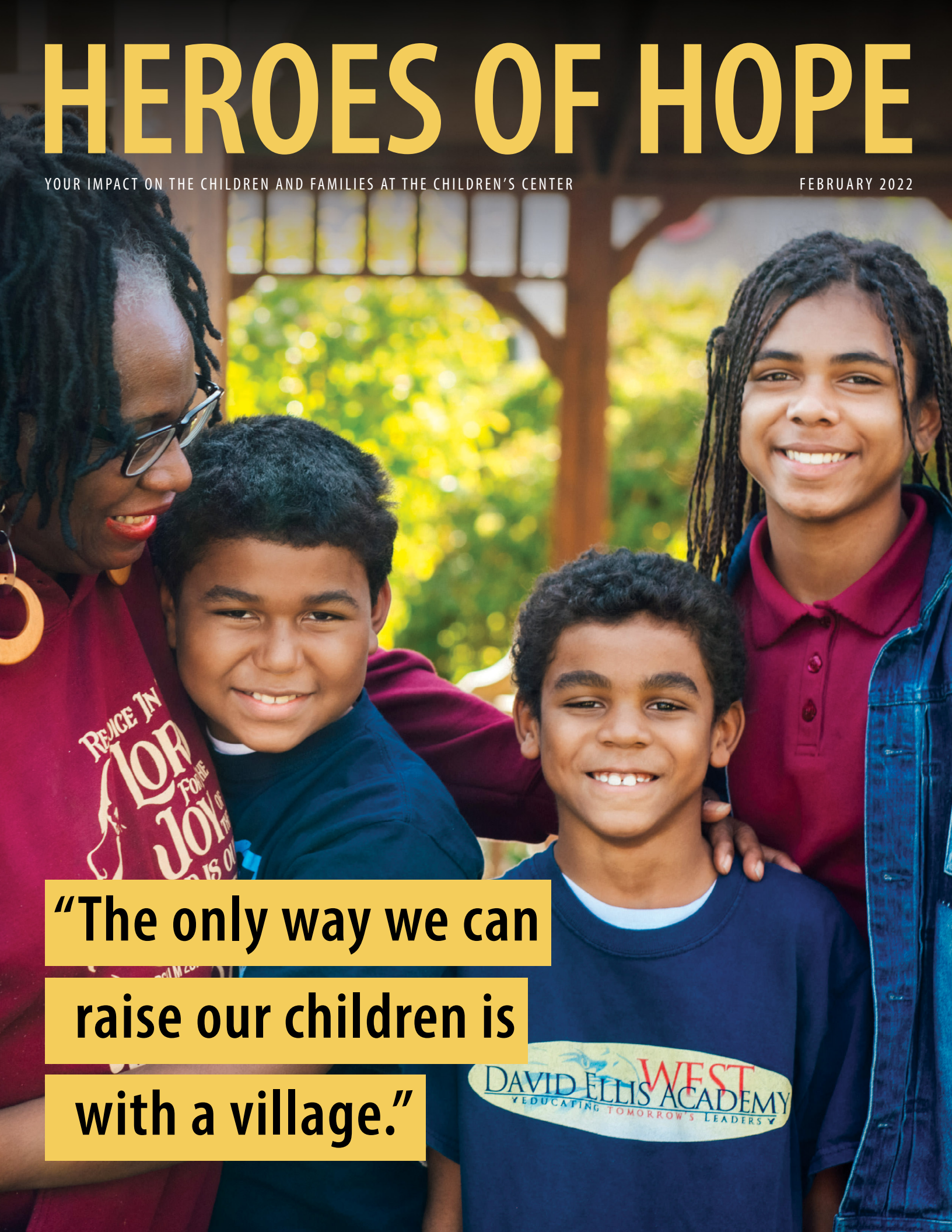


HEROES OF HOPE

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

FEBRUARY 2022



**"The only way we can
raise our children is
with a village."**

DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY
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YEDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



75% of Children in Crisis were
Diverted from a Psychiatric Hospital



48 Children Found a
Forever Home



94% High School
Graduation Rate for Youth
in Semi-Independent Living



3,093 Unique Clients Received
a Behavioral Health Service from
The Children's Center

2021 Points of Pride

2021 has been a challenge for us all as the pandemic continues affecting our daily life, physical and mental health. The Children's Center has had to pivot unexpectedly to navigate remote services. Throughout these changes we have continued to provide outstanding care to the community we are committed to serve.

