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 **Genesis**
hopeful haven

Annual Impact Report

Hope Begins with Belonging

A Message from Our Founder & CEO

Dear Friends,

This year marks 11 years of impact at Genesis Hopeful Haven, and it has been one of the most meaningful seasons in our organization's journey. We are incredibly proud to have served 306 foster youth this year, each one representing resilience, growth, and possibility.

Over the past year, we reached several major milestones. We became a licensed foster care agency, opened a group home for minors ages 15 to 17, launched our Genesis Guardian donor program, and experienced the largest fundraising year in our organization's history. We also expanded our footprint through a satellite office with FIU to support vocational training by providing 21 aged-out youth with the opportunity to participate in HVAC certification programs that lead directly to employment.



What makes Genesis Hopeful Haven different is our commitment to showing up as family. We are more than a service provider. We are a home, a support system, and a place where young people are seen, valued, and loved. Love is our secret sauce, and hope is what we provide daily. Through 51 community organization partnerships, we are continuously reminded that it truly takes a village to create lasting change.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue growing and expanding our impact in 2026 to serve even more foster youth with intention and excellence. I am deeply grateful to our community, staff, donors, partners, and Friends of Genesis who believe in our mission and invest in our young people. Because of you, we are creating new beginnings, restoring hope, and changing lives.

With Love,

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Fritzie Saintoiry, LCSW
Founder & CEO, Genesis Hopeful Haven

A Message from Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

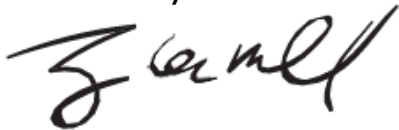
When Genesis Hopeful Haven first began, it was simply a dream and a vision rooted in the belief that foster youth deserved more than temporary solutions. Eleven years ago, we started with just one home and a deep commitment to show up for young people who needed stability, guidance, and love.

Today, that vision has grown into eight homes, a community center, organized camps, vocational training programs, mentoring, and travel experiences that expose youth to opportunities they may never have imagined. As the needs of our young people continue to grow, Genesis consistently steps in to fill the gaps with care, creativity, and purpose.

I remain involved because I have seen lives change. I have witnessed young people gain confidence, discover their potential, and experience a sense of family where there was once uncertainty. Genesis Hopeful Haven is more than an organization. It is a parent program raising a better tomorrow, one young person at a time.

To our donors, partners, and community, thank you. Your generosity turns vision into reality and dreams into opportunity for our youth. Because of you, hope is not just promised, it is lived.

Sincerely,

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Tim
Board Chair and Founding Board Member



Our Mission

Genesis Hopeful Haven prepares youth to successfully transition from the foster care system to purpose-driven adulthood by providing a haven that promotes hope, healing, and independence.

Our Vision

To become the standard of excellence in foster youth services by serving as a one-stop resource that provides life-changing opportunities, wraparound services, and lasting relationships that empower foster and aged-out youth to thrive.

Who We Serve

Youth ages 10-24 throughout South Miami-Dade County and surrounding communities, including foster youth, youth preparing to age out of care, and young adults transitioning to independence.

What We Believe

Every child deserves family.



Building the Future Together

Before we reflect on last year, we want to take a moment to **look to the future**. As we navigate **2026** our vision grows even larger, and our priorities are simple: **Serve more youth. Deepen our impact. Build long-term sustainability.**

In 2026, we plan to:

Increase annual youth served from 306 to more than 350. We want to ensure that no Miami-Dade foster youth have to navigate aging out of care without the proper support, programming, and resources.

Secure a centralized service hub in South Miami-Dade County that provides housing support, life skills, vocational training, employment services, mentoring, and mental health resources in one location.

Expand our Housing Program by opening additional homes for both foster youth and aged-out young adults. Every student should have a loving, safe place to come home to.

Launch foster parent licensing to replicate our relationship-centered model of care throughout South Florida.

Continue expanding the Genesis Guardian Program to strengthen unrestricted community support.

Together, these investments will allow us to serve more youth with the same personalized care that has become the hallmark of Genesis Hopeful Haven.



2024 – 2025 At a Glance

306

Youth
Served



32

Housing
Residents



51

Community
Partners



67

Caterpillar
Program
Youth



8

Homes



109

Butterfly
Program
Youth



10

Family
Mentors



30

Volunteers



20

Summer
Internship
Opportunities



1,500+

Youth Served
Since Founding



More Than Programs. We Foster Healing. We Build Futures.



