

# Learning Help Centers of Charlotte – 2023 Non-Profit Organization Impact Report

Thank you for your support of LHCC during 2022! We were filled with optimism, growth, and new innovative programs. Here are some highlights we would like to share with you.

## LHCC Kinship Initiative

LHCC continues to foster greater levels of kinship and trust between people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and walks of life. Despite the challenges presented by a prolonged pandemic, we have stayed true to our mission of serving families with dignity and respect and have continued our in-person programming to meet our families' needs.

Over the past few years, LHCC has placed a greater emphasis on parent engagement, without compromising on our core children's programs. Some examples include:



1. A parent advisory committee was established to vet decisions regarding needed human services. Their input resulted in the inclusion of programs to address food insecurity, mental health, and wellness.
2. Healthier lifestyles have been promoted through cooking instruction and weekly Zumba exercise classes. This programming complimented a successful "FIT" project for 60 adults that tracked individual health outcomes over time.
3. Behavioral health awareness training was introduced in a 10 week-program.

LHCC has benefitted from our partnership in a Kinship Coalition for the past two years and advancing our cross-cultural outreach by helping all who pass our way.

We hosted Kinship Kitchen lunches for our invaluable community partners, volunteers, and donors. Our summer camp coincided with a ten-year anniversary celebration of LHCC. Parents and students were able to share testimonies of the impact LHCC is having on their lives. Enjoying meals together are our way of saying thank you and to hear from our families about what we are doing in our organization. The food was prepared by parents in our program, utilizing fresh ingredients from one of our food partners, Jubilee Farms. We look forward to hosting more Kinship lunches, and to preparing meals and breaking bread together with our families and culinary volunteers in the Kinship Kitchen.

## New LHCC Board and Team Members

We welcomed Bettie Green as a returning board member, who has been faithfully serving the ministry for many years. Magbis Love, from Atrium Health/Levine Cancer Center, also joined the board and has played a key role as we have ramped up further on health and wellness initiatives. We have hired two new team members, Meghan Miller, and Ana Robles. Meghan is our full-time Operations Lead,



while Ana Robles serves as our Parent Outreach Lead. Both are bilingual and passionate about ministry.

### **Summer and Day Camps**



We hosted over 75 students of all ages for our tenth year of summer enrichment camps. This included day camp every Tuesday from June to August, and two full weeks in July. Our kids learned about bible heroes during daily devotions led by our volunteers, enjoyed various forms of exercise, and improved their nutrition thanks to cooking classes led by Chef Sonya. Students also improved their literacy and reading comprehension skills.

### **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.

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 improving their reading and literacy skills.

### **New LHCC FIT Program**

Thanks to a grant from The Charlotte Mecklenburg Health Department and support from Atrium Health and Camino Health Clinic, we launched our LHCC FIT Program last February. 50 parents began a journey of learning how to create healthy habits in their lives and those of their family members. They were screened and monitored by doctors and nurses and tracked their vitals, BMI, and A1C levels. Families were made aware of their health needs and were given the tools to help themselves. We are excited to be starting this program again in the upcoming weeks.

While parents engaged in FIT program activities, their children enjoyed a combination of physical activity and STEM programs with our two tech partners. One of our goals in 2023 is to provide more programs for our teens and develop them as leaders in their homes, schools, and community.

Our promise to our donors is that we will faithfully steward the funds you invest in LHCC to advance the ministry and maximize Kingdom impact. We do this with the highest levels of accountability, integrity, and transparency. We will carefully apply your gifts so that our mission can be accomplished, and lives can be changed by the Gospel.

Thank you again for your support of LHCC over the past 10 years! We are grateful to our incredible volunteers, partners, and both 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. We look forward expectantly to what the Lord has for us in the coming year.

