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ANNUAL REPORT

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. TRANSFORM

OUR VISION

At Millhill, we envision a thriving community where everyone has access to limitless possibilities.



A Message From The CEO

Dear friends, supporters, and partners,

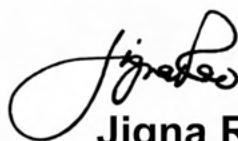
This Annual Report illuminates the remarkable **resilience** of those we serve. Within these pages, you will witness the dedication of our team, the invaluable contributions of our partners, and the transformative impact of our work.

At Millhill, resilience isn't just a word—it's the heartbeat of our community. It's in the child who finds their voice, the teen who discovers their potential, and the families who rise above challenges to build brighter futures.

Reflecting on 2024, I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished. Amid shifting internal and external challenges, we have remained steadfast in our work—adapting, innovating, and expanding our reach with creativity, collaboration, and an unshakable commitment to our mission.

While much work remains, our progress is undeniable. Every step forward affirms what is possible when a community unites with a shared vision of empowerment and equity.

I invite you to continue this journey with us—whether through partnership, advocacy, or support. Together, we will keep building a thriving, resilient community and a just world for all.



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A Strong Start: Building Resilience in Early Childhood

For **Lillie** and **Alexander**, twins from Trenton, their journey began with profound loss. After a family tragedy left their mother unable to care for them, they faced instability and uncertainty—until their devoted aunt stepped in to provide them with a loving home. But she couldn't do it alone—she needed support, stability, and a safe place where the twins could heal, learn, and grow. That's where Millhill stepped in.

When Lillie and Alexander arrived on their first day at school, they were met with Millhill's caring preschool teachers, a full day of structured learning environment, and access to behavioral and therapeutic counseling.

Our dual-language classrooms and culturally inclusive approach helped them feel seen, understood, and supported. With each passing day, the siblings regained their confidence, forming friendships, engaging in learning, and adapting to a new sense of normalcy.

Research shows that high-quality early childhood education is a game-changer for children from low-income families, strengthening cognitive skills, emotional regulation, and social development. Yet, in communities like Trenton, too many children are missing out on this vital foundation. **Millhill is changing that—ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.**

Today, Lillie and Alexander are thriving—curious, joyful, and eager to learn. Their story is one of **strength, power of early intervention, and resilience.**

In 2024, Millhill empowered 105 Trenton children with free, high-quality preschool, enriching their lives with social-emotional learning, nutritious meal, and inspiring activities like STEM, yoga, art, and music. This incredible impact was driven by the generosity of our donors, the strengthen our partners, and the unwavering dedication of our early childhood teachers and staff. Together, we are building brighter futures for our community's youngest learners.



*Millhill's high-quality
Preschool Program is
NAEYC and Grow NJ
Kids accredited.*



Turning the Tide

When Chris first came to Millhill for **Mental Health Counseling services**, life felt unmanageable. He hadn't worked in two years, lacked a driver's license, and struggled with family issues, depression, and anger. Most of all, he knew he wasn't the father his kids needed him to be.

With his counselor's support, Chris began confronting his challenges. *"I learned about my weaknesses. But I also learned that I could change."* By setting small goals, Chris built confidence, and step by step, he made progress. *"I started getting things done, and it made me feel good about myself."*

At first, Chris resisted guidance, but his counselor's belief in him was a turning point. *"He made me believe I could change. He helped me with my anger, so now I catch myself before it happens."*

Chris's journey extended beyond therapy. He was connected to **The Therapeutic Intervention Parenting Program (TIPP) within Millhills Family Support Services**, where he learned strategies to build a healthier relationship with his children. He discovered patience and the ability to be present as a father.

His resilience paid off. Today, Chris is employed, and back on the road with his driver's license. He even gained joint custody of his children. *"I have confidence in myself now. I had to do it for my kids—they're my motivation and my strength",* says Chris.

Chris's journey demonstrates that resilience isn't about perfection—it's about persevering, even when the road gets tough. As his mental health counselor at Millhill put it: *"Sometimes, all someone like Chris needs is time and someone to walk side by side with them to get past the challenges they face, and at Millhill, that's exactly what we provide."*

IN 2024 WE DELIVERED:

Over 28,000+

Counseling Sessions

Over 2,000+

Therapeutic Intervention Sessions

Together, we are fostering community where mental health is a priority, and everyone has the opportunity to lead a meaningful life.



