



April 9, 2020

Ms. Caroline Craz
Colonial Savings Foundation
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Dear Caroline,

The Colonial Savings Foundation's recent investment at the Center for Transforming Lives was received with much gratitude. Thank you. With your investment in CTL's poverty reduction programs, you join a group of foundations deeply committed to dual-generation family services, such as safe housing, early childhood and adult education and financial stability.

Your gift was particularly encouraging as it arrived while CTL was in the initial phases of COVID-19 response. As a community "essential service," CTL's homeless shelter and child care facilities remain open to help protect homeless women and children who depend on CTL for shelter and safety. After two weeks of responding to, and meeting, our client's emergency needs, CTL is now adjusting our service model to ensure our clients continue on the path out of poverty.

As we discussed last year, CTL takes a unique, two-generation and trauma-informed approach to moving families from poverty to prosperity. Pre-COVID, CTL was integrating housing support and early childhood education with job readiness and individual financial stability. Rest assured, we will continue this dual-generation approach, but with a new service model that expands CTL's reach to those currently unserved by social service providers.

Just last year, CTL served 1,684 unduplicated individuals, benefiting 3,366. Its four Child Development Centers (and two partner locations), CTL served 392 children received full-day, year-round care and education. Nearly 70% of these children were from low-income or homeless families. Our on-site and off-site housing services provided for nearly 200 families, with 84% of Rapid Rehousing families demonstrating an increase in income stability. Clients enrolled in Financial Strengthening Services also made big strides with the average credit scores improving 52 points. These clients also increased their savings by an average of \$1,324 and increased their income an average of \$2,481.

The generous grant of \$15,000.00 was received on April 9, 2020, and enables CTL to ensure women with children struggling in poverty are able to access the dual-generation services needed to stay safe, stable and housed during the COVID outbreak and beyond.

Thank you for investing in today's children and tomorrow's community. I look forward to sharing our results with you at the conclusion of this grant term.

With gratitude,

Carol Klocek
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you
so much for
your amazing
support!*

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