

Children's Village at Lotus Village

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THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

The Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House Women's Shelter is launching a new initiative, the *Children's Village at Lotus Village*, to develop an innovative, new resource center offering enriched educational and therapeutic supports, diverse programming, social services and a wide range of community resources for the children, youth and families of Lotus House, Overtown and surrounding neighborhoods. The Children's Village will both complement and expand the enriched holistic environment and services offered at Lotus Village for the women and children we shelter. At the same time, the enriched programming and services offered in the Children's Village will support the children, youth and families of our beloved Overtown neighborhood and surrounding area.

The pandemic has exacerbated and laid bare so many inequities, gaps and needs in our community, particularly for the children, youth and families sheltered by Lotus House and in our neighborhood and surrounds, all of whom have been deeply impacted by racial, ethnic, education, health and economic disparities and inequities. Establishing a new model for unprecedented collaboration with a deep racial equity, diversity and inclusivity lens, Lotus House will host and work closely with other Overtown based non-profits and organizations that serve children and families. We are forging new ways of working together in shared mission and service to empower and uplift children and families in need. Together we will create in the Children's Village an innovative new holistic model for service delivery, programming and resources, elevating and amplifying our collective impact in addressing disparities and inequities. In short, exemplifying that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts and together we are stronger.

The Children's Village will include a beautiful playground, an expansion of Lotus House's therapeutic Children's Services program, new educational supports, diverse programming for children and youth offered by many youth organizations, ready access to social services and space for community gatherings with like minded non-profits based in Overtown and/or historically serving the children, youth and families of Overtown and surrounding neighborhoods. In co-locating many non-profits together, the Children's Village will create a platform for unprecedented collaboration and coordination amongst agencies serving high needs children and families from Lotus House and Overtown and surrounds. Together we will end and prevent homelessness so that all children may blossom into who they are meant to be.

The special project is sponsored by Lotus Endowment Fund, Inc., via its non-profit development subsidiary Lotus Village II, LLC. The Children's Village project follows closely on the heels of another successful project sponsored by Lotus Endowment, namely Lotus Village, the state of the art, comprehensive homeless facilities operated by Lotus House. Lotus Village II has just acquired several parcels of land immediately across from Lotus Village for the development of the Children's Village and is working closely with Lotus House in the design and development of plans.

Lotus Endowment Fund is a 501c3 supporting foundation which supports Lotus House and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation, providing the capital and financial resources needed for Lotus House and its long term sustainability. The experienced “dream team” which developed Lotus Village has come together again for the Children’s Village and includes volunteer professionals of Behar Font & Partners, PA as architects, M2E Consulting Engineers, Civic Construction, Inc. as general contractor, Bilzin Sumberg for acquisition, finance and permitting, and Cole Scott & Kissane, PA for construction legal. Groundbreaking is planned for the fall of 2022 with anticipated occupancy of the new project in the Fall of 2023/Spring 2024.

For more information about how you can help bring this life changing resource for the children and youth of Lotus House and its Overtown neighborhood and surrounds, contact:

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