You helped 17,000 children and families last year.
Thank you!
Dear Friend,

These are challenging times, but thanks to you our mission continues strong. Together we are helping thousands of children, teens, and families exit systems and achieve their aspirations of love, belonging and independence. We would not be able to do this most important work without you!

In addition to serving alongside families in their quest for independence, dignity, and safety, we are also committed to using our voice and expertise to impact issues that affect our communities directly, and indirectly impact all New Yorkers. Your support enables us to:

- **Help students who have fallen behind in their education due to the pandemic’s impact on their schools.** These former students have not reengaged in meaningful education, and many are also implicated in some of the public safety concerns identified in our neighborhoods. We cannot ignore them and we must do more to ensure that they are engaged and given every opportunity to succeed. We meet regularly with elected officials and work with our many NYC school-based programs to make sure students return to class, catch up, and do not fall through the cracks.

- **Call for change to the dated homeless shelter referral system.** New York City cares deeply for its people. We have many shelters doing extraordinary work, but the system is overwhelmed. The process to find an appropriate shelter can be incredibly hard to navigate, especially for a teenager. Addressing this can help teens obtain accurate information that gets them the help they need quickly.

- **Advocate for more meaningful and measurable progress in the affordable housing pipeline.** Where you live and where your children go to school is lifechanging for all of us. As we have seen with our Harlem Building and The Eliza in Manhattan, it takes 3-5 years to develop a building with the safety, beauty, and affordability that New Yorkers deserve. Our young people ought to have integrated housing. No more unsafe living spaces in high-crime neighborhoods with mediocre schools and poor access to transportation! We continue to prove that better options can be developed.

We are honored to serve young people and their families every single day and are proud that our voice is changing the discussion and driving meaningful change for our youth, families, and staff. If more of these changes are enacted system-wide, we will have an opportunity to fundamentally change the solutions available to future generations. Thank you for making this most important work possible!

Sincerely,

Jamie Marley
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LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR AND PRESIDENT
WE BELIEVE THAT:

- All people deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Families belong together whenever possible.
- We should celebrate diversity and its power to enrich us all.
- The presence of at least one caring, committed adult is a non-negotiable requirement for a child’s success.
- Housing should be safe, beautiful, and affordable.
- A high-quality education empowers children to create a brighter future.
- Trusting our youth and families to guide our work is critical.

We work to keep children safe and families together.

THE VILLAGE IN ACTION

Your support allows us to work with youth and their families in a variety of ways.

Short-term Residential Supports include treatment and family reunification for teens experiencing behavioral and psychiatric crisis, homes for expectant mothers and babies, and family reunification for unaccompanied migrant children.

Prevention and Aftercare Services include our hallmark WAY aftercare program, mentoring initiatives for young people and families, and in-home counseling services that help keep families together.

We Strengthen Families and Communities through in-school supports, community centers, homes and services for young parents, family finding and reunification, foster care and adoption, emergency shelters for teens, and building housing that is safe, affordable, and beautiful.
I struggled a lot growing up. My father wasn’t around, and that put a lot of stress on my family. I ended up spending time away from them in residential care, but when I was discharged I still needed help to make sure my mom and I could get along. The STEP Aftercare Program worked with both of us to build skills that we could use to process our emotions in a healthy way, and now we’re closer than ever. Our favorite skill to talk about together is radical acceptance. My family and all families experience pain, but how my mom and I choose to deal with that is what’s important. We accept that things haven’t been perfect, but we are learning the skills we need to keep making things better and we’re having fun along the way!

-Misael

99% of youth in our STEP Aftercare program attend school and live with family.

100% of youth in our Preventive Services program are in school and/or employed and have no criminal behaviors.
I’ve always loved learning, and at CV I feel like I’ve been able to explore my passions and thrive. You can usually find me reading a good book, coding in the Technology Hub, or solving a Rubik’s Cube (I just beat my record of 15 seconds!). Thanks to my mom advocating for me, you can even find me taking the daily walk down to Dobbs Ferry High School where I’m a student and on the track team. In August I joined the Battle of the Books Tournament, leading the Dobbs Ferry team all the way to second place. I had to miss the final because CV took us on a once in a lifetime trip along the original route of the Freedom Rides on its 60th anniversary, but if I was there I’m sure we would have won! While I’m at CV, I want to continue doing what I love and learn as much as possible. I have a great opportunity here and want to make the most of it.

-Josiah
Our city cannot and should not have to weather yet another storm in the form of senseless gun violence. Families should not have to live in fear of losing their young people when they step outside their doors. All of us deserve safe streets. That’s why we were thrilled to partner with the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office for Operation Street Peace, a program designed to improve public safety by engaging youth in meaningful conversations, learning, and community-based activities that keep them in school, off the streets, and connected to those who love them – family! I’m inspired by the growth and openness our students are already showing and look forward to seeing them positively impacting their communities.

-Ed Reyes
Director of Family Initiatives

OPERATION STREET PEACE IS EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

young people benefitted from our programs in NYC schools, including individual and group counseling, Making Proud Choices, and crisis services.

100% of teens in our afterschool programs met their enrollment targets.
Being a new father isn’t easy! It was hard to adjust and know what my place was in the family. There was so much stigma around getting support too, but I knew that I needed help to make my family stronger and be a good role model for my son. Thankfully I found the Fatherhood Initiative at CV and have gone to every single session since I joined. I met other dads who were going through similar struggles and that helped me feel less alone. Some of the things we learned about working through underlying emotional issues and finding new parenting strategies literally changed my relationship with my family and we are in an amazing place. I cannot thank the fatherhood program enough for where I am today.

-Mr. Sabala

MR. SABALA IS BECOMING A ROLE MODEL FOR HIS SON

96% of families served by our community teams avoided separation.

95% of young people in our crisis intervention programs prevented hospitalization.
Operating Expenses:

- Programs: $108,618,500
- Management & General: $14,784,300
- Fundraising: $414,100

Total Operating Expenses: $123,816,900

Depreciation & Amortization: $4,257,800

88% of funds go directly to programs.

While most of our funds come from government contracts and grants, your support is often what allows us to operate and expand programs that would not exist without you, making a real difference in the lives of children and families.
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