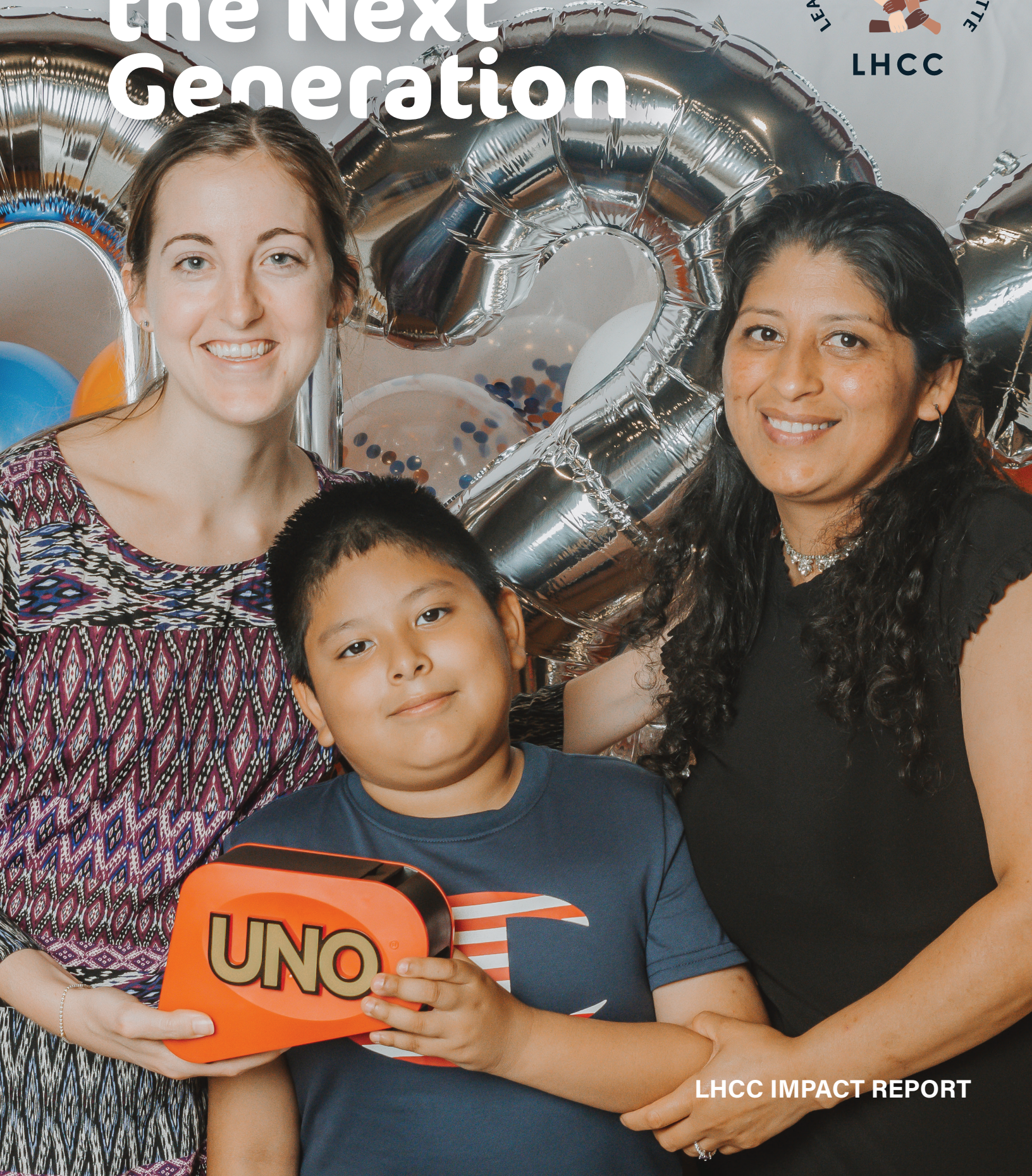


Empowering the Next Generation



Empowering DREAMS, thanks to you!

