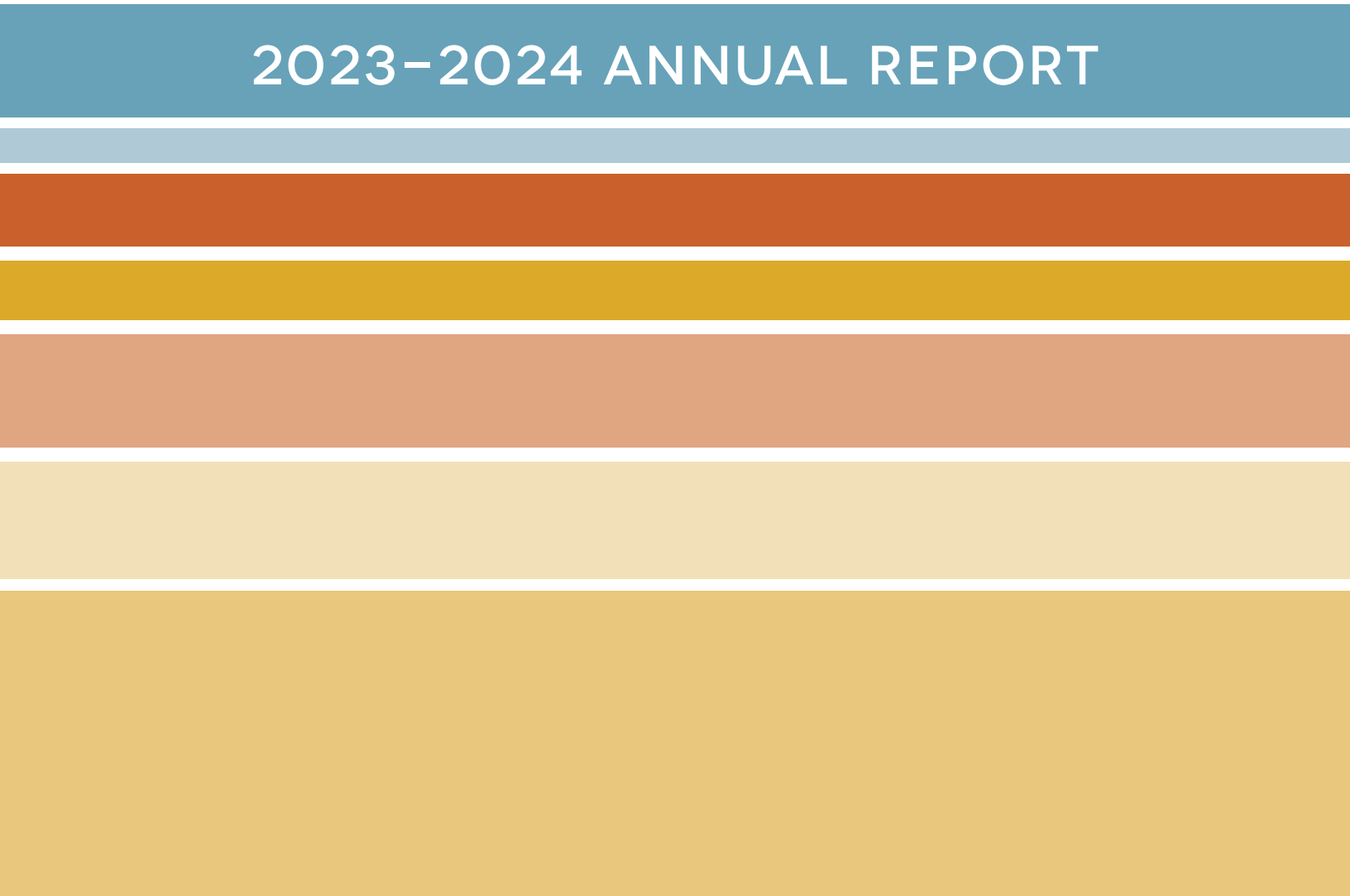


SUNRISE CENTER

HOUSTON ISD

2023–2024 ANNUAL REPORT



A YEAR TO REMEMBER

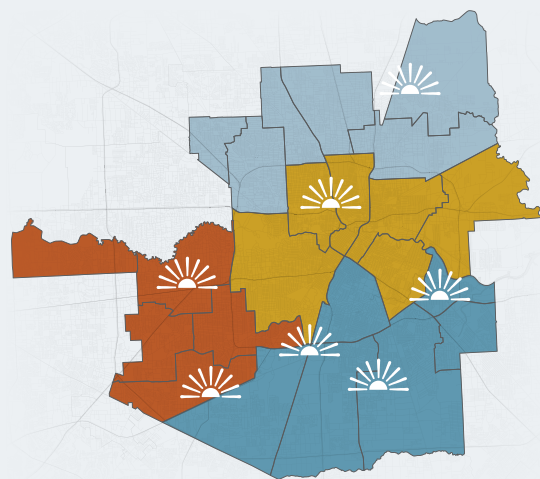
HISD's seven Sunrise Centers serve to address the barriers that often stand between students and their success. Located in existing community spaces in high-need areas of the city, the Centers act as hubs for essential supplies, resources, and social assistance for our families.

Launched in the summer of 2023 as an initiative of Superintendent Mike Miles, the Sunrise Centers were open and serving families by November 1.

"Raising the quality of instruction and achievement across HISD is our mission, but learning is tough when basic needs aren't met," said Superintendent Miles. **"It is just as important that we address the challenges our students and families face outside the classroom to help set them up for success."**

Every Center is equipped with the basics: food, clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and medical and mental health support. Support staff are on hand to assist with case management, homeless and foster care support, and parent workshops. Several Centers provide more extensive services, such as workforce development and legal aid, ESL classes, afterschool care, and enrichment. Each Center is unique, meeting the diverse needs of its surrounding community.

"We went straight to the source and asked families what they needed through surveys and conversations," said Melanie Gomez, Director of Sunrise Centers. **"We also hosted open houses and community events to really connect with them."**



The Centers have become lifelines for their communities as more families learn about the comprehensive services offered.

"I'm so grateful that I don't have to talk about my challenges at my child's school anymore," said HISD parent S. Barajas. **"Instead, I can simply go to the community center nearby, where I can receive hygiene products, food from the pantry, and have even received help with school uniforms."**

