



Thornwell
BUILDING TOMORROW'S FAMILIES



2019

Mission Impact

Our success is measured by children and families made strong, and our impact is a testament to the strength of a community when we come together to Build Tomorrow's Families.

3,349

children and families served across FL, GA, and SC



THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE CRISIS

Every day thousands of children are experiencing abuse and neglect, homes are filled with unresolved trauma, and families are without knowledge, resources, and support to break the cycle.

We're on a mission to change that.

Thanks to friends like you, we activate our mission with a community of support to prevent child abuse and neglect, build up and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ!

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

2019 IMPACT

BUILDING FAMILIES 2364 children and families served with in-home therapy and parenting classes	FAMILY-LIKE RESIDENTIAL CARE 100 children in need provided safe and loving homes	FOSTER CARE 162 children and families served with expert care, resources, training, and community support	PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING & THERAPY 100 children provided with counseling are now closer to healing
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES 108 children and families equipped with family skills training	INDEPENDENT LIVING CLASSES 49 young adults equipped with life skills training and advanced education support	AFTER SCHOOL, MOMENTUM SUMMER CAMP, & THORNWELL LEARNING CENTER 229 children equipped with essential education support	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER 237 under-resourced families with children ages 6 weeks through 4K served with nurturing care and educational support

2019 AT A GLANCE

EXPENSES

- Administration 8%
- Fundraising 9%
- Programs 83%

INCOME

- Fees for Service 26%
- Private Funding 74%
 - 51% Contributions
 - 16% Investments
 - 4% Other
 - 3% Trust Income



YOUR GIFTS MATTER

Thornwell's mission comes to life every time a business, church, foundation, or individual contributes a gift. Together we, the staff, board, and all we serve, celebrate the generosity and kindness of our faithful donors! Thank you for helping vulnerable children and families transform hurting hearts into hopeful futures! **You are critical to this vital work!**

In 2019, 83% of funds raised directly served children and families.

Preliminary, unaudited.





PROGRAMMATIC STRATEGY

CHILDREN IN NEED OF SAFE, LOVING HOMES

There are more than 4,600 children in foster care across South Carolina, and only 2,800 foster homes. That means there are nearly 1,800 children with no place to call home. Thornwell provides safe, family-like homes to support trauma recovery and healing while their families cope with crisis. We also place children who have no relatives to care for them with loving foster families.

SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE NEEDS

Addressing the root level—the family level, to help families that aren't yet broken but are in the process of breaking, is the best way to serve children today. We offer several highly-personalized programs to teach parents important skills and coping tools that help them build a stable family and strengthen it over time.

We also help young people and teen moms on the verge of adulthood adjust to an independent life outside the foster care system, with housing, life skills training, advanced education support, and workforce preparedness resources.

EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION

Since our inception, Thornwell has provided educational services to children in need. Children at Thornwell have access to accelerated reading programs, afterschool support, and a summer learning center to address distinct learning gaps with personalized learning. You make it possible for us to provide enrichment, self-confidence, and empowerment to children through academics—a powerful key to the future and a critical element for healing!