Since opening our doors in 2014, Genesis Hopeful Haven has served more than 1,500 foster youth and young adults through a comprehensive continuum of care. Our relationship-centered approach ensures that youth receive personalized support long after many traditional services end.

Genesis Hopeful Haven provides more than programs and services, we provide family. Our youth experience consistent relationships, individualized support, safe housing, educational guidance, workforce preparation, and a community that celebrates every milestone. We believe healing begins when students know they are loved, valued, and never alone. That belief shapes every program we offer.

Our programming includes:



Housing

Academic Support



Life Skills

Employment Readiness



Vocational Training

Mentoring



Community Engagement

Mental Wellness

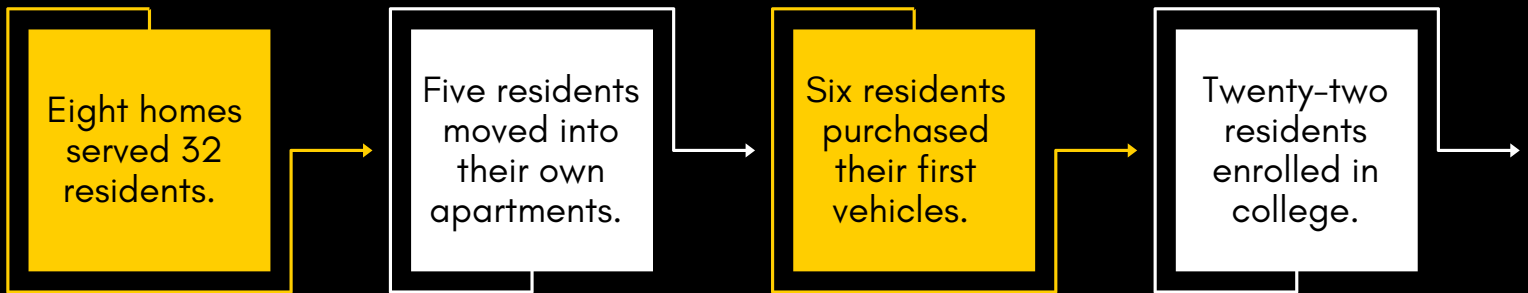


Rather than focusing on isolated programs, Genesis Hopeful Haven surrounds each student with caring adults, meaningful opportunities, and a community committed to helping them succeed.

Housing Program

Genesis Hopeful Haven's **Housing Program** provides stable homes where young adults can safely transition toward independence. Youth participate in weekly coaching, monthly life skills workshops, financial literacy education, and family-style activities that help build confidence and independence. This year also marked the opening of our first Butterfly home serving boys ages 15-17, allowing earlier intervention before youth age out of care.

Last year:



After School Program



Genesis Hopeful Haven's **After School Program** provides a safe, nurturing environment where foster youth build the academic, social, and life skills needed to thrive. Every child deserves someone who celebrates their report card as much as their birthday.

Caterpillar Program (Ages 10–14) Enrollment: 67 Students

The Caterpillar Program focuses on helping younger foster youth remain academically successful and maintain placement stability. Students received:

- Individual tutoring
- STEM programming
- Career exploration
- Art enrichment
- Drug prevention education
- Bible study
- Monthly field trips