I am honored to have recently celebrated my 10th anniversary with LHCC. Over the past decade, we have accomplished much together, and it's all for the sake of making Jesus' name known! We've helped thousands of people in need and, in my humble opinion, made a real difference in our underserved Charlotte community. The support of our board of directors, staff, volunteers, community partners, and donors means the world to us.

A few notable anecdotes from our 10+ years of ministry include:

- » **More connected families:** We began inviting parents to bring their children to our program when we switched from apartment ministry to neighborhood church facility ministry. In the midst of building relationships with parents, we've helped many single, underemployed mothers find work.
- » **More educational support:** We continue to support family education initiatives that are the heart of our ministry—helping hundreds of students stay on track with their reading grade level, graduate high school, and find college and employment opportunities.
- » **More advocacy and justice:** Our volunteer and staff advocates have assisted many parents so they can effectively engage with teachers and principals on behalf of their children's educational needs. Our team has also stepped in to provide legal advice, counsel, and benevolence to support victimized families.

As we dream ahead at LHCC, we have big plans, and I'm confident that with your continued support, we can achieve even greater things as the Lord leads us toward accomplishing His goals. More than we could ask or imagine! My desire is to see continued growth in our kinship relationships and for the families we serve to sense the love of God demonstrated by our actions.

While ministry is not for the timid or fearful, I never could have imagined the countless adventures, blessings, and incredible families I would encounter on this journey. I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for LHCC over the next 10 years!

To God be the glory,

Brent Morris,
Executive Director

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is love.
—1 Corinthians 13:13*



"LHCC is my favorite place. I feel safe and surrounded by marvelous human beings. It is like a home that has compassion for families, regardless of language, race, or culture. I love LHCC!"—Ivonne, a parent in the program

Empowering NEIGHBORS

Our mission is to provide scholastic, spiritual, and social support to equip and empower our underserved neighbors.

Our vision is to see the transformation of lives and strengthening of communities only made possible through the provision of holistic programs to the families we serve.

Empowering CONNECTIONS

We serve the entire family

Programs are created with the whole family in mind, to inspire, equip, and transform.

We focus on quality over quantity

It's important for us to go deep relationally with families versus serving as many people as possible.

We stick to our values

Living out our values of faith, hope, and love is top of mind for our organization.



Empowering GROWTH

Our Programs

We focus on three critical areas inspired by our mission: scholastic, spiritual, and social support. No matter the service area, we're intentionally relationship-oriented and passionate about connecting with the families we serve. That's our commitment to our community.



Empowering CHANGE

In today's society, underserved people in the community are often overlooked. They face challenging barriers on a day-to-day basis, including language, culture, and inclusion. Over 90% of the families LHCC serves are Hispanic, with predominantly Spanish-speaking parents and English-speaking children. Although this could be seen as a potential challenge, we actually see it as a great opportunity. Because at LHCC, we believe that language should not be a barrier and that **all families deserve dignity**.

SCHOLASTIC

After-school support

We offer 1:1 tutoring, literacy enrichment, homework help, and reading support for children in Kindergarten and beyond.

Extracurricular programs

Through wonderful partnerships, we help facilitate Girl Scouts, STEM, sports, and more.

SOCIAL

Family stabilization

For our parents, we provide career support, translation services, financial literacy, mental health services, exercise classes, health assessments, and much more!

Community events

Events include camping trips, holiday potlucks, 5K community runs, swimming, and nutrition sessions, to name a few.

SPIRITUAL

Spiritual and family enrichment

We engage families and children in devotionals to help others learn and grow in their personal walks with Jesus.

Summer camps

Our camps cover all three aspects of our mission through a strategic combination of impactful learning, faith-based character development, leadership devotionals and prayer, and plenty of reading, fun, and fellowship!

The Needs We're Meeting

ACCESSIBILITY: We're committed to providing resources and programs that would otherwise be too difficult to find and too costly to implement because we want to see more families flourish.

SECURITY: Parents in our program are looking for a safe refuge, where they feel comfortable enough to bring their families for programming—bringing a sense of renewed hope and security in nutrition, housing, and community safety.

ADVOCACY: Our families need English-speaking advocates on their behalf in an English-based educational and workforce system. Since they already deal with extra hurdles and barriers to entry in their lives, it's critical these families have advocates in their corner to help.

