



Stewardship Report

2024



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A Message from Our President & CEO

Our Little Flower community is like a home—one that provides safety, warmth, and hope to those who need it most. Every brick in our foundation is placed with care, and our donors and supporters are the cornerstone that keeps our mission standing strong. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what we have all built together in the past year.

Since 1929, Little Flower has been dedicated to improving the lives of children, youth, families, and adults across NYC and Long Island. Over the past year, your generosity has allowed us to reinforce and expand our programs, ensuring that those in our care have the support they need to build brighter futures.

Here are just a few highlights from the past year. Little Flower became nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), recognizing the organization for meeting national best practice standards for our work with clients, our support to our employees, and our compliance with oversight bodies. We maintained our commitment to the principles of the Sanctuary Model, promoting safety and recovery from adversity through the active creation of a trauma-informed community. And we expanded our delivery of assessments to determine the most appropriate services for youth.

Looking ahead, we are laying the groundwork for even greater impact. The landscape of human services continues to evolve, and we are committed to growing with it. With a mission to care for individuals from infancy through end of life, we are exploring new services that will strengthen our foundation and expand the reach of our programs.

No matter how we grow, our mission remains the same: transforming caring into action. Whether it's finding loving foster homes for children in need, supporting new parents with essential resources, providing mentorship and career guidance for young adults aging out of care, or ensuring seniors and individuals with disabilities receive the compassionate support they deserve, we are constructing a solid future filled with hope and opportunity. And you are a vital part of it.

This year's Stewardship Report highlights the incredible progress we've made together and presents some blueprints for future growth. We invite you to celebrate these achievements and continue building with us—because when we work together, we create something truly lasting.

With gratitude,

Corinne Hammors

Our Impact in 2024

Since 1929, Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York has been improving the well-being of children, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities across New York City and Long Island so they can thrive.

We are proud to share the reach of our services and the impact they have had for local children, youth, families and communities in 2024.



Helped **403** children access critical care through Health Homes



Served **407** children in loving foster families



Reunited **162** children with their families



Cared for **84** youth in residential treatment programs



Assisted **111** adults with developmental disabilities in leading more rewarding lives



Helped **19** children find their forever families through adoption



Helped **39** young adults navigate transitioning out of care to begin life on their own



Program Highlights and Impact



Medical & Mental Health Services

For many years, Little Flower's Mental Health team has been a state leader in the implementation of new evidence-based clinical therapies for children. Our organization is the number one provider in New York State for Home and Community-Based Services.

With the help of our Innovation Fund, Little Flower was able to purchase the equipment needed to implement Neurofeedback and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, a therapy that uses brainwave technology to help children with trauma symptoms. Little Flower is the first organization in our area to utilize this cutting-edge and highly effective therapy.

After being awarded a competitive State contract last year, we were able to implement a new evidence-based therapy model, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT).



Adults with Developmental Disabilities

For over 40 years, Little Flower has provided quality community-based alternatives to institutions for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities across Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. Our person-centered approach helps individuals maximize their potential through dedicated professional support.

The cornerstone of our services is the Family Care program, where adults live with certified providers who offer supportive family environments. These homes foster meaningful relationships and community engagement while ensuring individuals receive necessary support. All homes are state-certified and regularly monitored, upholding our commitment to treating every person with dignity and respect.

Program Highlights and Impact



Residential Treatment Center

Our Residential Treatment Center is a therapeutic community that uses a trauma-informed, multi-systemic approach to providing youth with quality care and support to address their emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

Thanks to supporters like you, Little Flower has been able to expand our reach by partnering with the community to offer extracurricular activities for our youth. From workshops like financial literacy, yoga sessions, music classes, cooking workshops, our youth benefit greatly. The youth show reduced symptoms of anxiety, improved overall mood and self-esteem as well as gaining life-skills.

The youth at RTC enjoyed several events, field trips and celebrations over the year. The annual spring formal, an on-campus Pride parade, and a donor-hosted taco party, are just a few ways we come together to celebrate.



