

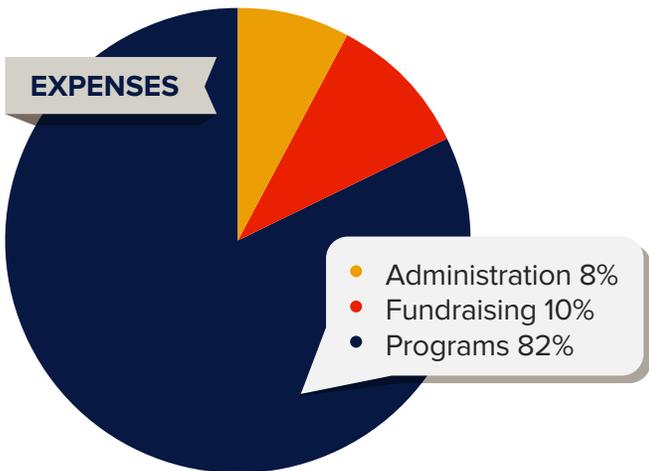


In a year of immense uncertainty due to COVID-19, we are humbled by the generosity of the individuals, foundations, businesses, and churches that ensured **Thornwell could continue to live out our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ!** Together, we can make a positive impact in the lives of the most vulnerable by offering pathways to love, hope, and healing. **Thank you!**

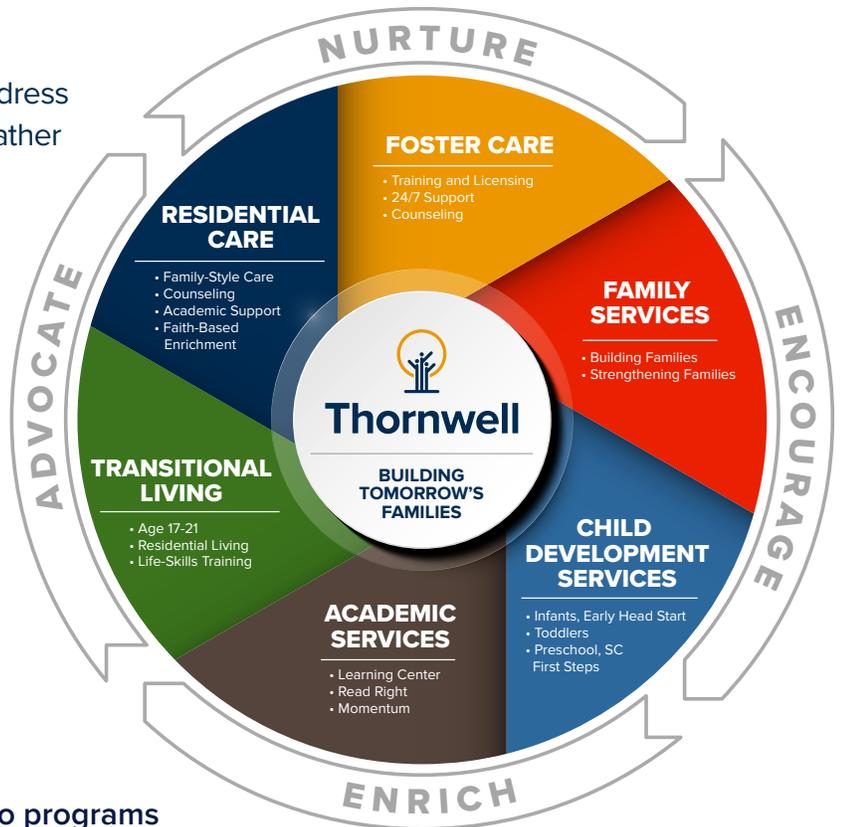


A Continuum of Care

Family changes everything in a child's life, so we address the welfare of children not as a singular event, but rather as a comprehensive, ongoing cycle of services and support – our continuum of care - designed to help children and families in need.



82% of every dollar raised or paid went directly to programs that support children and families in 2020.



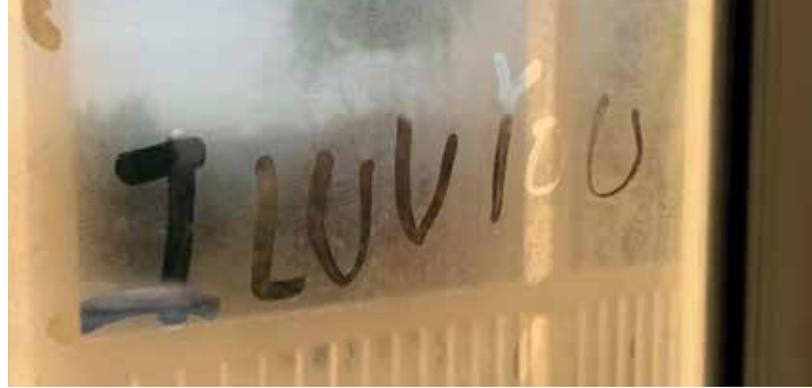
2,300+ children and families served across FL, GA, and SC



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BUILDING

Tomorrow's Families



2020

BUILDING FAMILIES

2364

children and families served with in-home therapy and parenting classes

FAMILY-LIKE RESIDENTIAL CARE

117

children in need provided safe and loving homes

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

61

children and families equipped with family skills training

TRANSITIONAL LIVING

50

young adults equipped with life skills training and advanced education support

FOSTER CARE

250

children and families served with expert care, resources, training, and community support

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING & THERAPY

1063

counseling sessions provided to children who are now closer to healing

LEARNING CENTER READ RIGHT & TUTORING

214

children equipped with essential education support

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

159

under-resourced families with children ages 6 weeks through 4K served with nurturing care and educational support

As a newly licensed foster family, the Smiths were anxious to meet their foster son. They knew 8 year-old Shawn had experienced a lot in his young life. Past trauma had left a big void that didn't make it easy for Shawn to trust anyone, let alone new people.

The Smiths knew the foster care specialists at Thornwell had prepared them well over many months of training. They also knew that they'd have 24/7 support from their specialist if Shawn had a hard time adjusting to his new environment.

On a chilly Monday in January, the Smiths welcomed Shawn into their home with loving and supportive arms. As it turns out, Shawn was quite the animal lover. The first morning after his arrival, Shawn giggled as he played with the family pet. Ms. Smith said he was genuinely giddy from all the fun he was having, and his joyful laughter was contagious. Soon, they all were doubled over with a good case of the giggles!

On day three, the morning was particularly cold and the storm door leading out to the porch had fogged up. Together, they all took turns writing on the glass with their fingers. When it was Ms. Smith's turn, she wrote Shawn's name. But Shawn had another message in mind. He stepped up to the door, tracing a very special message into the glass: "I Luv You."

The Smith family is committed to helping Shawn heal from his past trauma through loving support, in addition to access to counseling services. No matter how long Shawn will be with them, the Smiths will be a safe place for Shawn to learn healthy ways to cope and love. While the Smiths are prepared for the tough days that naturally come with being a foster family, they also know that neither they nor Shawn is alone. No matter what, their Thornwell foster specialist is just a phone call away.

Thanks to people like you, we are able to equip foster families like the Smiths with the training, tools and 24/7 support to not only provide a safe space for a child in need, but also to fill a void that allows foster children like Shawn to find peace, comfort, happiness, and the ability to learn how to trust a little more each day.



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