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PROGRAM OVERVIEW	Stride - Crisis Assistance & Mentoring A mentoring program that accompanies people in crisis to overcome their barriers to health and economic stability.			
OUR THEORY	To accompany people in crisis well, we first must stand in awe of their gifts and resilience. This enables us to nurture tender and mutually vulnerable relationships. As people have a deepened sense of hope and purpose, their motivation increases to accomplish their goals, and overcome their barriers to long-term health and economic stability.			
WHAT WE KNOW	 Adults surviving the stress of urban poverty are more likely to develop trauma-related symptoms that impact their functioning, health, and well-being.¹ (People in poverty are often overwhelmed or deterred by navigable barriers because they lack basic support systems) 		 Roughly half to three quarters of those who shop at our center spend 50-70% of their monthly income on rent.² 30% of Americans earn less than \$13 per hour. Roughly two thirds of the able-bodied adults we serve are working and their average monthly income is around \$1300 per month.³ 	
WHAT WE DO	Our Stride Program Prioritizes			
ABOUT IT	 Innovative Mentor Training Provide ongoing "relationship focused" mentor training and team- building support Integrate successful care techniques that are change-focused and trauma-informed Accompany those in crisis to our community training and meal events Improve social support and sense of community belonging Increase short term stability in housing, employment, and health 	Strong Partners Feature comp 	es through our ce resource ole to long and stability ducation, ancial, nd home rtnerships ent hope, acy ollaboration source	 Relentless Follow-Through Health and financial goal setting assessments Multiple weekly check-ins using CRM software to track progress Compassionate, long term, "no matter what" second chances Increase long term stability through educational training, wage increases, finance management, or therapeutic counseling
IT WORKS	 In 2020, the Kinship Community Food Center Achieved a 73% crisis assistance referral rate through our strong network of partners Prevented eviction and/or homelessness for 47 families through direct assistance and referrals Stabilized 124 families through employment assistance, transportation assistance, prevention of utility disconnection, and/or obtaining needed household goods (appliances, furniture and other necessities) 		 Each year we increase: Participation in rental and home ownership education, workforce training, financial wellness, behavioral health/ therapeutic care, case management, and life skills and/ or educational training Involvement in our meal and farm wellness programming" 	
THE BIGGER CHANGE	We will deepen our capacity, to help community members access resources and achieve greater health and stability. There will be a growing network of direct service mentors personally being transformed as accompany people in crisis to thrive.			
SOURCES	¹ Breslau, Chilcoat, Kessler, Peterson, & Lucia, 1999; Cooper-Patrick et al., 1999; Kessler et al., 1999 ² Desmond, Evicted, 2016 ³ https://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/most-working-age-snap-participants-work-but-often-in-unstable-jobs			