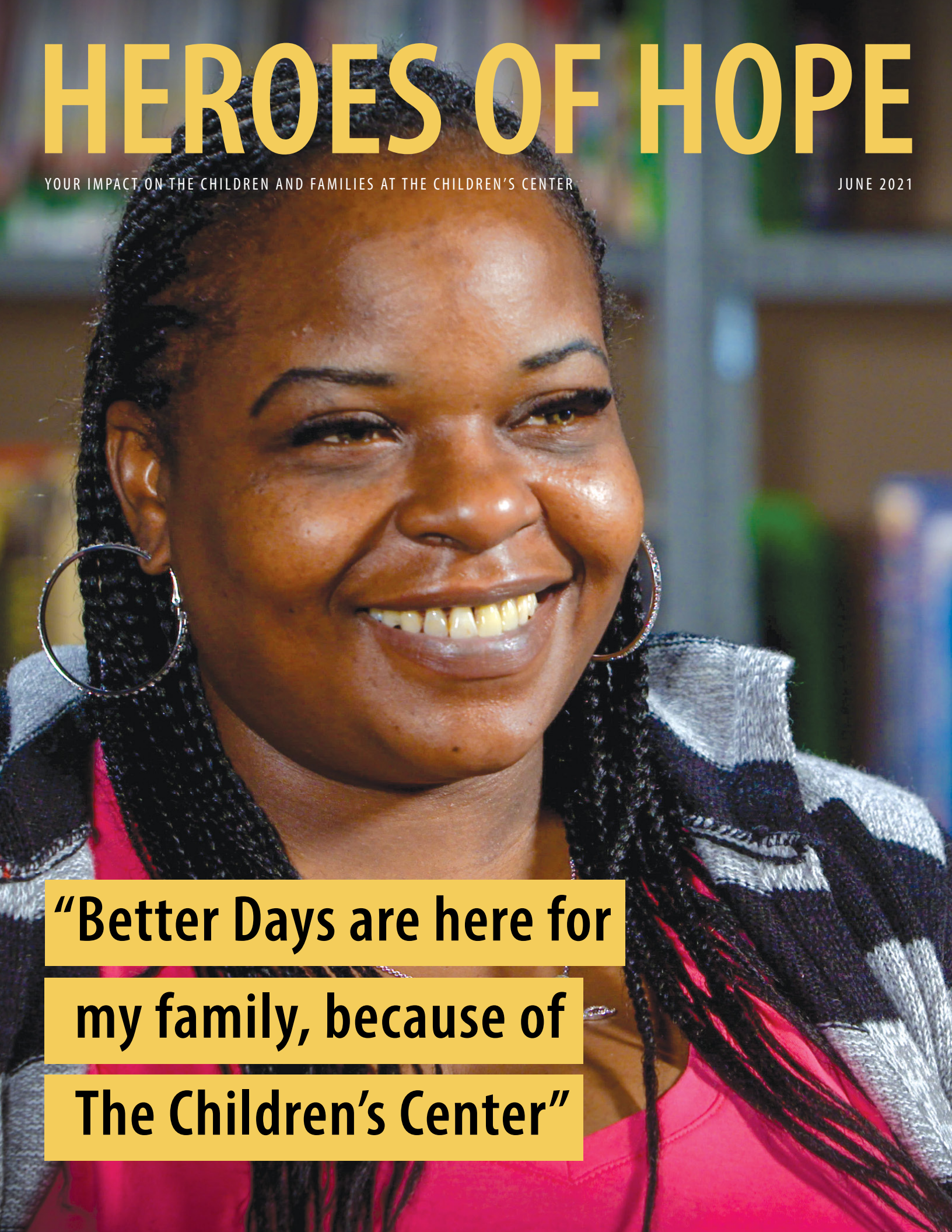


HEROES OF HOPE

YOUR IMPACT ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

JUNE 2021



**"Better Days are here for
my family, because of
The Children's Center"**



Better Days are Here for Tennisha's Family

"I gave up a lot of times. I didn't want to be here. I was weak, drained, and overwhelmed. I didn't want to be a parent and did whatever I could to not be a parent.

I let my children's' father have sole custody of all my children. But when he passed, I realized I had to take real responsibility and be there for them. They didn't have anyone else.

My oldest daughter is 13. She's mad at me. Before I took back custody of my children, she was molested. I wasn't there for her.

She's mad at me for not being able to prevent what happened; she won't talk to me about anything, or even call me "mom." Even though I wasn't there then, I'm trying to be there now for all of my children.

I heard about The Children's Center through my sister, Jodi. Without The Children's Center guiding me and showing me the light at the end of the tunnel, I would be in complete darkness.

They showed me how to be a good parent, how to trust, and how to rebuild my life. Better days are here for my family.

My dad put me out on the street when I was 15. I was homeless, and had to grow up fast. I don't want that life for my kids.

I want them to walk a straight path and be happy and healthy. We're getting there with The Children's Center."

Honoring Heart & Soul

Volunteers and supporters like you mean everything to us. In April we held our first virtual Lisa V. Ford Heart & Soul Awards! Without amazing volunteers (like you!) we wouldn't have been able to put on the programs that our families know, love, and truly depend on. YOU made these vital services happen and we are forever grateful. We'd also like to give a special shoutout to the recipient of this year's Lisa V. Ford Heart & Soul Award, Joann Al Hachimi. Joann, your amazing work really makes a difference.





Summer Camp? You Bet!

Virtual Summer Camp is back this year and better than ever, thanks to you! We're running a 5 week camp with a full schedule of activities! Each week children are invited to come to campus to pick up the supplies they need for the following week of activities. Children can choose from STEM projects to art lessons, cooking, fitness and more! It's all possible because of you.



Learning to Socialize with Success!

Learning to deal with difficult people and socialize with confidence are some of life's great lessons. We're teaching our children how to cope, respond, and thrive in the world through new Social Skills Groups on Zoom! All made possible by you.

Here are some of topics we're teaching:

- Social Distancing - Learning the difference between who they can hug and who to only say "hi" to, and who they can talk to and who they should not talk to.
- Personal Management - Learning how to focus on strengths and feel empowered with high self-esteem.
- Coping with Difficult People - Learning how to manage mean peers.

Thank you for supporting these very important programs. The lessons our children learn will last a lifetime.

Thanks for Bringing Power to Possibilities

Our 17th annual virtual Power of Possibilities (POP) breakfast, presented by Ford Motor Company, was a wonderful success. Once again, you came through for our families and children. Thank you! POP speakers told stories of how they overcame unthinkable challenges to be heroic mothers. If you weren't able to join us, you can still watch the recording and contribute at: www.TheChildrensCenter.com/2021-pop-virtual-breakfast-make-a-gift





Have You Taken the Tour Yet?

Every day, hope and resilience flood our hallways. We experience hundreds of stories of children overcoming unbelievable adversity and learning to dream again. Our virtual, mission-driven tours peel back the curtain to what we are about and how you make it possible. Email Victoria to sign up for a tour today: vBricenoMejia@thechildrenscenter.com

Because You Believe...



Tennisha didn't believe in herself. She knew she needed to step up as a mother, but she had no idea how to do so. People like you believed in her. You showed her how to be there for her children.

Help more parents to become the best versions of themselves and get the help and support their children need.

Join Believers today to bring better days to families.

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