



#### A message from CHARLY WELDON Family Houston President and CEO

Some people know Family Houston for our world-class clinicians and therapists, others for the financial coaching that we offer throughout the city. But Family Houston has another, less visible team that changes lives: our front line Community Support Staff. They are the first to hear the stories of loss and hardship. They serve as guides to people who are at the end of their rope; that growing community of our neighbors

who don't earn enough money to make ends meet but still don't qualify for meaningful relief. Not every person who comes to Family Houston is in a tough spot, but many are and we receive up to 80 phone calls every day.

Our role often begins by saying, "Here's how to go without - but make it through. Here's how to live with unmet needs and not lose hope," and then we can offer the support that makes a hard season bearable. Through our basic needs program, financial and employment coaching, and mental health services, we help Houstonians build essential resources where none existed before. We provide resources that are the difference between despair and hope, between temporary setback and a cycle of poverty.

As a supporter of Family Houston, you may empathize with families in such challenging circumstances or you may know the stress of such seasons from first-hand experience. One of the most meaningful moments for anyone in need is finding someone who takes the time to care and to help. By supporting the work of Family Houston this year, you have done just that.

I submit this report as evidence that you spent 2022 doing work that matters. You made an impact in the lives of real people facing daunting challenges. As I reflect on all that we accomplished together, I am full of hope for the future. Thank you and well done in 2022!

With gratitude,

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## CORE COMPETENCIES



Basic Needs

Family Houston connects individuals and families with resources to address basic needs, such as food and housing, as well as public benefits.



Financial Stability

Family Houston offers individualized financial and employment coaching, as well as financial education classes on topics such as debt and credit.



Mental Health

Family Houston provides professional, confidential counseling for children and adults, individuals, and families.

For over 100 years, families in crisis have turned to Family Houston for support. We focus our efforts on three key areas, offering specialized services to all Houstonians, regardless of their ability to pay. Everyone deserves access to quality care that they can afford.

### **Basic Needs**

Knowing what resources are available and how to access them can be confusing - especially for Houstonians who have never needed assistance before. So many of our neighbors do not have the support system that many of us take for granted, like family or friends to help when we need childcare or can't pay the electric bill. Family Houston helps Houstonians find resources.

#### **CLIENT SNAPSHOT**

**88%** IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED HOUSING STABILITY



## 90%

IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED FOOD STABILITY

### 185

VET<u>ERAN</u> HOUSEHOLDS SUPPORTED

## 205k

DISTRIBUTED TO VETERANS IN NEED





#### **ANNA'S** STORY a client receiving services in our Basic Needs program

Anna and her husband have three children, and after the pandemic, their family fell on hard times. Anna found Family Houston through her child's school. She and her husband began to meet with Family Houston Community Support Specialist Mayra Curiel. Mayra identified many urgent needs. Not only was Anna's family at risk of eviction, but Anna and her husband lacked long-term employment - and they did not have medical insurance. They struggled with debt, and it was becoming more and more challenging to afford groceries. Unsurprisingly, Anna was mentally exhausted and under considerable stress.

As Mayra met with the family every month, educating Anna and her husband about what resources were available, their situation slowly improved. She enrolled the family in two local programs that helped cover their rent for a few months. She then helped them locate programs that equipped them with the skill set to resolve their financial crisis, and they worked together to create a budget. Once housing was secure, and they knew that food would be on the table, Mayra helped them tackle the next big challenge: healthcare. She led the family through applying for a program that provided low-cost medical care. With this new breathing room, Anna and her husband began paying down their debt.

Mayra now sees a very different person show up every month - Anna is excited about the things she and her husband have accomplished, and she is ready to push herself to work harder and set bigger goals. She is no longer weighed down with anxiety but full of hope.

#### **CLIENT SNAPSHOT**



72%

MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED DISPOSABLE INCOME



*69%* 

MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED CREDIT REPORT



89%

MAINTAINED OR IMPROVED TOTAL SAVINGS



50% MAINTAINED

OR IMPROVED ASSETS



MAINTAINED OR DECREASED TOTAL DEBT

## Financial Stability

Our clients often put off asking for support, thinking that more effort can resolve the crisis. Here is the truth that we have learned: a college degree or good work ethic no longer guarantees food on the table or a roof overhead. That's where we come in. Family Houston can help clients locate resources that stabilize their immediate crisis - and then we equip people to maintain that stability through financial or employment coaching. We empower people to hope for the future by giving them the tools necessary to overcome life's challenges.

