



*Elevating Hope. Elevating Opportunity.*

## HIGHLIGHTS 2017-2022

Center of Hope Family Services (COHFS) high-value suite of integrated programs have been recognized as achieving a 594% social return on investment, meaning every dollar invested nearly \$6 pours back into the local community. With recognition from Goldman Sachs for business excellence and our groundbreaking ELEVATE! Afterschool Education Curriculum that resulted in two publishing deals with Forbes, the organization has moved onto the national stage. In recent years, individuals and communities we serve have faced unprecedented challenges. From increased economic hardship to a global pandemic, the individuals, families, and communities we serve have been affected at every turn. We have continued to work diligently to help individuals, families and communities meet these challenges and elevate their lives. Recent highlights:

### ▶ OPENED A VIRTUAL LEARNING CENTER DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, EXPANDED TO SERVE 15 SCHOOLS IN 3 DISTRICTS

The ELEVATE! Virtual Learning Center provided a comprehensive afterschool program for K-8 students who attend Old West End, Martin Luther King, and Robinson elementary schools. Using online technology, the innovative program achieved results in literacy and math performance, increased engagement in education and enrichment activities, and success in the development of leadership skills for children enrolled in the program.

### ▶ DEVELOPED A SIGNATURE CURRICULUM AND A REPLICABLE MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTING AFTERSCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Building on the successes of the Virtual Learning Center, COHFS CEO Tracee Perryman developed ELEVATE!, an 8-month signature curriculum and training program for implementing this successful afterschool education program for children in urban and suburban centers. The multicultural curriculum is suitable for instruction in online environments and in learning centers nationwide and full training support is provided.

### ▶ STRENGTHENED PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT ELEVATED LIFE OUTCOMES, STRONGER FAMILIES AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Significant strides have been made during the last five years to strengthen the already high caliber of programs and services for youth and families. From workforce development and to the Family Navigator Program and adult mentoring programs, family programs have achieved sustained results. In addition to the expansion of our ELEVATE! Afterschool program, health and wellness programs and our Breaking Barriers program for juvenile delinquents and their families have also expanded to meet the needs of our community and resulted in numerous awards, including:

- ◆ EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION AWARD WINNER
- ◆ STATE AWARD WINNER, LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT

