



COLLABORATIVE  
*for* **CHILDREN**

Early learning. The building block of future leaders.



Because children  
are our ***brightest***  
***hope*** for tomorrow.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  

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**2023**

# 83,825 Recipients

Number of children receiving benefits from the organization's charitable efforts and activities.



# 58 Community Events

Including over **4,000** hours of education for children aboard the Collab-Lab.

# 4,896 Trained

Teachers, directors, and assistant directors received **822,591** professional development training hours in 2023.



# 11,048 Discovered

Number of families and children that found a child care provider through **Findchildcarenow.org**.



## Elsie Samuels Award Winner

Given in honor of the late Elsie Samuels. This endowed scholarship was made possible by the Samuels Family Foundation, thanks to the support of Dr. Bobbi and the late Vic Samuels.

Congratulations to Necole Griffin, owner and director of Lael Childcare Academy, the 2023 recipient of the Collaborative for Children's annual Elsie Samuels Early Childhood Educator Excellence Award. The award honors an area teacher who works with children 0-5 years of age, exhibiting an exemplary commitment to educating a diverse population of young learners. The scholarship was presented by Dr. Melanie Johnson, President and CEO of Collaborative for Children, and Dr. Bobbi Samuels, whose mother-in-law is the award's namesake. The Samuels Family Foundation funds the scholarship.

### THE *Elsie Samuels* Early Childhood Educator Excellence Award



*From left to right:  
Dr. Melanie Johnson,  
Necole Griffin, and  
Dr. Bobbi Samuels*



# 2023 Financials

Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2023

REVENUE:	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Contributions:			
Government grants		\$3,114,839	\$3,114,839
United Way		\$64,512	\$64,512
Other - <i>financial</i>	\$3,835,386	\$1,250,475	\$5,085,861
Other - <i>nonfinancial</i>	\$327,361		\$327,361
Special Event	\$282,704		\$282,704
Direct donor benefit costs of special event	\$(35,978)		\$(35,978)
Change in interest in assets of Greater Houston Community Foundation		\$68,877	\$68,877
Interest Income	\$65,733		\$65,733
Other Income	\$50,347		\$50,347
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,525,553</b>	<b>\$4,498,703</b>	<b>\$9,024,256</b>
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Program Expenditures	\$5,649,930	\$(5,649,930)	
Expiration of time	\$150,000	\$(150,000)	
Capital Expenditures	\$472,228	\$(472,228)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,797,711</b>	<b>\$(1,773,455)</b>	<b>\$9,024,256</b>

EXPENSES:	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Program services:			
Provider Engagement	\$3,430,410		\$3,430,410
Community Engagement	\$1,829,150		\$1,829,150
Family Engagement	\$920,957		\$920,957
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$6,180,517</b>		<b>\$6,180,517</b>
Management and general Fundraising	\$1,247,642		\$1,247,642
	\$491,002		\$491,002
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,919,161</b>		<b>\$7,919,161</b>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:	\$2,878,550	(\$1,773,455)	\$1,105,095
Net assets, beginning of year	\$877,086	\$3,467,348	\$4,344,434
Net assets, end of year	\$3,755,636	\$1,693,893	\$5,449,522

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