Trenton Area Stakeholders

The Trenton Area Stakeholders (TAS) brings together community leaders to create positive change across Mercer County. By sharing ideas and resources, we foster collaborations that benefit local youth and families.



Empowering Youth to Shape Their Futures

At Millhill, we see resilience come to life every day in young people like Katherine and Alejandro, whose journeys in our **Trenton PEERS** and **STEM Explorers** programs have shaped their futures in ways they never imagined.

For **Katherine**, a senior in the Trenton PEERS program, resilience meant facing the uncertainty of her future head-on. While she loved art, she worried about finding a stable career. Through PEERS, she discovered her gift for working with children, and with guidance from program staff, she found a way to merge her passions—pursuing a degree in art education. **Now, instead of fearing the unknown, Katherine embraces the future with confidence, knowing she can inspire the next generation while doing what she loves.**

Similarly, Alejandro, a middle schooler in our **STEM Explorers** program, also discovered resilience through newfound passions. Initially dreaming of becoming a car designer, NBA player, or actor, he never imagined himself in science or engineering. But STEM Explorers introduced him to **astronomy and software engineering**, sparking a passion that reshaped his ambitions. *"I got more social skills being at the program,"* Alejandro shared. *"I learned new things about myself, and I learned how to build things."* Embracing the challenge of learning new skills, Alejandro now envisions a future where he becomes a software engineer, an astronomer, and even a business owner. His journey is a testament to the power of resilience—**staying open to new possibilities and pushing forward with curiosity and determination.**

Katherine and Alejandro's journeys remind us that resilience isn't just about overcoming obstacles—it's about discovering strength in the process. With each step forward, they are proving that **resilience fuels transformation, learning, and limitless potential.**

STEM Explorers
96% Developed investigative science skills, and
100% Discovered something new about themselves

Trenton PEERS
98% Stay engaged and on track academically
100% Agree that this program inspires them to
pursue college or secondary education

Millhil's youth engagement programs empower at-risk youth to become community leaders while pursuing higher education.

Congratulations to our Trenton PEERS class of 2024 for achieving 100% college acceptance rate!



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At Millhill, we recognize the power of collaboration in building a strong, thriving community. We believe that by working together, we can achieve much more than what we could accomplish individually.

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Trenton needs us – and Millhill needs YOU. Please support us by making a donation today!

At Millhill Child & Family Development, we believe in the power of community and the importance of building relationships with our partners. As we look to the future, we are committed to continuing to evolve and adapt our programs and services to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. We will always strive to be a beacon of hope and support.

Please donate today! ▶



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info@millhillcenter.org.**



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If your employer can match your personal donation to Millhill, please share with us any paperwork required to do so.



Private Events:

You or your organization can host a private event or fundraiser to benefit programs and services at Millhill.



Gifts in Recognition:

An honor or memorial gift can be a way to share your support through a time of need or celebrate accomplishments. We will acknowledge both the donor and the recipient.



Planned Giving Opportunities:

A bequest in a will, trust, or life insurance policy are different ways to make a significant gift to Millhill, while reducing your capital gains in taxes.



Gift of Stock:

If you'd like to donate appreciated securities, call us to initiate the transfer. Your donation will help avoid capital gains tax and provide a tax deduction for its value.



In-Kind Donations:

We welcome donations of gift cards and new items such as clothing, toys, school supplies, books, hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies.



A Day of Caring:

This volunteer program gives you or your group the opportunity to strengthen the Trenton community by spending time with the children that will shape its future.

To learn more about donating or joining us for volunteering, contact Angie McManimon at amcmanimon@millhillcenter.org or 609-989-7333 Ext. 131.

A DAY OF CARING



Last year, Millhill brought together almost 200 volunteers for a day of caring, making a lasting impact on the lives of children and youth.

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We achieve more when we work together

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We respond to the needs and realities of those we serve

Dignity & Respect

We believe everyone should be met with compassion and treated with dignity and respect

Diversity & Inclusion

We embrace our differences and celebrate the strength of all voices

Professional Excellence

We hold ourselves to the highest standard of service

Ethics & Trust

We build relationships based on trust and integrity