In its first year, Sunrise Centers served more than 30,000 families, speaking to the impact of meeting families where they are and the importance of engaging with community partners.

"By working within a continuum of care, the Sunrise Centers empower families and enhance students' educational experience," said Najah Callander, Deputy Chief of Family and Community Partnerships. **"As we build on this foundation, we remain committed to providing the services and support necessary for every HISD child and family to thrive."**

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

OCT-NOV 2023

Sunrise Centers open:

- BakerRipley
- Brock Re-Engagement Center
- Cornerstone Campus
- Mission Milby
- Morefield Boys & Girls Club
- West Orem Family YMCA
- Youth Development Center

JAN 2024

First Sunrise Partner Meeting was held. Medical screenings, counseling, and case management services launched.

MAR 2024

Sunrise to You program provided food and clothing to nearly 200 students before Spring Break. Direct mail Sunrise campaign reached approximately 100,000 families.

JUN 2024

Nearly 900 students participated in six- to eight-week camps that provided enrichment activities, water safety courses, home-learning resources, and more.

MAY-JUL 2024

Food and water was distributed to 4,185 families and more than 13,000 people in the wake of the derecho and Hurricane Beryl.

AUG-OCT 2024

Uniforms and school supplies were provided to more than 1,000 families across all seven locations. 8,045 families have received resources since the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS NEED?

HISD and the Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC) collaborated to identify students' most critical needs to determine where more support is needed.

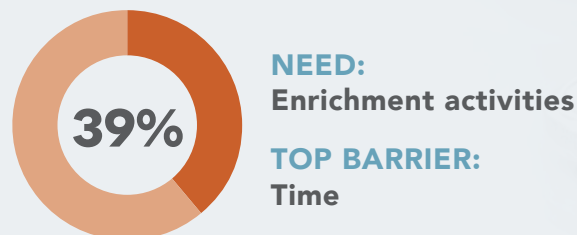
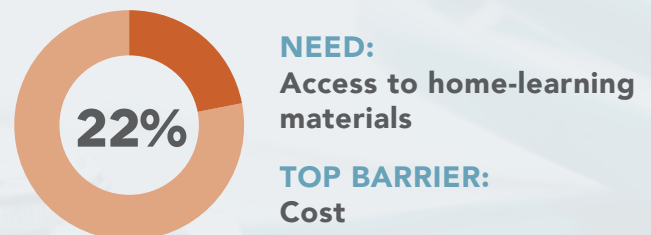
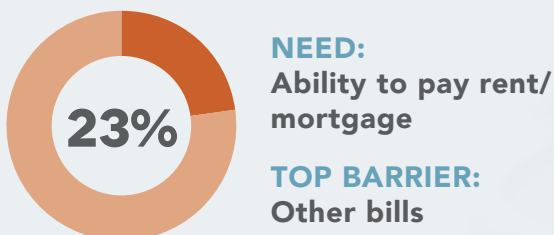
Student survey results found the biggest gaps in access to health care, mental health services, basic needs, a home learning environment, and enrichment activities.