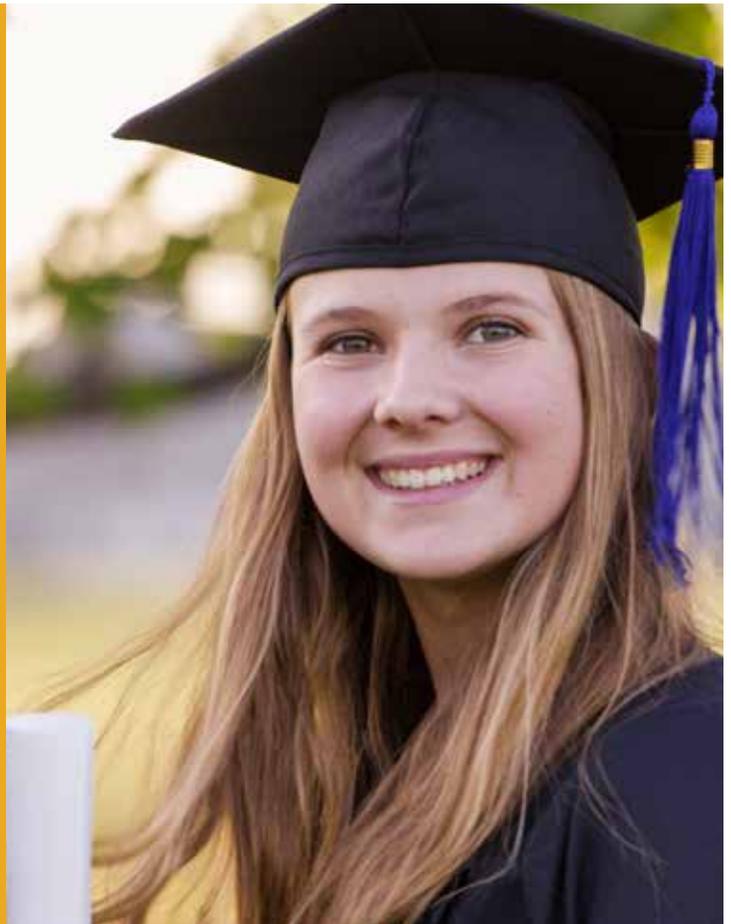
REGIONAL IMPACT

An extension of the local church, Building Families is Thornwell's ministry designed to equip, train, and empower children and families to strengthen their relationship and live their best lives together. This program carries the heart of Thornwell and its 145-year legacy across FL, GA, and SC to provide families in-home therapy, parenting classes, and community workshops led by master's level therapists.



19-year-old Jess grew up in foster care.

Despite all the odds against her, she graduated high school early, moved into our Independent Living Program, and began classes at the local technical college. She is interested in studying Criminal Justice, and she hopes to work with other teens in the Department of Juvenile Justice system and share her story. Let's celebrate Jess' story from pain to purpose!



Rebecca's Resilience

19-year-old Rebecca bounced from school to school during her time in the foster care system. She was years behind, and because of that, she had never enjoyed learning or felt that she was good enough. It was easier to just give up on high school altogether. Today, she is enrolled in a local GED program and will be our first Independent Living student to participate in the Read Right program. She is excited about her education, dedicated to learning, and taking excellent steps to be better prepared for a successful future!

The Sanchez Family

When Ms. Sanchez called Thornwell's Building Families program, she was struggling with anxiety and was unable to find mental health services in her community. Her daughter was aggressive and would fight with her sisters, and Ms. Sanchez was at a

loss. After going through Building Families, Ms. Sanchez noticed a significant difference in her daughter's behavior and in her family dynamic. She said, "It [Building Families] gave us hope for a brighter future and inspiration to keep going."

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ANTON HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS
ICAL

BLESSINGS MULTIPLIED

You wouldn't know it today, but as a small child, Mikayla endured her mother's death, father's incarceration, and the passing of a loving grandfather who cared for her. At the age of 7, she came to live at Thornwell, when no one else in her family was able to care for her.

Thanks to friends like you, Mikayla was met with loving care and a safe, family-like home. To this day, she stays in touch with the Family Teachers who raised her at Thornwell!

These same loving Family Teachers shepherded her. They took Mikayla to church and showed her what it means to follow and love God. After she endured two failed adoptions, she met her small group leader at church who would later become her forever family at the age of 18.

She fondly recalls the beach trips, lake days, bible studies, and recreational activities that made her feel "normal." It's at Thornwell, she says, that kids from hard places have a chance to be kids.

Today, she's a junior in college and a competitive collegiate cross-country runner, earning a degree in psychology to become a Christian counselor. This year she's celebrating her fourth year as a camp counselor at Thornwell's Momentum Summer Camp.

“If it weren't for
Thornwell, I
wouldn't have had
a second chance.”



Tyler's Story of Healing

When 15-year-old Tyler arrived at Thornwell, he was hurting. He lashed out because he hadn't yet learned how to recognize or handle his emotions. During his time at Thornwell, he worked through his past with a therapist and built healthy relationships with friends and the adults around him.

Slowly but surely, he learned how to express his emotions, how to accept the

decisions of those in authority, and how to communicate with kindness and respect.

Upon returning home, he realized just how much he'd grown at Thornwell—a lasting impact!

He has a new willingness to participate in regular family therapy because he's seen the difference it made in his own life. Together, he and his family are working towards healing and a healthier future.

THORNWELL BEGAN WITH A BOLD PROMISE: TO SERVE

Since 1875, we have served tens of thousands of children and families. Whether providing the safety and security of a place to call home, reuniting families after a crisis, or finding a forever family for a child who has no one to care for them, Thornwell has kept the faith with its mission of healing and hope.

We rely on your support to continue our mission forward.

Through the years, our mission has expanded into educational and family-oriented services to help prevent families from falling apart, rather than simply reacting after they do.

You make it possible for us to adapt as society changes around us, and we will continue to meet future challenges head-on, because so many depend on our success.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many, 2019 was our most impactful year yet.

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“In today’s changing child welfare landscape, the world needs visionary ministries like Thornwell to lead the way, look into the future, and provide innovative solutions to challenges facing children.

It is God’s ministry, led by faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and shepherded by faithful servants who are following a call to serve children and families.”

Mary Martin,
Thornwell Board Chair



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