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## FAMILY & FUTURE

In these challenging times, where change and the unexpected have been constants, Of Home Family and Future has risen to the challenge and continued to provide resources tailored to the needs of each of our program participants.



We've increased our investment in learning and professional development in many ways, including:

- **Learning Assessments** - many EMP students have outdated learning assessments. Remote learning during the pandemic has brought some undiagnosed learning differences to light or exacerbated existing problems. With the limited financial resources of many foster care agencies, it can be very difficult to have older children prioritized for updated assessments.

We are advocating for new assessments for all our participants – and we're able to provide private resources to conduct assessments for those students with an immediate need.

- **Literacy Skill Improvement** - we had noticed that, for some of the women in Transformation Squared, their limited literacy skills were holding them back from getting a good job, even if they had the requisite computer skills. We started to subsidize a literature course for these women focused on reading comprehension and writing skills, which helped increase their functional literacy.
- **Tutoring** – we are making sure every student in the EMP has as much tutoring as needed to deal with the learning challenges resulting from almost two years of remote and asynchronous learning. We're seeking funding to provide these services on an ongoing basis.
- **Internships and Professional Network Building** - we've been using our network of professional contacts to connect the women in Transformation Squared and students in the EMP with someone in their field of interest who was willing to meet with them to provide feedback and suggestions for job-searching. And we continue to work with our alumni who need professional/personal advice or help with their career development/job searches.



Students in foster care seeking a college degree and women escaping domestic violence face multiple obstacles and hardships, so OHFF wants to continue to provide strong support for their efforts. To do that we have to continue to learn and grow. Here's what we're doing in 2022 to keep moving forward:

- **Building New Partnerships** – by building partnerships with more foster care agencies and foster youth focused non-profit organizations we're able to identify more students who qualify for the EMP and better support our students.
- **Market Assessment** - OHFF analyzes research about the skills employers need now and we help our participants to train for the administrative skills that are in demand in today's hybrid work world.
- **Board of Directors** – OHFF has added five new Board Members in the past year – including two of our alumni. This helps us to increase our oversight, fundraising, and expand our network of professional mentors.
- **Funding** - We're working hard to seek new funding sources to increase our capacity to serve our program participants.

***OHFF works to move forward – just like our participants. We hope that you, our friends, will continue on this road with us. We'll continue to share our progress and the stories of our work with you because you help to make it possible.***