HISD used the findings to shape the services and resources offered through our Sunrise Centers, ensuring that our support aligns with the real needs of HISD students and their families.

"The Sunrise Centers are an important resource for HISD families, and HERC is committed to continuing our collaboration with the Sunrise team. The next phase of this work will **focus on supporting continued refinements of service delivery and assessing the impact of the Sunrise Centers on student outcomes.**"

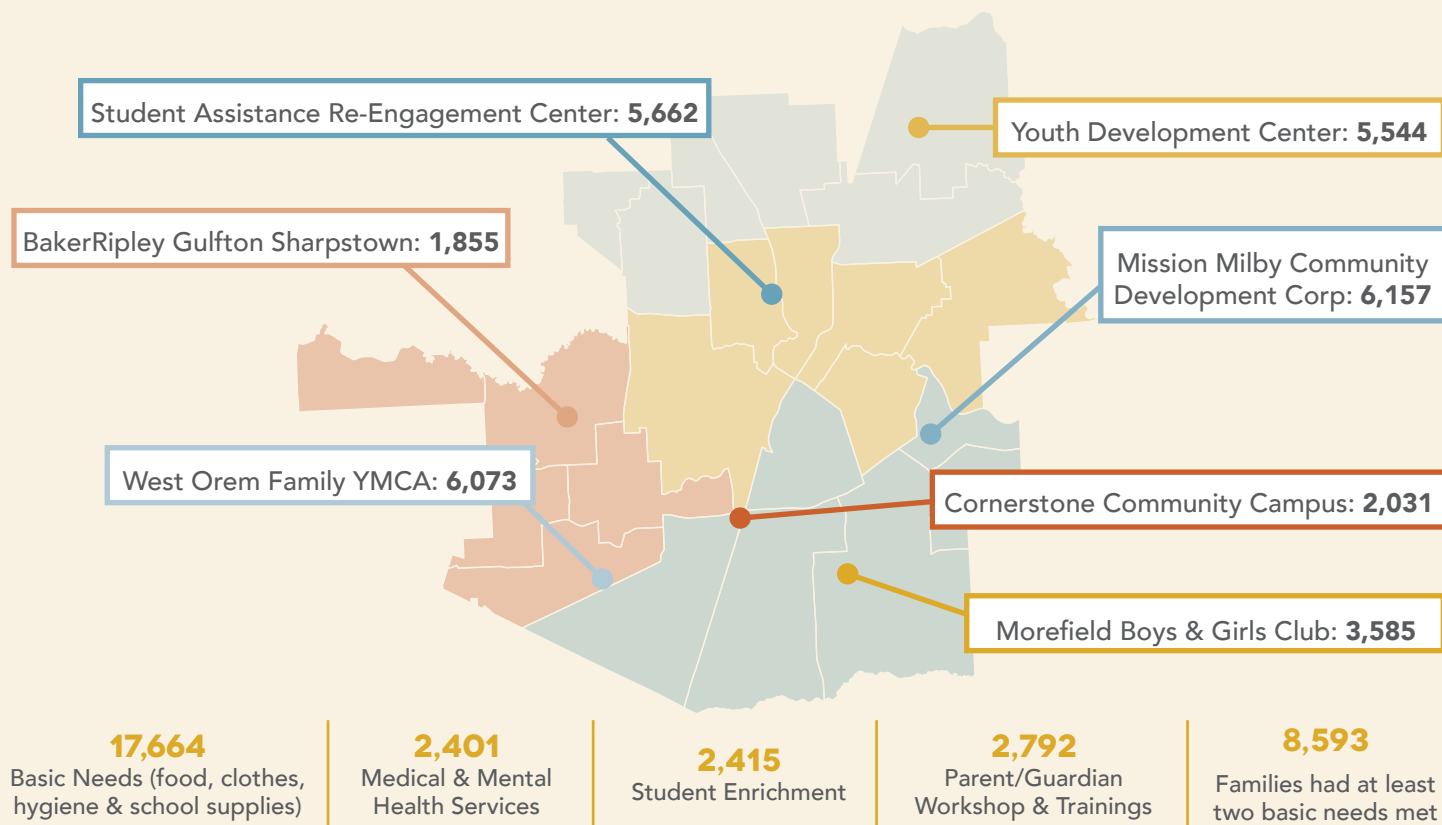
—Dr. Kori Stroub, HERC

STUDENT & FAMILY NEEDS BY THE NUMBERS



WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED BY SUNRISE CENTERS: 30,907



