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Empowering Children, Families
& Community Since 1896

Friends & Supporters,

As the agency eagerly launches into the New Year, we find ourselves reflecting on our immense gratitude for supporters like you who are the backbone of our mission. Your generosity and commitment continue to fuel our efforts in advocating for and educating children, strengthening families, and building a healthy and thriving community!

In 2023, your support enabled us to achieve significant milestones, from providing high quality programs and services to more than 8,000 underserved children and families to implementing initiatives that empowered families to achieve success.

Thanks to you:

- *Clover Academy* is now the 2nd largest Head Start grantee in Louisiana, positively impact more than 2,000 young children and their families daily, working closely with our 10 partner providers in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.
- *Clover Cares* Adult Day Care has enrolled more than 100 medically fragile adults, seniors and veterans (our largest enrollment ever). We also have more than two dozen veterans in the program and are the only Adult Day Care in the GNO area that contracts directly with the VA for this vital service to area veterans in need.
- *Clover Connections* workforce development helped hundreds of parents, caregivers and other community residents obtain valuable entry-level and advanced certifications, from which they transitioned into well-compensated, career-focused jobs.

With your help, we also continued to work closely with key community partners toward major policy and advocacy achievements, including:

- Establishment of the *Community Options Waiver Fund*, which was unanimously passed by the Louisiana House and Senate and signed into law by Governor Edwards. The Waiver Fund now provides a dedicated funding stream for vital community-based and in-home services for our state's most vulnerable seniors and adults.

- The Legislature committed \$50 million in new funding for the Child Care Assistance Program, the largest infusion of additional funding for early learning in Louisiana since 2010.
- Working closely with Agenda for Children and the New Orleans Early Education Network, we helped formulate and execute the implementation plan for the more than \$21 million in funding from the new Early Childhood Millage. This local investment was matched 100% by the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund, resulting in a total early education investment in New Orleans of \$42 million (\$39 million more than the previous all-time high for City Seats funding). This has enabled access to comprehensive, high quality early learning for more than 1,700 Orleans Parish infants and toddlers. By dollar amount, this is the 14th largest local investment in early care and education in the country and the fourth largest relative to population size.

In 2024, our vision remains steadfast – to continue the vital work that has become synonymous with hope, compassion, and positive, systemic change.

Once again, thank you for being an integral part of Clover’s mission to educate children, strengthen families and build community. Together, we will make 2024 a year of transformation, empowerment and achievement for those who need it most.

Sincerely,



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