Thanks to the efforts of our loyal volunteers, dedicated staff members, and generous donors we have achieved many successes in 2021. **3,093 unique clients received support during the year. 319 families achieved the written goals that they had previously outlined and detailed for themselves.**

Clients aged 13-17 represent the largest age group we serve. Through the Young Adult Self Sufficiency Program or YASS, youth removed from their family's home receive valuable life skills lessons to help them bridge the gap from adolescence to adulthood,

including budgeting and job interviewing. In 2021 our youth in semi-independent living had a high school graduation rate of 94%!

The Crisis Care Center is a vital resource for families if their child requires immediate care. The Center has helped in the past year to divert 75% of children in crisis from a psychiatric hospital. This alternative to a hospital allows the child the opportunity to talk about their frustration in a less stressful environment with the guidance of a professional and the presence of their family.

Through the added challenges of working while remote, pivoting to telehealth services as needed, and managing personal stress and sickness, the Children's Center team was able to stay strong and continue helping children in need. We will continue serving our community and supporting our families however we can in 2022.



Hot Tempered? Let's Try to BeCOOL

Does your child blow up when teased by peers?

At the BeCOOL Social Skills Groups, offered for kids 6-10 and 11-14, criticism, bullying, and coping with anger are discussed through role play and other hands-on activities. Participants will have the opportunity to practice responses and learn different methods to react to difficult people. Groups meet weekly on Monday evenings. For more information, please email enrichment@thechildrenscenter.com.



1,254 Children Received Gifts Thanks to You!

This past December The Children's Center was able to have the Annual Holiday Shop open in-person for families! Thanks to the incredible support and many generous donations, 414 families and 1,254 children experienced the magic of the holidays.

182 incredible volunteers helped set up the Holiday Shop, stock the shelves full of gifts, pack up gift wrapping supplies, and act as personal shoppers for each family! Our volunteers worked hard to make sure each family had a personal and positive shopping experience.

Thank you to our sponsors for the 2021 Holiday Shop that made this event a success!

PRESENTING SPONSORS:

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GOLD SPONSORS:

Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America - Peace Committee

Populus Group

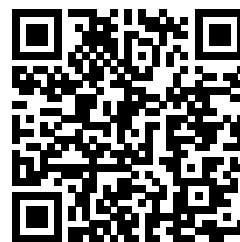


Interested in Volunteering? Help The Center Virtually!

Virtual opportunities are available if one of your New Year's resolutions is to volunteer more!

These include volunteers helping virtually with Homework Help (online tutoring), Healthy Cooking classes (cooking along with the group over Zoom), Pre-teen and Adult Book Clubs (engaging with participants and being an active part of the conversation), and with Readers & Creators (engaging with attendees and prompting conversation and questions).

For more information, scan the QR code below or contact Adrienne Pumbo at apumbo@thechildrenscenter.com.





It Feels Good to Give Back!

Recently The Children's Center introduced The Good Family through a letter that described their past troubles and current triumphs. We are very grateful for the enthusiastic response from our donors and supporters to their story and we are happy to be a part of their village!

Believers Like You Make Dreams Come True



Children deserve to dream and envision a better future for themselves. Help us see that vision through. By showing children they are not alone, you can help them build their confidence and feel a sense of belonging. Join our Believers monthly giving program today to empower children to dream bigger than they ever imagined.

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