Data spans from October 2023-October 2024



200 families visit Sunrise Centers for food each week. **7,417 families** have saved an estimated **\$1,705,910**.



2,570 families received clothing for valued at **\$370,000**.



9 health and mental health partners provided more than 1,900 hours of support to more than 300 students.



200 families attended HISD FACE meetings at Sunrise Centers. More than **3,600 books** and **216 computers** were handed out to support home learning.



Nearly **900 students** participate in six-to eight-week summer camps, providing an estimated \$1,250,000 in support to families.



Food & water was distributed to **4,185 families** and more than **13,000 people** in the wake of the derecho and Hurricane Beryl.

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

HOST SITES:

Partners

- BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus
- Cornerstone Community – Star of Hope, New Hope Housing, Buckner Family Hope Center
- Mission Milby Community Development Corporation
- Morefield Boys & Girls Club
- YMCA
- Youth Development Center

HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH:

Counseling & Doctor Visits

- Civic Heart
- Communities in Schools
- Hazel Health

BASIC NEEDS:

Food, Clothes & Hygiene

- Clothed by Faith
- Feed the Children
- Houston Food Bank
- Second Servings
- St. James Family Life Center

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES:

ESL, Enrichment & Family Workshops

- Arts Connect
- ALAR Institute
- Books Between Kids
- Catapult Learning
- Compudopt
- Innovative Consulting
- Houston Zoo

“The Sunrise approach is a treasure that houses a wealth of opportunities for advancement and support for the entire family. The programs provided through Sunrise are not only available to render support, but are also a change agent used to uplift in hope, in faith, in knowledge, in health and in wealth to communities that can most benefit. Diversity in the ARTS & Entertainment is so honored to partner with an organization that aligns so closely with our principles in serving the community.”

—Christene Archie, Executive Director, Diversity in the ARTS & Entertainment

HOMELESS/FOSTER CARE SERVICES

HISD’s Homeless and Foster Care Department is embedded in the Sunrise Centers, bringing resources closer to students. **Approximately 8,000 homeless students were identified in the 2023-2024 school year.**

88% Live in doubled up situations

8% Live in hotels or shelters

5% Unaccompanied minors

3.5% Unsheltered

5 top services provided to homeless students:

TRANSPORTATION

CLOTHES

FOOD

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

HYGIENE SUPPLIES

FIND YOUR NEAREST SUNRISE CENTER

Sunrise Center	Cellphone #	Office #	Address
Cornerstone Community Campus	281-690-7693	713-556-2669	2575 Reed Road, Houston, Texas 77051
Youth Development Center	281-907-2422	713-556-2649	6050 Bretshire Drive, Houston, Texas 77016
BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown	281-907-2596	713-556-2639	6500 Rookin Street, Houston, Texas 77074
Morefield Boys & Girls Club	281-683-5569	713-556-2619	5950 Selinsky Road, Houston, Texas 77048
Mission Milby Community Development Corporation	281-965-2253	713-556-2629	2220 Broadway Street, Houston, Texas 77012
West Orem Family YMCA	281-683-7051	713-556-2659	5801 West Orem Drive, Houston, Texas 77085
Student Assistance Re-Engagement Center (Brock)		713-556-7237	1417 Houston Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007

"Since the opening of the Sunrise Center at BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus in partnership with Houston ISD, we've seen firsthand how this collaboration is changing lives. **With over 1,000 individuals served in just the first few months, we're witnessing the profound impact of making essential services accessible** to the Gulfton Sharpstown community. This partnership represents more than just the delivery of services; it's about fostering a strong, supportive environment where students and families can thrive. **Together, we are building a brighter future for the HISD community, empowering our neighbors to overcome challenges and achieve their goals."**

—Claudia Aguirre, President & CEO,
BakerRipley