Family Foster Care Program

Little Flower seeks exceptional individuals willing to provide love, care, and support to children separated from their families. Foster parents play a vital role in nurturing these young people while working toward family reunification. The organization is dedicated to finding both kinship and foster caregivers who can create stable, loving environments where children can flourish.

Throughout the fostering journey, Little Flower provides comprehensive training and support services to help caregivers succeed. While the primary goal is to reunite children with their biological families, when this isn't possible, the organization works to find permanent solutions through kinship care or adoption.

Our Fair Futures program provides one-on-one coaching, social-emotional, academic, career, housing, and life skills supports to youth aging out of the foster system.

St. John's Residence for Boys

St. John's Residence for Boys, a legal affiliate of Little Flower as of 2019, achieved many significant goals in 2024 including the opening of several new programs in Brooklyn.

St. John's has both a Non-Secure Placement (NSP) residence on our main campus in Rockaway Park and a Limited Secure Placement (LSP) residence in Brooklyn that provide long-term, residential and supportive services for youth placed by Family Court. The programs are connected to the city-wide initiative called "Close to Home" which allows young people who have been involved with the justice system to be treated and rehabilitated closer to their communities. The goal of the programs are to keep parents closely involved to ensure success when their child returns home.

The Transitional Residential Care (TRC) Program at St. John's offers short-term

comprehensive support for youth aged 17 to 21 who have completed their court mandates and demonstrated readiness for independent living. These youth transition from NSP or LSP Programs while awaiting a committed permanency resource or plan.

Participants in St. John's programs benefit from our Fair Futures framework, a program that delivers critical resources and guidance to support their transition to adulthood.

From day one, St. John's provides thorough case planning, fair futures support and dedicated aftercare services, ensuring each youth has the tools, skills, and support to thrive as an independent and empowered member of the community. By combining structured support with opportunities for personal growth, the program sets youth on a path toward a successful future.



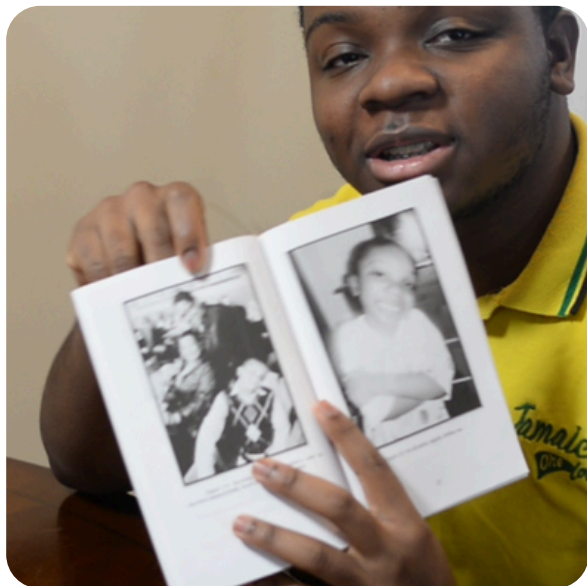
Artists' rendering of plans for play yard

Play Yard Project

The youth at St. John's Residence for Boys dreamed of an outdoor space where they could play basketball, tend a vegetable garden, and just be with friends out in the fresh, oceanside air. The youth have been involved in the planning process from the start, ensuring that the final space will have the features they need. To learn more, please visit www.stjohnsresidence.org.

Lives Transformed

With support from donors like you, we have been able to help so many children, youth, and families thrive. Here are a few stories of youth who are flourishing thanks to your generosity.



An Author Rises Up

Joshua Watson had a difficult start in life and entered into foster care with Little Flower along with his two younger siblings when he was three years old. The kids were adopted into a loving family where they received the support and care they needed. Joshua, who now attends college at SUNY Old Westbury, went on to write and publish a book about his experiences. The book is titled “Your Situation Doesn’t Determine Your Destination” and is available for purchase on Amazon. Joshua opens the book with these words of wisdom: “Life’s like a book, full of different chapters, and mine’s a tale of bouncing back, embracing change, and celebrating victories.”