> Gabby a Family Houston client

### JEFFREY'S STORY a client receiving services in our Financial Stability program

Three years ago, the Family Houston intake team received a call from Jeffrey. Jeffrey wanted to buy a house, but he knew his credit score was too low to qualify for a home loan due to identity theft and a lack of budgeting skills. With the help of Family Houston financial coach, Monee Cheney, Jeffrey disputed the fraudulent charges on his credit report, applied for a secure credit card, and learned to set and keep a budget. Before long, Jeffrey and his wife saw their savings grow. Within two years, Jeffrey's credit score had jumped 140 points and he secured a home loan through one of Family Houston's collaborative partners.

Since we met three years ago, much has changed for Jeffrey and his family. This year they were able to move into their new home! Jeffrey has a healthy savings account and continues to keep monthly appointments with his Family Houston financial coach. Today, Jeffrey and his family are set up for a successful and stable future!

## Mental Health

10,681

TOTAL SESSIONS WITH ADULT AND YOUTH

CLIENTS

Mental health is the most necessary resource for building a stable and healthy life. It keeps someone from quitting the job that pays the bills when frustrated. It allows us to believe that better days are ahead, which means we are more likely to make decisions that are difficult now but will pay off in the long run.

Texas ranks last nationally for access to mental health care, and more than half of all Houstonians report struggling with mental health in recent years. We offer mental health services on a sliding-scale fee and never turn anyone away for inability to pay.

#### **CLIENT SNAPSHOT**

**868** ADULT COUNSELING CLIENTS SERVED

619 YOUTH COUNSELING CLIENTS SERVED

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Mr. Segura a Family Houston client

