

2023 IMPACT REPORT



HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION AT NO COST TO YOU. READY FOR SCHOOL. PREPARED FOR LIFE.

Through a variety of social services programs funded through state and federal contracts the dedicated staff of LSF Family Focus work to strengthen families, welcome refugees and immigrants, care for the elderly, counsel teens and families in crisis and run safe place shelters and resource centers.

GET TO KNOW LSF FAMILY FOCUS DIFFERENT PROGRAMS TO MEET YOUR NEEDS.

Every child deserves the best start she or he can have, no matter their circumstances. That's why LSF Head Start has, for more than 30 years, provided the highest quality early childhood education to children who otherwise might have been left behind. When children receive the quality early childhood education they deserve, not only do children fare better, but communities do, too.



GET TO KNOW LSF HEALTH SYSTEMS AND MENTAL HEALTH

LSF Health Systems is one of seven behavioral health Managing Entities (ME) contracted by the Florida Department of Children and Families to manage the state-funded system of behavioral health care for people who face poverty and are without insurance. LSF Health Systems serves a 23-county region in Northeast and North Central Florida.

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!

1982

LSF established to sustain the work of Lutheran churches that came together in the 70's and 80's to address the Vietnamese and Cuban refugee crises.

1984

Expanded statewide footprint with residential and counseling services in Southern Florida, including first youth shelter in Oakland Park.

STATEWIDE IMPACT

MORE THAN
65
PROGRAMS

SERVING
40
COUNTIES

NEARLY
1 IN **50** FLORIDIANS
IMPACTED

VISION



**SAFE
CHILDREN**



**STRONG
FAMILIES**



**VIBRANT
COMMUNITIES**

LSF brings God's healing, hope and help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

MISSION

1990-92

Children and Families in Need of Services and Guardianship programs launched in Northwest. Doors opened to a new shelter in Fort Myers.

2004

Child Welfare with Case Management services added in Lee County.

2011

Child Welfare with Case Management services added in Pinellas county.

LSF FAMILY FOCUS



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



Served nearly

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

LSF HEAD START



Educated more than

3,990

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

LSF HEALTH SYSTEMS



Managed prevention and treatment of mental health and substance abuse for

3,903,092

individuals through LSF Health Systems in a 23-county region

2012-13

Head Start Services grow from Hillsborough County & Belle Glade to include Duval, Pinellas, and Palm Beach. LSF Health Systems begins serving Northeast and North Central Florida, improving the quality and level of mental health and substance abuse care in Florida.

2019

Residential services for youth added with the opening of Grace Place in West Palm Beach and Dream Center in Sarasota.

Isabela, despite her petite frame and friendly demeanor, had a tumultuous upbringing with a deaf single mother, leading to communication breakdowns and emotional turmoil. Struggling with self-harm and suicidal thoughts at just 14, she sought refuge in LSF's Oasis Youth Shelter in Fort Myers.

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

Initially apprehensive, she found solace and support from the staff, forming meaningful connections and receiving guidance from LSF counselor Jill.

With newfound purpose, Isabela graduated high school, started college, repaired her relationship with her mother, and is now focused on realizing her potential. Today, she speaks on behalf of other at-risk teens and advocates for youth who are experiencing the same struggles she overcame.

Her journey reflects the transformative impact of LSF, inspiring hope for more children and providing healing for families in Florida.

**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



HEAD START

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

\$77,214,159



FAMILY FOCUS

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES
RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOMES

\$68,309,217



HEALTH SYSTEMS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH
ADULT SERVICES AND HELP

\$217,078,506



EMPLOYEES

1750

\$362M

BUDGET



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