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WE MAKE  
**A GREATER**  
DIFFERENCE



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**Victor**  
for **l**outh

NON-PROFIT 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION



***Our Mission: To bring hope to people of all ages that are in distress, crisis, abandoned, neglected or abused. We do this by providing food, clothing, essential supplies, employment services, resources, emotional and spiritual support.***

The Victory for Youth (VFY) 501c3, established in 1998 organization / Share Your Heart (SYH) program recruits, trains, and screens caring adults who desire to serve their community in meaningful ways as a volunteer chaplain. The SYH program partners with state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations to respond to referrals for children, families, and vulnerable adults who have been identified as in crisis or distress (e.g., in need of food or clothing, have suffered loss of a family member, have been exposed to violence and/or trauma). Through the SYH App and website, partnering agencies and organizations can submit a referral for service that will be confirmed and forwarded to SYH volunteer chaplains within the zip code of the person(s) in need.

The responding SYH volunteer chaplain will pick-up goods (e.g., food, clothing) from designated locations within the county, conduct an in-person visit to provide the goods and services (e.g., emotional and spiritual support) identified in the referral, and identify any additional needs. After the in-person visit, the SYH Volunteer Chaplain will submit a summary through the SYH App and maintain connection with the person(s) in need for at least 90 days. This connection focuses on promoting stability, building protective factors, identifying community resources, facilitating connections to faith institutions, and preventing future contact/involvement with state and local child welfare, juvenile and criminal justice systems.

The SYH program is headquartered in Miami and is currently operating in Miami-Dade, Broward, WPB, Monroe, Lee, Collier, Leon, Santa Rosa, Escambia and Orange Counties. Each operation starts with the regional Department of Children and Families (DCF) office to support child and adult protective investigators in responding to the needs of the person(s) coming to their attention. Once established, additional partnerships are made (i.e., early learning coalitions, school districts, health departments, local governments) to build capacity in front-end prevention services and support.

**The Share Your Heart (SYH) program receives referrals from the following state and local agencies with Memorandum of Understanding:**



The Florida Department of Children and Families, Southern Region, coordinates support services with Victory for Youth / Share Your Heart Program to serve children and families who are subject of investigations of abuse, neglect or abandonment, elderly investigations of abuse, neglect, exploitation or self-neglect, and families receiving Economic Self-Sufficiency Services (Access). In 2020 - 2021, through the referral process we served 267 children 487adults and 403 referrals .

Dade County Coordinated Victims Assistance Center Prevention and Intervention Department coordinates support services with the Victory for Youth / Share your Heart program to provide the first 72 hours of emergency food, clothing, emotional and spiritual support. We serve an average of 105 women and men monthly who are victims of domestic violence. Our in-house boutique provides free food, clothing, diapers, baby supplies, toys and personal hygiene items to the victims. **Your donations are greatly appreciated.** We currently serve 12 Miami-Dade Community Resource Centers. During Covid-19, in 2020-2021, 957 referrals 1069 adults 1088 children we served 155,700 households with food and services.



Miami-Dade County School Board and the Miami-Dade County School Police Department (School Police) has implemented the Share Your Heart (SYH) program across all elementary, middle and high schools in the district. The focus of this partnership is to offer support to students, and their families who are identified as in crisis or distress, by providing food, clothing, essential supplies, emotional and spiritual support. Victory for Youth/ Share Your Heart program also facilitates connections to other community services based on the needs of the student/family to increase family stability and promote each student's ability to be ready to learn. School personnel may also receive support from the SYH program through the referral process. In 2020 - 2021 we served 146 referrals 196 children and 218 adults.



Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney, Elected Officials coordinates support services through the Victory for Youth/Share Your Heart Program to crime victims, witnesses and family members involved with the criminal justice system, The Victim Witness Counselor identifies a family's needs during an investigation or in an arrest case. and based on their assessment, we will provide requested services to help stabilize the family. 120 referrals 2020 - 2021





Broward Sheriff Office, Child Protective Investigation Department (CPI), coordinates support services with the Victory for Youth/Share Your Heart Program to serve families in crisis who are identified in need and/or experiencing gaps in services and want short term assistance and support directed towards family stabilization. Share Your Heart maintains a year-round pantry with food and essential supplies to serve ages from infant to age 18. 240 children served 2020 -2021.



Through a referral system partnership with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Elder-Community Links Program, support services are coordinated with Victory for Youth/Share Your Heart Program to serve the elder community in need of assistance. In 2021 we served 12 referrals.



Through the Share Your Heart Network, Victory for Youth is certified by FEMA and has faith-based organizations in strategic zip code locations establishing a system to support Emergency Management through-out the State of Florida in preparedness, response and recovery in times of disaster. We currently have 120 trained CERT members in 60 zip code locations, in Dade County ready to be deployed in times of disaster. In 2021 SYH and the Homeless Trust assisted victims of the Surfside tragedy with food while being displaced and living at a hotel. SYH continues to train Volunteer Chaplains for CERT. In partnership with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) 85 churches are trained Access Centers (ESS) providing assistance with eligibility for public assistance programs including Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid for faster recovery in disaster.



# OTHER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

SUMMER  
BREAK SPOT



To encourage churches to become Summer Break Spots and to establish summer activity programs for low-income children, 18 years old and younger, in their areas, Victory for Youth offers catered breakfast and lunch meals at no cost to the churches. In the summer of 2020 - 2021, Victory for Youth provided 72,000 meals to children at 55 locations in Miami-Dade County. In addition to the summer program, Share Your Heart has several food distribution throughout the year in the needy zip codes.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Victory for Youth provides pre-employment training and job placement services to assist Youth and adults with physical or mental disabilities find and maintain meaningful employment. Victory for Youth also conducts evaluations to qualify applicants for vocational rehabilitation services and provides counseling services to assist individuals maintain their jobs. In 2021 we provided job placement to 35 individuals with disabilities.



Consisting of former gang members, drug addicts and victims of abuse and human trafficking, the 4 Real Team members share their personal stories with middle and high school youth to empower them to make better decisions, stop the violence and seek help for their challenges in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**We kindly ask for your support with your donation of new or gently used clothing, non-perishable food, essential supplies, baby supplies, adult diapers, personal hygiene supplies, toys etc.**

**Thank you for Sharing YOUR Heart!**

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The desire to share your heart is the result  
of your heart acting in love"

