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2017-18 Children’s Nutrition Connection Highlights

We sponsored 177 child care centers in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk and Manatee Counties on the USDA Childcare Food Program.

In total through August 2018, 19,881 children received nutritious food (to put this in perspective, the Florida state fair ground expo hall or the USF Sun Dome would have to add 8,500 seats to accommodate all of the children we served and would have to add nearly 5,000 seats to accommodate the 14,911 children we served that live below the poverty level.

In total through August 2018, 5,447,454 nutritious meals were served through our child care partners and $6,207,737 was reimbursed to them through Cornerstone to cover the cost of those meals so they could keep their doors open to be safe places in their community for children.

Our Nutritionist and Technical Assistance Coaching staff provided over 817 coaching and training sessions to centers and summer meal partners to help them improve quality and to insure that nutritious food was served to children who really need it!

Program Partners:
• State of Florida Department of Health • Keiser University (nutrition interns) • University of Tampa (nutrition interns) • USF (college of public health and college of behavioral and community sciences) • Hillsborough County Extension Services • University of Florida IFAS Program • Whitwam Organics • United Methodist Women

2017-18 Rosa Valdez Early Learning Center & Lab School Highlights

99 Children Received Quality Accredited Early Childhood Instruction At The Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center and Lab School. Note: this decrease in number of students is a positive indicator that we are having less turnover.

100% Children Received Developmental Assessments Through Our Therapeutic and Family Support Services Program and 13 Children Were Connected To Additional Developmental and/or Therapeutic Services Over And Above Those Offered By Our Staff. 80% of students graduating from Rosa’s VPK program were school ready in all learning domains (vs the avg VPK readiness rate of 63% in Hillsborough County)

10% of the Children Served Were Part Of The Child-welfare System Of Care. 84 Children Attended on a CFM Scholarship in Addition to School Readiness Subsidy and 9 Attended on Sliding Scale Scholarship. 94% of The Children Served Lived between 100-130% of poverty.

The Rosa Valdez Center Lab School served 25 interns (11 unpaid and 14 paid). Of those, 3 completed their 40 hours and 1 completed their bachelors degree in early childhood education. To-date the Lab School has sponsored 8 interns who have earned a college degree as part of the program.

Program Partners:
• State of Florida Department of Health • Hillsborough Early Learning Coalition • USF (PBS, college of behavioral and community sciences-story friends) • Southern Technical (lab school interns) • Rasmussen College (lab school interns) • Center Academy Riverview • Women to Women • Hillsborough Community College (ELM) • Tampa Preschool Partnership • United Methodist Women • Eckerd Early Head Start Partnership

Fostering Hope Through Christ

• 449 volunteers from churches volunteered at the Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center and Cornerstone’s Community Garden @ Ybor during the year. • 4,132 hours of volunteer service was donated at 3rd Saturday work days, individually and in groups throughout the year. • Over 700 volunteers/walkers participated in Wonder Walk and walked and prayed for the children served throughout Cornerstone’s programs raising $94,184 + $69,301 was raised through the C4 (child’s chance for change) Super Hero Top Golf Challenge making it possible for Cornerstone to offer sliding scale tuition to families earning and learning their way out of poverty.


For more information about Cornerstone’s programs or to arrange for a tour of our programs or for a speaker to come share about our work with your church or group, contact Carrie Brown, Director of Community Engagement & Support, at cbrown@cornerstonefm.org or by phone at 813-253-3853 x301

CORNERSTONE FAMILY MINISTRIES OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 2017-18 WAS $7,376,875 (95% for Direct Service and 5% for Administration and Fundraising)*

*According to Charity Navigator, the most efficient charities spend 75% or more of their budget on their programs and services and less than 25% on fundraising and administrative fees.