A Chef Is Born

Julius, a 17-year-old youth who lives at Little Flower’s Residential Treatment Center (RTC), first developed a love for cooking through our Culinary Arts Program. When he transitioned to independent living with his own kitchen, he started buying meal kits and moved on to creating his own recipes. He loves cooking for his family and for his friends and teachers at the RTC, and has even written a cookbook with all his favorite recipes. Julius is now taking classes at a local studio and has applied to the Culinary Institute of America. He says, “Cooking is just experimenting with different flavors, and if you do it the right way, it will taste great.”

Community Partnerships



A Prom to Remember

Bella Anima joined the youth on campus in Wading River to help them get prom-ready by doing their hair, nails and makeup for the big dance. Everyone had a great time!



A Gift to Celebrate

David Silva, one of our generous donors, provides each youth at the Residential Treatment Center with a birthday gift. Every year he donates enough gift cards so that everyone receives a present.



Easter Magic

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Rom-Luby Family and Northport Community and the Rocky Point Lions made sure the youth received generous Easter baskets, candies and sweet treats this year.

Community Partnerships



Back-to-School Pop-Ups

Our back-to-school pop-ups at our Wading River and Brooklyn locations helped many children and youth prepare for their start to school with school supplies, clothing and fun essentials. Our generous corporate supporters like Ticket to Dream Foundation and Mattress Firm along with individual donors contributed to this success.



Let's Go Fishing!

Our youth in Wading River enjoyed a day of fishing with The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). They offer complimentary trips to educate future generations about fishing and conservation. NYSDEC Officer Chris DeRose spearheaded the trip in which the youth learned fishing techniques and fish biology. Thanks, Officer DeRose!

Stop & Shop Bags

Rocky Point Stop & Shop selected Little Flower as their recipient to receive a donation for each bag purchased during the months of March and April. Our thanks go out to Stop & Shop and to everyone who bought a bag!

Community Partnerships



Grassi Gives Back

Volunteers from Grassi, a national advising and tax firm, came to our Wading River campus and planted hydrangeas and hostas in our garden beds outside of the Little Flower Café. They also helped create game packs for our Golf Classic. We are so grateful for Grassi's care and support!



Capital One Food Drive

Capital One, our longstanding partner, conducted a food drive to benefit our families at Flagship. Our thanks to the Capital One volunteers for their hard work!



For Goodness Cakes

For Goodness Cakes is a nonprofit organization that gives youth the chance to have an extra-special birthday by matching them with volunteers to bake cakes just for them. Little Flower has partnered with the organization to offer this service to foster families who receive services at our Flagship location. We are so grateful to the volunteers at For Goodness Cakes who help make birthdays a joyful occasion for so many youth!

Community Partnerships



Winter Essentials Drive

Employees at Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace, a local grocery store chain, launched a drive to help the children during the Holiday Season. They raised over \$4,000 to make sure each child, youth and family had winter coats and essentials. We are so grateful for your support.



Taco Night for the Youth

A generous donor hosted a taco night dinner party for the youth in Wading River on March 30th. She wanted to provide a tradition of family mealtime for the youth residing on campus during the Easter season. The youth had a great time and were thankful for the delicious meal!



National Grid's Key Support

We are thrilled to partner with National Grid on so many adventures in which they roll up their sleeves to help our community. In one instance this year, volunteers put together care kits which included all the items the youth requested. It's so touching when donors offer their time and effort to help the youth.

Community Partnerships



Generous Hosts

Plymouth Church in Brooklyn welcomes the Little Flower community with open arms to two events annually. They generously host us for the Foster Parent Dinner Dance and the Holiday Party each December. Thank you!



