

## FUEL

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO - A YOUNG ARTIST HIDES BEHIND HER PAIN

To look at her, Isabela would not be the teenager you'd expect to see in a youth shelter. She's petite with a big smile and an instant likability. She grew up in a home with a single mother who was deaf and their seemingly minor communication difficulties evolved to full-blown eruptions. Isabela was constantly sneaking out, continually fighting with her mother, and consistently Baker acted. Self-harm became her release and she nearly ended her own life at the age of 14.

It was of her own volition she entered LSF's Oasis Youth Shelter in Fort Myers. She knew she needed to rest and reset in a place that provided routine and counseling. That didn't mean she wasn't nervous. As with most youth entering a shelter, she wasn't sure what to expect. What would it be like? How would the staff treat her? Would the counseling actually produce results?

**While she was anxious to enter the shelter, she found a home.**

Isabela immediately found a new way of living. While largely disconnected from the outside world, she instantly connected with the staff onsite. She often beams as she recalls each caring worker who genuinely supported her. While there were certainly bumps along the way, she continued to strive toward improving herself, her future, and her relationship with her family.

Soon, she was introduced to her counselor, Jill and the two instantly clicked. Jill helped Isabela to define herself by more than her past, but by who she was becoming. The two worked together on creating new goals and dreams. Jill's influence and impact on Isabela changed the trajectory of her life

Today, Isabela is on a new path with many reasons to show her big smile. She has graduated from high school and begun college. She has intentionally improved her relationship with her mother. And, she is now working on fulfilling her God-given potential. At LSF, we are repeatedly fueled by stories like Isabela's and we are excited to play a part in changing the lives of more children, families, and communities across the state of Florida in the years to come.











2020

Added Case Management in Manatee and Diversion Services in Pinellas to keep families from entering the child welfare system. Welcomed Children's Board Family Resource Centers with 7 locations in Hillsborough County.

2021-22

Acquired Miami Bridge in Miami-Dade County adding two more 24/7 youth shelters. Polk County & N. Florida Case Management added, making LSF the largest provider of child welfare services in FL.

## 2023 FINANCIALS

	SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH	\$217,078,506	
	CHILDREN'S SERVICES	\$77,241,159	
	YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES	\$46,590,717	
	RESETTLEMENT SERVICES	\$20,015,424	
	ADULT SERVICES	\$1,703,076	



EMPLOYEES

1750

\$362M

BUDGET



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# IMPACT REPORT



2023

# TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 2023 LSF celebrated making our deepest impact while enjoying our widest reach across geography, demographics, and ages. We have been fortunate to help individuals from infants to the elderly have happier and more hopeful futures.

### This year...

- Children and families in the foster care system were met with support and resources by our team of case management professionals, who ensure the child's physical, emotional, and educational well-being.
- At-risk youth, dealing with family issues, trauma, and homelessness, were provided with emotional support, crisis intervention, and counseling services through our group homes and shelters.
- Under-resourced children were served with exceptional educational advancement through our Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- Refugee families who fled their home country due to persecution were provided with furnished residences, new clothes, groceries, legal services, and mentoring necessary to rebuild their lives in a new nation.
- Vulnerable seniors were protected from exploitation and advocated for by being connected to critical resources.

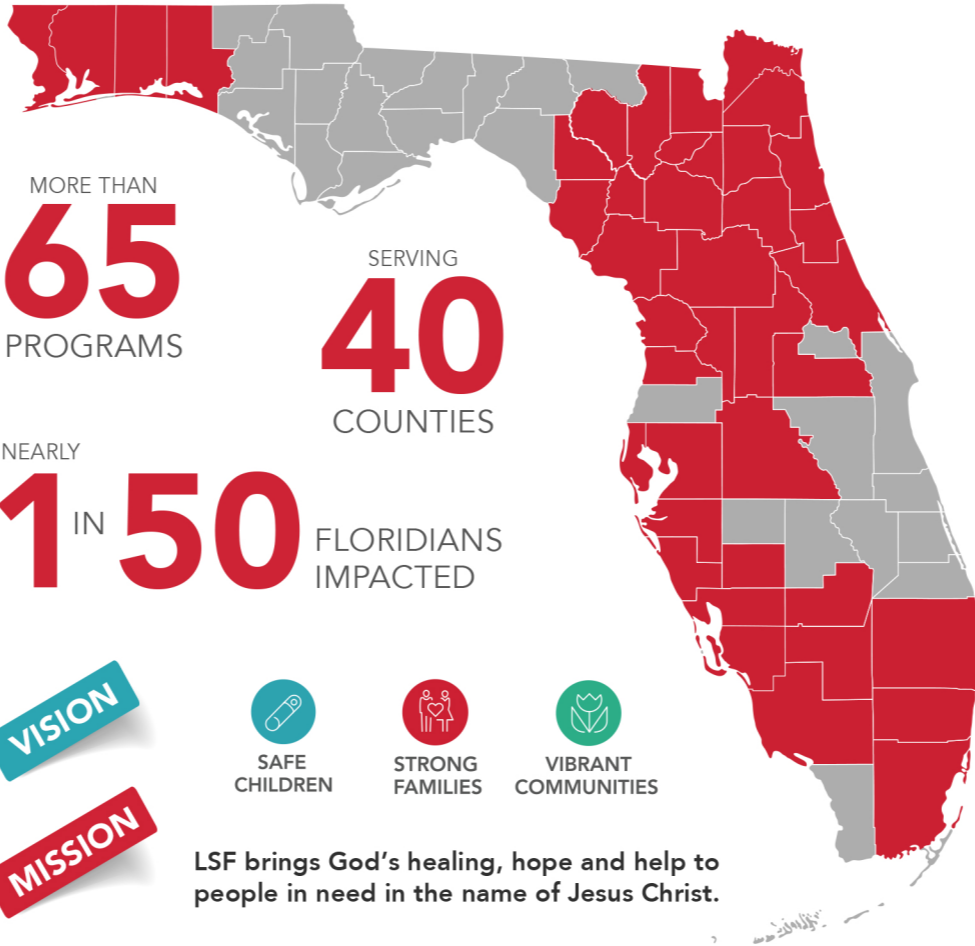


"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." - Isaiah 1:17

## CHANGING LIVES FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS!



## STATEWIDE IMPACT



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



**23,326**

children and families served through community counseling, foster care & adoption, and family support programming

**758**

youth found refuge and direction at one of our shelters or group homes



## MAKING FAMILIES STRONG

Educated more than **3,900**

at risk children and helped their families through LSF Early Head Start and Head Start programs



**3,578,232**

meals and snacks served to children in Head Start and after school programs

## CREATING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



Managed prevention and treatment of mental health and substance abuse for

**3,903,092**

individuals through LSF Health Systems in a 23-county region

Served more than

**15,000**

refugees and immigrants from across the globe



Supported

**357**

adults at risk of exploitation due to age, disabilities or other life altering issues