



The Birdsong Café – A full-time chef prepares meals in the full-service kitchen with fresh fruits and vegetables from the rooftop garden. A café style dining area provides a welcoming space for family in shelter and children in afterschool programming to enjoy nutritious meals. The kitchen is also equipped with a teaching island for cooking classes for ForKids families.

The Batten Learning Hub – The 5-classroom education center has the capacity to tutor 120 children nightly in creative learning spaces, including STEM and Art Makerspaces.

The Brock Roof Garden – A joyful space for families to gather outside of shelter rooms, parents can sit beneath windsails and children can play on a soft playground. Chesapeake Master Gardeners, Healthy Chesapeake, and the Dept. of Forestry partnered with ForKids to plant over 400 herb, veggie, and fruit seeds in planters on the roof to promote healthy eating in the Birdsong Cafe and provide a plethora of educational programs.

ForKids Corporate and Service Headquarters – 60,000 sq.ft. (plus 4,000 sq.ft. roof garden) building. The Landmark Center will connect more than 85,000 individuals across 14 cities and counties in Southeastern Virginia annually to services and become a catalyst for community development in the historic community of South Norfolk in Chesapeake. ForKids is particularly grateful for the support of the surrounding community and the City of Chesapeake.

Trauma-informed design – With over 150 windows, live plants, natural wood, a soft paint palette, and 263+ works of art, the trauma-informed building creates a calm and welcoming environment for families and staff alike.

Donation Management Room – The comfortable, temperature-controlled space is a colossal upgrade for staff and volunteers to organize the hundreds of household goods, clothing, and canned food ForKids receives annually.

The Einhorn Call Center – The Landmark Center also houses a 24-seat call center for the Housing Crisis Hotline serving 14 cities and counties in Southeastern Virginia. Responding to more than 60,000 calls annually, our Hotline team now has a light-filled space with large screen active call boards to monitor call volume and service levels.

The McCormick Research & Advocacy Center – Home to the new and evolving Research & Advocacy team, the Center is a critical component in the work to paint the face of homelessness for the community. A warehouse of critical data on individuals collected through our Housing Crisis Hotline will be used to report to local cities and counties and inform public policy.

Sokol Place – 135-bed family emergency overnight shelter more than triples ForKids past bed capacity and provides much needed flexibility to accommodate large families. Family living spaces include a small dining table and a kitchenette with a sink, microwave, a mini-fridge and separate sleeping areas to humanely and comfortably house families during a stressful time.

TowneBank Plaza and Lost and Found micro park – Trees, banners of children's artwork, café tables and bench seating create a happy space for ForKids staff, families, and the community to gather.



Having a safe place to live gives families a chance to recover and regroup while they develop a plan for long-term housing and family stability. In May 2021, families moved from Haven House, ForKids' emergency shelter since 1988, to Sokol Place. One mom, who had been living in her car and bunking with friends before coming into shelter, said, "This place makes me feel human." The Landmark Center will connect more than 85,000 individuals annually to services and be the nexus of ForKids' work to create solutions for poverty and homelessness.





ForKids is one of the largest year-round providers of homeless services for families in Virginia. We provide housing solutions, education and critical services to thousands of individuals each year.

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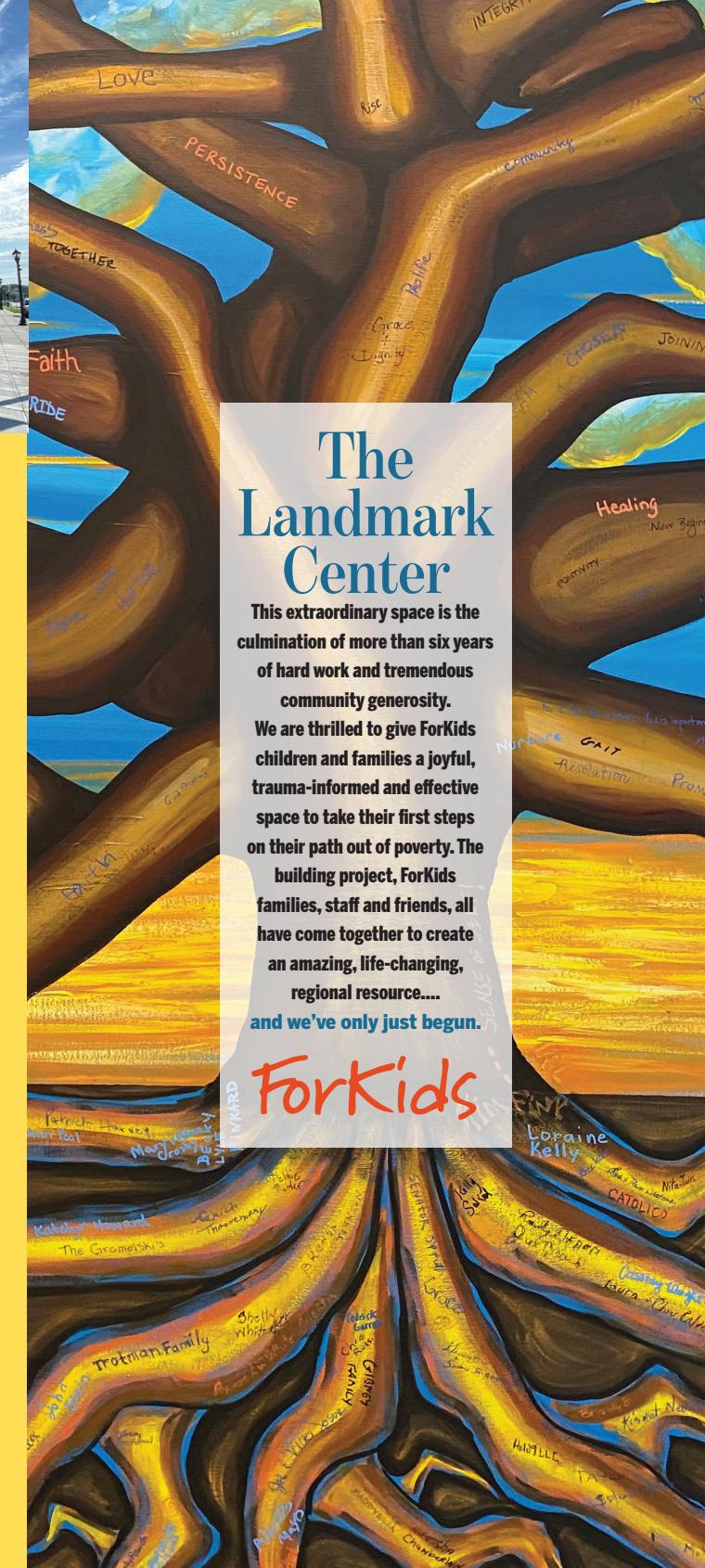
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At the groundbreaking ceremony for The Landmark Center in 2019, guests were asked to write their name in the roots of the tree and their one-word aspiration for our families in the branches.

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This extraordinary space is the culmination of more than six years of hard work and tremendous community generosity. We are thrilled to give ForKids children and families a joyful, trauma-informed and effective space to take their first steps on their path out of poverty. The building project, ForKids families, staff and friends, all have come together to create an amazing, life-changing, regional resource.... and we've only just begun.

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