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Impact Report

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FY2026 IMPACT REPORT



A Letter From the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Champions of Children,

As I reflect on this past year, your generosity and commitment are what carried us through. This was a year that tested us: shifting funder priorities, cuts to school budgets, changing legislative requirements, and an increasingly unstable world.

Yet, through every obstacle, ChildBuilders persevered. We were able to increase our programmatic reach by **29%** over the prior year, raising the number of children, parents, and educators we served from **48,797 to 63,023** this year. I am proud to be a part of this small but mighty team.

None of this is possible without your investment. We are thankful to the individuals, foundations, organizations, and partners who turn belief into action. I am equally grateful to our dedicated board members and staff, whose extraordinary commitment multiplies the impact you make possible.

Looking ahead, we are energized by our Five-Year Strategic Plan to reach **70,000** students annually by 2030. With your continued support, we are expanding into new districts, deepening our community partnerships, and finding innovative ways to reach children and families.

Thank you for being part of ChildBuilders' story. Together, we are raising a generation of children who are Respected. Nurtured. Protected.

With gratitude,

Amanda Siroosian, MPH
Executive Director

CHILDBUILDERS' PROGRAMS



ChildBuilders' programs are central to our mission, providing children, parents, and educators with critical skills to promote safety, build resilience, and support healthy relationships. Our research-informed programs empower individuals to create nurturing environments where all children can grow and thrive.

Stand Strong • Stay Safe Safety Education Program



Stand Strong • Stay Safe, ChildBuilders' personal safety education program, teaches children in PreK through 5th grade essential safety skills, including assertiveness, emotional regulation, empathy, and conflict resolution to help them stay safe from abuse and violence.



Teachers at Gulf Coast Community Services Association participate in Build to Nurture training

Build to Nurture Social and Emotional Learning Program



Build to Nurture is a comprehensive social and emotional learning curriculum for children in PreK through 1st grade. It equips them with skills to become caring, nurturing members of their families and communities, while also improving classroom climate and fostering connection.



Counselors at Galena Park ISD were trained in Stand Strong • Stay Safe

Parents Under Construction Preparing the Next Generation of Parents



Parents Under Construction enhances teens' and young adults' awareness of how parenting influences children's mental health. The program builds the parenting skills young people will need in the future, increases students' social and emotional skills, and can help prevent abuse and mental health challenges before they occur.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS





Partners from Amigos Por Vida - Friends For Life

Outreach at a Glance

This year, ChildBuilders reached 63,023 individuals, a 29% increase over the previous year, making this the strongest year of outreach in our organization's recent history. We delivered 43 trainings and outreach sessions, equipping 737 educators and community partners with the tools to protect children and strengthen families throughout Greater Houston. We served 266 parents through customized workshops, flexible scheduling, and a new short-format parent gathering series. We also published 18 new podcast episodes featuring local experts on mental health and child wellbeing, reaching 378 individuals.

Partnerships

Our reach was made possible through collaborations with more than 20 partner organizations, including 11 independent school districts. This year, we deepened our long-standing relationships with every returning district partner while building new, meaningful partnerships with Galveston ISD and Alief ISD. The administrators, counselors, and teachers who champion our mission within their school communities are the reason ChildBuilders' programs reach so many children across Greater Houston.



Stand Strong • Stay Safe training for BakerRipley educators

Program Innovation

This year, ChildBuilders reached a significant milestone: the comprehensive update of our Stand Strong • Stay Safe Upper Elementary program. Guided by curriculum consultants and school counselors from across the Houston area, we gathered real-world feedback and refined our program content to reflect current best practices in child safety education.