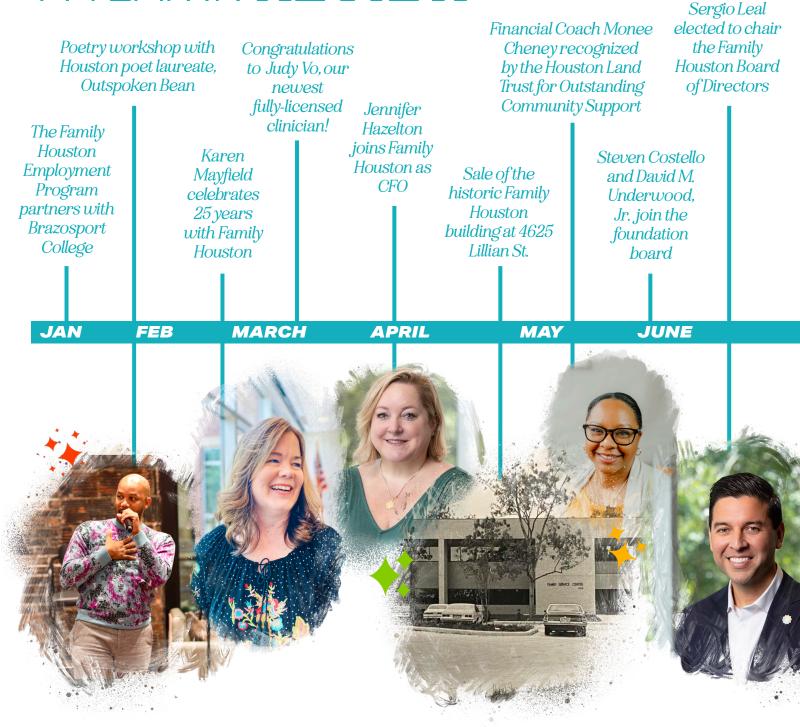
## WILLIAM'S STORY

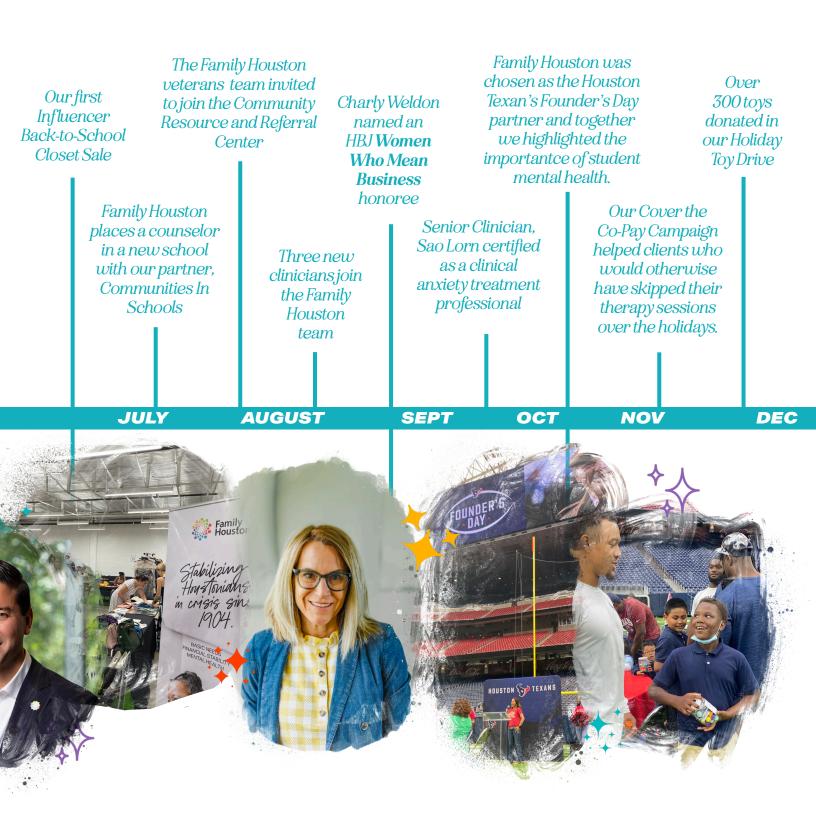
a client receiving services from a Family Houston clinician

William is a fifteen-year-old boy living with several developmental challenges and being cared for by his grandparents. William started seeing a Family Houston therapist five years ago. His health issues mean he struggles to communicate his emotional and physical needs to his family; as he got older, the way he expressed his frustration became harder to manage. Then he began play therapy with Family Houston clinician, Tanja van Dam. With Tanja's help, William can now articulate his needs and no longer has moments of aggression.

William's grandmother, Bernita, tells us that their quality of life has dramatically improved and that they feel safe and happy knowing that Tanja has made such a strong connection with William. Every week, William can meet with a therapist and find compassionate, individualized care that helps him live with dignity.

## A YEAR IN **REVIEW**





## MORE IS POSSIBLE WITH AMAZING PARTNERS.





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Workforce Solutions



NBHP Network of Behavioral Health Providers

houston () foodbank Filling pantries, Filling lives.





Brazosport College The College of Choice\*

DePelchin

Houston

Habita

**TEXAS VETERANS** 

COMMISSION

Communities the women's HOME In Schools & Building whole lives

for Human



H-E-B

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Spring Branch Family Development Cente



### 2022 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE WINNER OF DISTINCTION

Better Business Bureau

The Award for Excellence celebrates businesses and nonprofits that go above and beyond for their customers, clients, and community. These organizations are a positive example in all areas, demonstrating superior integrity, reliability, and trustworthiness. For over 100 years, the Better Business Bureau has been doing their part to build better communities and Family Houston is grateful to be recognized with this award.

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The Platinum Seal of Transparency is the hightest recognition offered by Candid,

an organization that provides the most comprehensive data and insights about the social sector. By providing metrics that show the impact of our porgrams and sharing our goals and strategies, Family Houston achieved the Platinum Seal this year.

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## FINANCIAL Snapshot

### EXPENSES

38.5%	Mental Health Program
20.5%	Basic Needs Program
17%	Financial Stability Program
17%	Management & Other Expenses
7%	Fundraising

### REVENUE

58%	United Way
19%	Foundation Grants
14%	Service Fees
6%	Government Grants
2%	Donations
1%	Invested & Other Income

These percentages reflect Family Houston's most recent Fiscal Year. Audited Financial Statements for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 are available to review on the Family Houston website at www.familyhouston.org/financials.

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