016	12/31/15
Grants and contributions ▶	\$518,962	\$611,278
Program service fees ▶	\$410,776	\$395,950
In-Kind contributions ▶	\$197,736	\$229,081
Miscellaneous	\$2,141	\$6,624
Interest Income ▶	\$ 1,004	\$1,032
Net Assets released from restrictions	\$42,431	\$27,700
Total Unrestricted Support, Revenue, & Gains	\$1,173,050	\$1,271,665

Expenses*	12/31/2016	12/31/15
Program Services ▶	\$1,107,699	\$1,224,812
Supporting Activities ▶	\$34,546	\$42,960
Total Expenses ▶	\$1,142,246	\$1,267,772
Increased to Unrestricted Net Assets ▶	\$30,804	\$3,893
Temporarily Restricted Support ▶		
Grants and contributions ▶	\$32,409	\$42,431
Net Assets released from restrictions	(42,431)	(27,700)
Increase (Released) in Temporary Restricted Net Assets	\$ (10,002)	\$ 14,731

Change to Net Assets

Increase in net assets	\$29,782	\$18,624
Net assets, beginning of year	\$1,455,863	\$1,437,239
Net Assets, end of Year	\$1,476,645	\$1,455,863

See audited Financial Statements for additional details

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