

# At Last

THE LANDMARK CENTER  
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



THE CAMPAIGN  
*Fork Kids*





# Opening the doors

It is glorious. Still incomplete, but glorious! As we walk through the unfinished hallways, stepping around painters, electricians, carpenters, and plumbers, we can clearly see what the Landmark Center for Children and Families will soon be.

Our Center will be an oasis. Welcoming and filled with light, the 64,000 square foot Center is designed to lift the spirits and expand the possibilities of our families, our volunteers, our frontline staff, and the community of South Norfolk. Serene counseling rooms overlook children's play areas; a rooftop garden will be a green sanctuary for families to gather, play, and grow vegetables. Our education center will include "makerspaces" where our children can learn, create, and innovate using state-of-the-art-tools.

Our Center will be a regional resource. When it opens this spring, the Landmark Center will connect more than 85,000 individuals to services. And what a time to open the doors! As the pandemic continues, it especially ravages impoverished communities. Our work to end the cycle of poverty and homelessness has never been more urgent. The Center will more than triple the number of beds currently available at our emergency shelter. More importantly, the facility will serve as a trauma-informed, efficient, and inviting space where children and families from all across Hampton Roads can take their first steps on their path out of poverty.

There is still more work to do. We must raise \$900,000 to complete our \$25 million capital campaign, and there are seemingly endless details to tackle to make our Center a welcoming respite for our most vulnerable neighbors. But, thanks to all of you, **we are almost home.**

*With gratitude,*  
Thaler McCormick  
ForKids CEO

Marie Finch  
Chair, The Campaign ForKids

***"I can't wait!"***  
*Dannie ~Beyond the Bell student*

## Big Changes

135-bed Family Shelter will more than **triple ForKids current bed capacity**

Expanded 24-seat Housing Crisis Hotline, which will **double our current call response capacity**

A transformed Education Center will have the capacity to **tutor up to 120 children** in creative learning spaces

A state-of-the-art commercial kitchen will serve more than **150 meals nightly** and serve as a classroom for teaching families about nutrition

The Landmark Center will **connect more than 85,000 individuals** annually to services when it opens in 2021



## What's Next?

**Early March 2021:** Secure Occupancy Permit

**Late March:** Staff from five ForKids service sites move in

**April 2021:** Shelter Families move in

**Fall 2021:** Dedication & Community Celebration





# Save the Date

## The Landmark Center for Children and Families Dedication & Community Celebration

September 12, 2021

1001 Poindexter Street, Chesapeake, VA

**Stay tuned for an invitation with all of the details!**

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