Outcomes

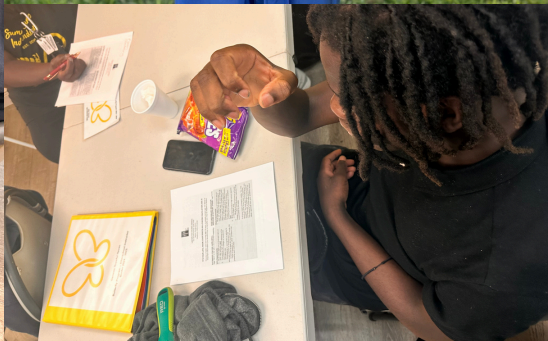
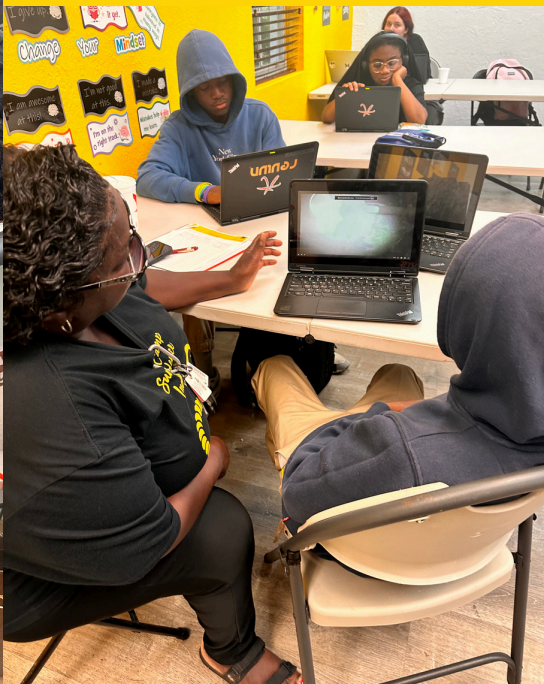
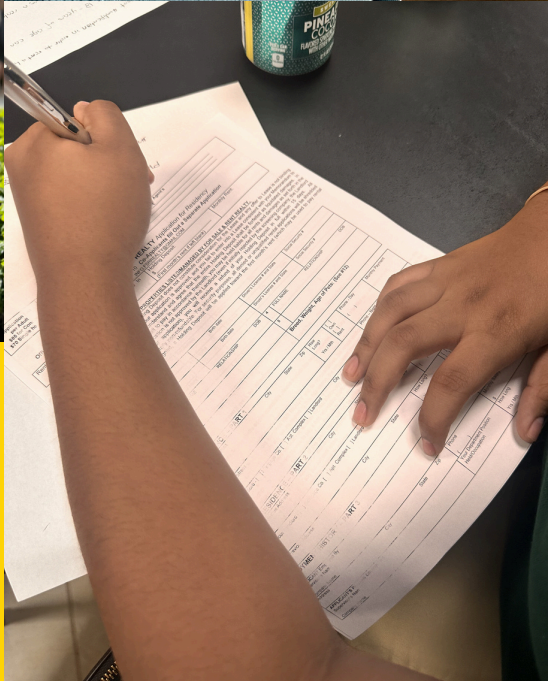
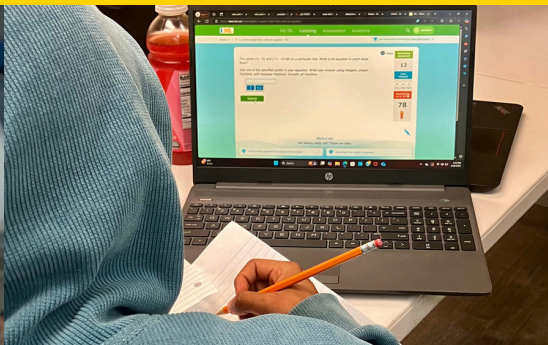
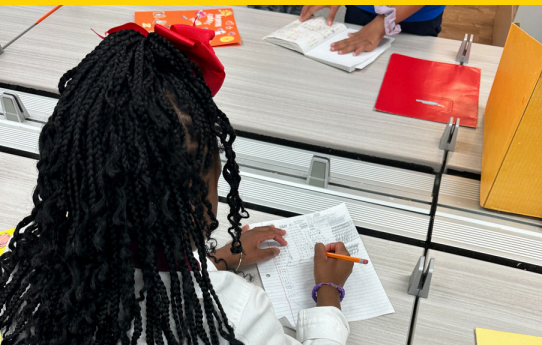
- 96% maintained stable foster care placements
- Students improved academic performance through tutoring and individualized support
- Youth developed stronger relationships with caregivers, teachers, and mentors

Butterfly Program (Ages 15–17) Enrollment: 109 Students

The Butterfly Program prepares older foster youth for adulthood through intentional, relationship-centered programming that promotes confidence, independence, and healthy decision-making. Students participated in:

- Life skills workshops
- Cooking classes
- Financial literacy
- Hygiene education
- Healthy relationship discussions
- Yoga and wellness activities
- Bible study
- Group therapy
- Family bonding field trips
- Recreational sports and fitness

Rather than preparing youth to simply survive adulthood, the Butterfly Program equips them to pursue purpose, stability, and meaningful relationships.



Camp Independence

Camp Independence is more than fun and games. It is a place where Campers experience joy, belonging, adventure, and unconditional encouragement.

Spring Break Camp

92 Campers

Activities included:

- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Wall climbing
- Paintball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Boat excursions
- Campfires
- Morning devotionals
- Healthy relationship workshops
- Nutrition education
- Beauty and self-care activities

One of the most powerful moments occurred during a church service where 45 students chose to be baptized, embracing faith, healing, and hope for the future.