Teachers at Amigos Por Vida - Friends for Life received training in Build to Nurture

PROGRAM IMPACT



62,014
CHILDREN & TEENS

1,009
PARENTS & EDUCATORS

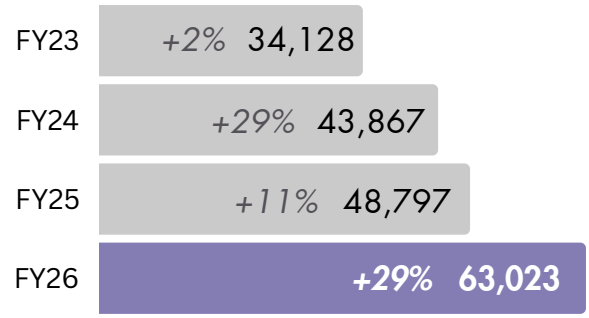
162
PRESENTING SCHOOLS

20
DISTRICTS & ORGANIZATIONS

In 52 years of service, ChildBuilders has achieved over

1,000,000
YOUTH SERVED

EXPANDING REACH OVER TIME



Number of children and adults served

WHERE BENEFICIARIES WERE REACHED

ORGANIZATIONS

- BakerRipley Head Start
- Beth Yeshurun Congregation
- Gulf Coast Community Services Association Head Start
- Pasadena Library

PRIVATE & CHARTER

- Amigos Por Vida Charter School
- The Awty International School
- Big Little School
- The Brook Hill School
- Moody Early Childhood Center

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Aldine
- Alief
- Alvin
- Fort Bend
- Galena Park
- Galveston
- Klein
- Pasadena
- Pearland
- Santa Fe
- Spring Branch

PROGRAM IMPACT



49% OF STUDENTS APPLIED A TAUGHT SKILL IN THEIR OWN LIFE

77% OF EDUCATORS OBSERVED A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR STUDENTS

78% OF 5TH GRADERS DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN ASSERTIVENESS, CONSENT, AWARENESS, AND BODY SAFETY

STORIES OF YOUR SUPPORT CHANGING LIVES

A Positive Culture Shift "Students use the Stop, Breathe, Think strategy. Students talk about aggressive vs. assertive responses and also use the word 'boundaries' when another student crosses them. When we have situations involving private parts, the counselor and administrators use the language provided by this program. I really like this program — I think it's impactful for our students."

Respectful and Focused Learning Environments "The students became more empathetic, respectful, and supportive, especially during group activities and conflict resolution moments. The lessons on emotional regulation and assertive communication helped students express themselves more clearly and calmly, which significantly reduced classroom disruptions."

Children Speak Up "A student who I trained last year and continued to support this year was able to use her skills from Stand Strong • Stay Safe to get help when inappropriate touching was happening."

Assertiveness Contributes to Schoolwide Safety "Assertiveness is now a school-wide term on my campus. My Assistant Principal has told me it has been very helpful when solving issues between students, [who already] had this prior knowledge."



Safer Relationships Outside School "Many parents say their students use 'Stop, I don't like it when…' at home. They use their assertive voice with siblings. Parents report little ones even saying those words to them. Students are understanding and setting boundaries in their friendships."

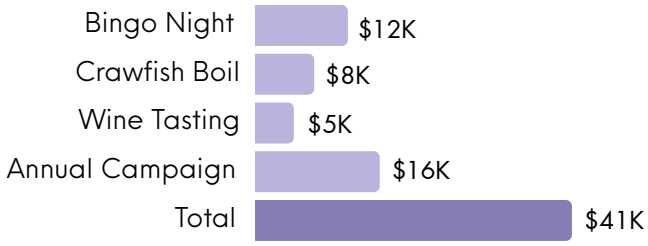
FINANCIAL OUTCOMES



FUNDRAISING

SOURCE		REVENUE
Individuals	$	76, 015
Companies	$	42,545
Foundations	$	170,067
Organizations	$	29,069
Program & Training Fees	$	1,415
Other Income	$	14,871
Total	$	333,889

EVENTS & CAMPAIGN REVENUE



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Our mission is to promote mental health and prevent abuse by empowering children, parents, and teachers with assertiveness skills, emotional control, empathy, resilience, and the ability to resolve conflict non-violently.



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