

# KRISTI HOUSE, Inc.

# Children's Advocacy Center

In 2019 Kristi House...

#### Healed Victims...

- Provided services to more than 1,500 child-victims and their families in every zip code of Miami-Dade County helping them to recover from sexual abuse and other childhood trauma.
- Expanded services in **Homestead** with the opening of a dedicated office, marking the sixth location for easier access to Kristi House services.
- Launched a **family engagement initiative** to ensure families get the full benefit of Kristi House services and support.
- Marked 12 years of our Project GOLD program for **sex trafficked children**, having provided services for more than 500 girls overcoming commercial sexual exploitation or at high risk.
- Tapped by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide therapy for unaccompanied and separated minors being detained in Miami.

### Expanded Our Expertise...

- Conducted yearlong learning collaborative in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral
  Therapy for our staff and 60 South Florida therapists and caseworkers from 11 agencies as
  part of our federal U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant dedicated to
  increasing capacity to treat child trauma.
- Began pilot project to introduce a **Facility Dog** at Kristi House for children overcoming trauma as part of a partnership under a **Children's Trust Innovation** grant.
- Moved to an automated, streamlined **Measurement-Based Care** electronic system to replace lengthy paper assessments and provide immediate feedback to therapists and clients.

## Shared Our Expertise...

- Added another full-time educator to staff resulting in a total of 304 education classes and training programs provided to **8,433 adults and children** in 531 hours of instruction.
- Co-authored two research articles published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at national and statewide conferences on Kristi House client outcomes and education programs, working with our research partners at UM and FIU.
- Generated 14 Spanish-language print news articles, Spanish radio and television news segments as part of **Child Safety Champions** prevention campaign supported by Florida Blue Foundation targeting southern Miami-Dade County.

#### Sustained Our Work

- Began three-year U.S. Department of Justice grant to provide young women in Project GOLD with educational support, jobs training and career planning... *Bridges to the Future*.
- Continued trend of steadily growing **private funding support** with a 31% increase in private giving over the last two years.
- Created full-time volunteer coordinator position for enhanced services to kids and families.