Hands-On Support

M&T Bank has supported the youth at Little Flower throughout the year with hands-on support including a hygiene drive, refreshing our café with fresh paint, and wrapping holiday gifts for all the youth. Also, the Long Island M&T Charitable Committee awarded Little Flower's music education program a grant in the amount of \$7,500. Thank you!



Game Day Fun

New York Riptide, a professional lacrosse team based in Uniondale, NY, invited the children, youth, families and staff to a game at the Nassau Coliseum on Saturday, March 23rd. Everyone had a blast!



Signature Events

Little Flower's 95th Anniversary Gala



Little Flower raised more than \$400,000 at our 95th Anniversary Gala, held May 9th at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's glass-walled Palm House. The event celebrated nearly one hundred years of turning care into action with a gallery of historic photos. And it honored the philanthropic support that propels innovation and advancement as Little Flower grows into a bright future. Little Flower's President and CEO, Corinne Hammons, presented a Humanitarian Award to the event's honoree, Karen Persichilli Keogh, Secretary to Governor Kathy Hochul. Guests heard a moving speech from Carrie Relf, a Little Flower alumna, and enjoyed centerpieces made by Little Flower youth. We are so grateful to each and every sponsor and attendee who made this event such a huge success!

Signature Events



27th Annual Golf Classic

On September 30th, golfers enjoyed a spectacular day at Little Flower's 27th Annual Golf Classic, helping us raise more than \$165,000 in support of our children, youth, adults and families we serve. Special thanks go out to Howard Nolan, our longtime Golf Committee Chair, for his efforts in making this event such an annual success!



HOGs Toy Run

About 80 members of the Long Island Harley Owners Group gathered in Wading River on Sunday, December 1st after braving a near-freezing 40 mile ride to deliver holiday gifts. When asked about this longstanding annual tradition, they will all tell you: "It's for the kids." Amazingly, 2025 will mark the 40th anniversary of this annual tradition.



Annual Tree Lighting

Little Flower and our generous community of supporters started the Holiday Season on December 5th with our Annual Tree Lighting in Wading River. Holiday magic was buzzing as we joined together and decorated ornaments and built snowmen out of marshmallows. A huge thank you to Chase Bank and M&T bank for joining us as we kicked off the joyous holiday season.

Holiday Donor Spotlight



A Family Tradition

For over 40 years, one family has brought holiday joy to Little Flower's children, creating a lasting legacy of love and generosity.

It all began when newlyweds Larry and Kathy Brennan started shopping for gifts before they had children. As their family grew, they instilled the spirit of giving in their kids.

Now, generations later, the tradition continues, with their children and grandchildren carrying it forward. Each year, they visit Little Flower, sharing prayers, chocolates, and gifts.

The Brennans' story is a beautiful reminder of the true meaning of the holidays—love, kindness, and giving.



Bringing Holiday Cheer

The Girard family and friends hosted their annual holiday celebration for Little Flower Children and Family Services on December 19th at The Waterview in Port Jefferson, NY. Nearly 40 youth enjoyed dinner, dancing, and personalized gifts.

Lee Montgomery, Director of Residential Programming, shared that the event is highly anticipated, allowing youth to connect outside campus and celebrate the season.

Generous donors and friends made the evening special. Eva Girard expressed gratitude, saying, "Bringing a little happiness each year, especially during this family-focused season, is so important to our family."

Looking to the Future



Music and Arts

Thanks to a generous donor, Little Flower is expanding the Macrone-Davis Arts Center into an even more dynamic educational and therapeutic space. In partnership with East End Arts Council, we hired a music teacher to teach the youth essential music skills. Music fosters confidence, leadership, and social-emotional growth, making this initiative even more impactful.



The current playground in need of remodeling

A New Playground

The youth who live on campus in Wading River have requested a new and modernized playground. We want to create an environment for children to strengthen their bodies and minds through imaginative play.