Why This Matters

We consistently serve approximately 30-35 families in need within the community as we believe that's what God has called us to do. We want to equip families with the right tools and resources to build stronger communities because we care about each person's well-being and growth. And, we're just as passionate about seeing their entire community thrive.

Together, we have the power to uplift lives and foster resilient communities in and around the South Boulevard corridor.



The Impact We're Making

Our village of volunteers, partners, and donors shares a common goal of showing love, compassion, and kindness to our families. In times of crisis, or even in the ordinary rhythms of the day-to-day, our community unites and goes the extra mile to fulfill the needs of others. Over the years, we've seen incredible growth that has propelled our programs forward and allowed us to dive deeper with the families we serve.

10 Years of Impact...

In 2022, we celebrated 10 years of ministry! We saw growth in our team, participants, volunteers, and partners. *Here were a few of the highlights from last year:*

80+

supporters attended our Kinship Kitchen lunches

60+

kids participated in our weekly tutoring/mentoring program

50+

elementary through high school students attended summer camp and day camp

30+

moms participated in weekly family programming

25+

parents were involved in the LHCC Fit Project, where they learned how to create healthy life habits

...and many more to go!

Powerful Partnerships

12+ COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our partners include churches, nonprofits, and corporations that recognize and contribute to the good work we're doing. Their involvement transcends mere transactions, creating a transformational impact in the lives of those we serve.

"I'm delighted that our organizations are finding our relationship symbiotic. You inspire us to go deep, build relationships, and focus on the values we hold most dear. Hopefully our resources can support offerings that enhance your work. Thank you for your partnership."—Kelly Rogers, ED Harris YMCA

Vital Volunteers

55+ VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are crucial to our work—we couldn't do what we do without them. The majority are tutors or mentors for the kids in our programs who have a passion for building long-lasting relationships with the kids and their families.

"Volunteering at LHCC for the past 6 years has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. It has been incredible watching Jean grow from a young, playful little boy, into the intelligent, forward-thinking, and caring TEENAGER he is today! I have also had the pleasure of working with Ariana over the years—she is fun, kind, creative, and incredibly intelligent. They are both going places!"—Stephanie Abdo, Volunteer

Dedicated Donors

60+ DONORS

We are so grateful for the generosity of donors. They're an integral part of our vision to build stronger communities and transform lives.

"I was brought to LHCC by a call from God to work with disadvantaged students. I financially support the organization because I see a great return on the investment of my time and treasure, all for God's glory."—Dick Osman, Chairman of the LHCC Board and Volunteer



Family Spotlight

The García-Lopez Family

Building deep relationships is one of the most important aspects of our ministry, as well as one of the most fulfilling. We are committed to supporting our neighbors in need by offering quality programs—providing a hand-up, not a handout. It's been a joy and privilege to serve people in our community—*people like the García-Lopez family.*

María Lopez and her three daughters, Jessica, Daniela, and Andrea, have been involved with LHCC for four years. Jessica has served as an LHCC volunteer, tutoring kids and assisting with the FIT/Healthy Living Project by conducting health assessments and taking the vitals of parents. She's now a recent alum of Queens University with degrees in Biology and Spanish. Daniela, the middle daughter, will be attending UNC-Greensboro in the fall, pursuing information technology, cyber security, and supply chain management. She is a recipient of the 'Seeds of Hope Scholarship,' given by one of our generous partners. Last but certainly not least is 7th-grader Andrea. She's been blessed by the transformation she's experienced through the program saying,

"LHCC has not only helped me with school, but they've helped me find my forever friends. All of my tutors have been extremely friendly and I've gained self-confidence over the years. Most importantly, I've learned a lot about God and what it means to grow in my relationship with Him."

—Andrea García



How You Can Help

Our work wouldn't be possible without our incredible volunteers, donors, and partners. After all, it takes a village! Here's how you can help:

Pray for our families and programs.

Volunteer your time with our scholastic, spiritual, or social programs.

Share our mission with your networks—bring a friend to experience LHCC and connect with us on social!

Partner with us as an organization to create positive synergy, serving and empowering underserved neighbors together.

Donate to directly impact those in need.



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