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MIRACLEPLACE PASCO

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Meeting parents' needs is critical, but meeting the development needs of children is imperative. The Florida Department of Education reports that there were 1,550 homeless students in Pasco County during the 2020-2021 school year.

“24-40% of homeless school-aged children have a mental health challenge—a rate 2 to 4 times higher than low-income, housed children in the same age group.”

Shimberg Center 2020 Market Study



Nearly 40% of people in Florida live in child care “desert” areas.

The cost of center-based infant care in Florida runs around \$9,018 per year.

EXTENDING EXPERT CARE FOR CHILDREN

The new Early Childhood Education Center will provide affordability, safety, education, and food security for children every day. The 10-classroom facility will serve struggling families in the larger community and resident children living on campus. The availability of affordable, quality community childcare will be transformational to the financial stability and success of families right here in Pasco County. The center will be accredited with the State and provide trauma-informed programming to help children experiencing homelessness overcome their challenges.

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TREASURE'S STORY

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“Metro has helped propel me and my children to a safe and self-sufficient life”

Treasure’s decision to come to Metropolitan Ministries for residential housing was heartbreaking. She lost her job during COVID, could not renew her lease, and her homelessness allowed her ex, who she left due to substance abuse issues, to take back their four children.

Treasure was ashamed that she had come to this place—a person who was always helping others now needed help. She desperately wanted to be able to provide a stable living environment for her children and nephew, away from the erratic life with their dad.

After being accepted into the program with her nephew initially, the stability she now had gave her the confidence to get her children back and be reunited as one family. Not only did Treasure receive training, education, support, and counseling to see her through her darkest days, but her five children received daily stable education, after school care, and tutoring.