Summer Camp Independence

131 Campers

8 Weeks | 7 Mini Camps

Youth explored dozens of new experiences including:

- Graphic Design
- STEM
- Drones
- Barbering
- Fashion Design
- Mechanics
- Cooking
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
- Self Defense
- Fitness
- Dance
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Fishing
- Music
- Employment Readiness

Throughout the summer, students strengthened leadership skills, built lifelong friendships, and discovered new passions.

Camper Feedback

“

I learned about life, responsibility, and helping others.

“

I love this camp like my own family.

“

I finally feel like I belong.

“

Genesis loves me for who I am.



Employment Readiness

Meaningful employment changes lives. Genesis Hopeful Haven's Employment Readiness Program introduces foster youth to careers while helping them develop confidence, professionalism, and workplace skills. During Summer 2025, youth completed internships in areas including:

- **Camp Counselor**
- **Camp Administrator**
- **Camp Runner**
- **Food Service**
- **Hair Styling**
- **Assistant Sports Coaching**

For many students, this was their first professional work experience and paycheck.

Outcomes

- 20 paid internship opportunities
- Increased workplace confidence
- Career exploration
- Professional skill development
- Leadership experience
- Financial responsibility

Vocational Training

Through a partnership with FIU's Trade Institute, Genesis Hope Haven became an official satellite training site for HVAC workforce certification, preparing graduates for careers at companies such as Lennar.

Program Highlights

- 21 youth enrolled
- Industry-recognized certification
- Direct job placement support
- Workforce readiness
- Career pathways to long-term economic stability



Explorer Program

Many foster youth spend much of their lives navigating uncertainty. Through the Explorer Program, Genesis Hopeful Haven intentionally exposes youth to experiences that broaden their perspective and helps them imagine a future filled with opportunity.

In 2025, our students traveled to Los Angeles, California, where they visited iconic destinations, explored career possibilities, and built lifelong memories.

For several youth, this trip marked significant firsts:

- Their first time flying on an airplane.
- Their first visit to the West Coast.
- Their first opportunity to see lifestyles beyond their immediate surroundings.
- Their first taste of the freedom that comes with dreaming bigger.

While sightseeing and enjoying local attractions, including a memorable visit to In-N-Out Burger, the greatest impact came from the confidence youth gained by stepping outside of their comfort zones.



Family Mentors

Every Student Deserves Someone in Their Corner

Many foster youth enter adulthood without the consistent support of trusted adults. The Family Mentor Program changes that. Volunteer mentors commit to walking alongside youth as they navigate life's opportunities and challenges. This year:

- 10 youth were matched with family mentors.
- Mentors met regularly with students throughout the year.
- Relationships focused on encouragement, accountability, and practical guidance.



Mentors celebrated birthdays, attended milestones, assisted youth in securing employment, encouraged therapy, and helped residents transition into their own apartments. These relationships remind students that they never have to navigate adulthood alone.

Community Engagement

At Genesis Hopeful Haven, community is a part of our programming and culture. Throughout the year, we intentionally create opportunities for youth to experience joy, celebrate accomplishments, and build lasting memories with people who care about them. Our annual events remind every student that they are seen, valued, and worthy of celebration.

This year's annual events included:

Back to School	Easter Celebration
National Foster Care Month Kickball Tournament	Valentine's Day Love Is in the Air
Prom Watch	Thanksgiving Dinner
Christmas Celebration	Black History Month Showcase

Celebrating Life's Special Moments

Since every milestone matters, we also celebrated:

- 109 birthdays
- Graduations and academic achievements
- New jobs
- College acceptances
- Driver's licenses
- Apartment move-ins

Whether large or small, every accomplishment was celebrated as a family.



**181 youth participated in holiday
and community celebrations**

Thank you!

Genesis Hopeful Haven is grateful for the individuals, businesses, foundations, faith communities, government agencies, schools, staff, volunteers, mentors, advocates, and nonprofit organizations that make our programming possible.

We know that no student succeeds alone. So, together, our 51 community partners provide resources, mentorship, educational opportunities, workforce development, transportation, health services, volunteer support, and countless acts of generosity.

Our impact is strengthened by our community's belief that every foster youth deserves the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for your generosity that provides programs, family, and opportunities that foster hope, healing, and independence!



Investing in Futures

Every contribution to Genesis Hopeful Haven represents an investment in the future of a young person. Thanks to the generosity of our Genesis Guardians, donors, grant makers, corporate sponsors, and foundations, we continue to expand opportunities for foster youth while maintaining the personalized, relationship-centered care that defines our organization. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to responsible stewardship, transparency, and measurable impact.

Every dollar entrusted to Genesis Hopeful Haven helps create stability, healing, and opportunity for foster youth preparing for adulthood.

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