Life Skills Preparation

Little Flower aims to empower foster youth with essential life skills for adulthood. Through programs including Fair Futures and Preparing Youth for Adulthood, we help youth build their skills in finance, job readiness, housing, nutrition, and more. Volunteer workshop presenters also help equip youth to navigate daily responsibilities and achieve success.

Ways to Give



Your Own Fundraising Page

Create sensational celebrations and help Little Flower enhance special occasions like birthdays and outings for children and youth in foster care and the individuals we support.

You can create your own peer to peer fundraising page to raise funds for this campaign! All donations gathered will be used to create memorable birthday celebrations and other special occasions for the individuals Little Flower supports.

Your fundraising page can support purchasing birthday presents and decorations, special meals like pizza parties, tickets for special outings, extracurricular activities and other events.

The Giving Society

The greatest joys in life are those we share with others. The Giving Society recognizes friends who wish to advance the mission of Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York and continue the legacy for future generations.

Giving Society members demonstrate their commitment to transform caring into action by including Little Flower in their planned giving or estate plan (such as a retirement plan, life insurance, gift annuity or trust).

A planned gift can create or enhance your legacy and provide children and youth in our community a safe, nurturing environment for years to come.

Ways to Give



Support Squad

With more than 600,000 youth in the foster care system nationwide, it is critical that we bring awareness to the needs of children and youth in foster care and the support that helps them thrive. Our Support Squad is full of generous people who are dedicated to transforming caring into action by making monthly donations. These regular donations make an enormous difference in the lives of the people we serve. Commit to a monthly recurring gift and receive limited edition merchandise designed by the youth in our Residential Treatment Center. For more information, please visit: donate.littleflowerny.org/SupportSquad

Your monthly donation of...

\$10 can help a foster family access hygiene supplies for children and youth undergoing emergency placement. You will also receive a tote bag as a token of gratitude!

\$20 could help a youth receive seasonal clothing to ensure they are properly dressed for all four seasons. You will also receive a mug as a token of gratitude.

\$50 can help a child access therapy with leading experts in the field of mental health. Your donation also includes a cozy hoodie!

\$100 can ensure youth who are transitioning out of care are provided with ample support and a promising future. Your dedication to transforming care into action will get you all limited edition items: the tote, the ceramic mug, and the hoodie!



Appreciation

Thank you to our 2024 Support Squad!

Our monthly giving program paves the way for donors to transform caring into action all year long. We are so grateful to these steadfast donors!

If you are interested in joining our monthly giving program, please reach out to Lauren Jacobsen at (631) 599-3157 or jacobsel@lfchild.org.

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Appreciation

Thank you to our 2024 Committees!

We are so grateful to the event committee members who worked tirelessly this year on everything from procuring donations for silent auctions to deciding on invitation color schemes. Our programs could not reach as many people as they do without the funds raised from the events we host throughout the year. We also extend our thanks to those who donate their time and expertise to committees that help us plan for the organization's future.

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Thank you to all our generous donors!

Your generosity helps families access support, provides therapeutic services to children and youth in foster care, and enriches the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The following is a list of donors who generously gave \$1,000 or more to Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York this year.

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Appreciation

Thank you to our Government Partners!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our valued government partners for their continued support of our mission to improve the lives of children, youth and families across our communities. Government funding makes possible many of Little Flower's critical programs.

As we navigate evolving community needs, we rely on our dedicated community of individual and institutional supporters to extend the reach of public investments and enhance the support we are able to provide to community members.

Individual giving and philanthropic support sustains our vital work, allowing us to respond nimbly to emerging needs while maintaining our core services. This approach ensures that no child or family is left without support.

Volunteer Spotlight



When Cathy Ricci relocated from Austin to Long Island three years ago, she began volunteering at Little Flower to manage in-kind donations. "I wanted to keep myself busy, and to give back to the community," she explained.

Cathy organizes the toy room and sorts donations for distribution, with the holiday season being particularly hectic. "I love it. I love it. I just love it," she says. "It makes me feel good about myself. I feel like the kids need this." Little Flower is so grateful for Cathy's dedication.

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