

## Learning Help Centers of Charlotte – 2022 Operations Impact Report

Thank you for your support of LHCC during 2022! We had a successful year, filled with blessings, growth, and new faces. Here are some highlights we would like to share with you.



### New Faces

We hired two new employees last year, Meghan Miller and Ana Robles. Meghan started with us March 1<sup>st</sup> and she is our Operations Lead. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Ana Robles started as our Parent Outreach Lead. They are both setting big goals for LHCC in 2023! In August, we added a new board member, Magbis Love. She works for Atrium Health/Levine Cancer Center. We are excited to be growing our team!

### Kinship Kitchen

We hosted two Kinship Kitchen lunches, one in March and one in July. Over 50 different partners, volunteers, and donors attended the luncheon as a thank you for all their support and to hear more about what LHCC has been doing. The food was made by parents in our program and fresh vegetables were used from one of our partners, Jubilee Farms. We look forward to more Kinship lunches in 2023.

### Summer Camp and Day Camps

Over 50 elementary-high school students attended summer camp. We had camp every Tuesday from June to August, and then for two straight weeks in July. Our kids learned about bible heroes during daily devotions led by our volunteers, improved their exercise and nutrition thanks to cooking classes by Chef Sonya, stretching with Twist Kids and sports with Sports Outreach. They improved their literacy and reading comprehension skills by reading with the volunteers and pups of Invisible Paw Prints and by participating in programs with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. Students also gained knowledge about national parks from Go-Go Rangers and STEM skills from Tech for Intellect, You Can Tech, and Great Outdoors University.

We held day camps on most CMS Teacher Workdays to help ease the burden on our parents and to give the kids a fun, yet educational day with their peers. Most partners above

participated in day camps. Women of Vision brought over 20 volunteers to host two fun-filled day camps. KPMG, Bank of America, and Accenture also brought groups of volunteers to camp to help lead activities and spend quality time with our kids.

### **Enrichment, Tutoring, and Mentoring**

On an average Tuesday, around 40 volunteers and 50 kids participate in our tutoring and mentoring program. Students have been making a lot of growth on their state exams and are increasing their reading and math scores, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. We started a new partnership with the Women's Rugby team at Queen's University and they bring 5-10 volunteers each week. We started the 2022-2023 school year with 10 new volunteers and 5 new families to our program.

In 2023, our elementary school students will begin a reading program called iReady that will be tailored to their specific needs. We are excited to launch this program and look forward to improve their reading and literacy skills.

### **Family Programming**

On an average Thursday evening, around 20 moms participate in a program led by community partners. Some of the programs from 2022 were led by The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Charlotte Mecklenburg Health Department, Camino Health Center, Atrium Health, CW Williams, and many more. These programs discussed health and nutrition, mental health services, medical coverage and services, community programs, financial literacy, and much more. Family participation and support is vital to the success of LHCC and we are blessed to serve and get to know our families on a deeper level.

### **LHCC FIT Program – Thursday Evening Programming**

Thanks to grants from The Charlotte Mecklenburg Health Department and Atrium Health, we launched our LHCC Fit Program last February. Around 25 parents began a journey of learning how to create healthy habits in their lives and the lives of their family. They were screened and monitored by doctors and nurses each month and they were tracking their vitals, BMI, and A1C levels. They participated in weekly exercise classes, cooking and nutrition classes with Chef Sonya, and received FIT watches to track their progress. This program lasted 6 months and at the end we were able to see increased confidence and knowledge in health, nutrition, and exercise. Families were made aware of health needs they had and were given the tools to help themselves. We are excited to be starting this program again in the upcoming weeks.

On Thursdays, the kids have been rotating between Girl Scouts, STEM activities with Tech For Intellect, and sports with Sports Outreach. One of our goals in 2023 is to provide more programs for our teens and help grow them as leaders in their community.

Thank you for your support of LHCC over the past year! We are very appreciative of all our volunteers, partners, including corporate and individual donors for your kind support. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission to serve alongside LHCC as we provide scholastic, spiritual and social support to our families.