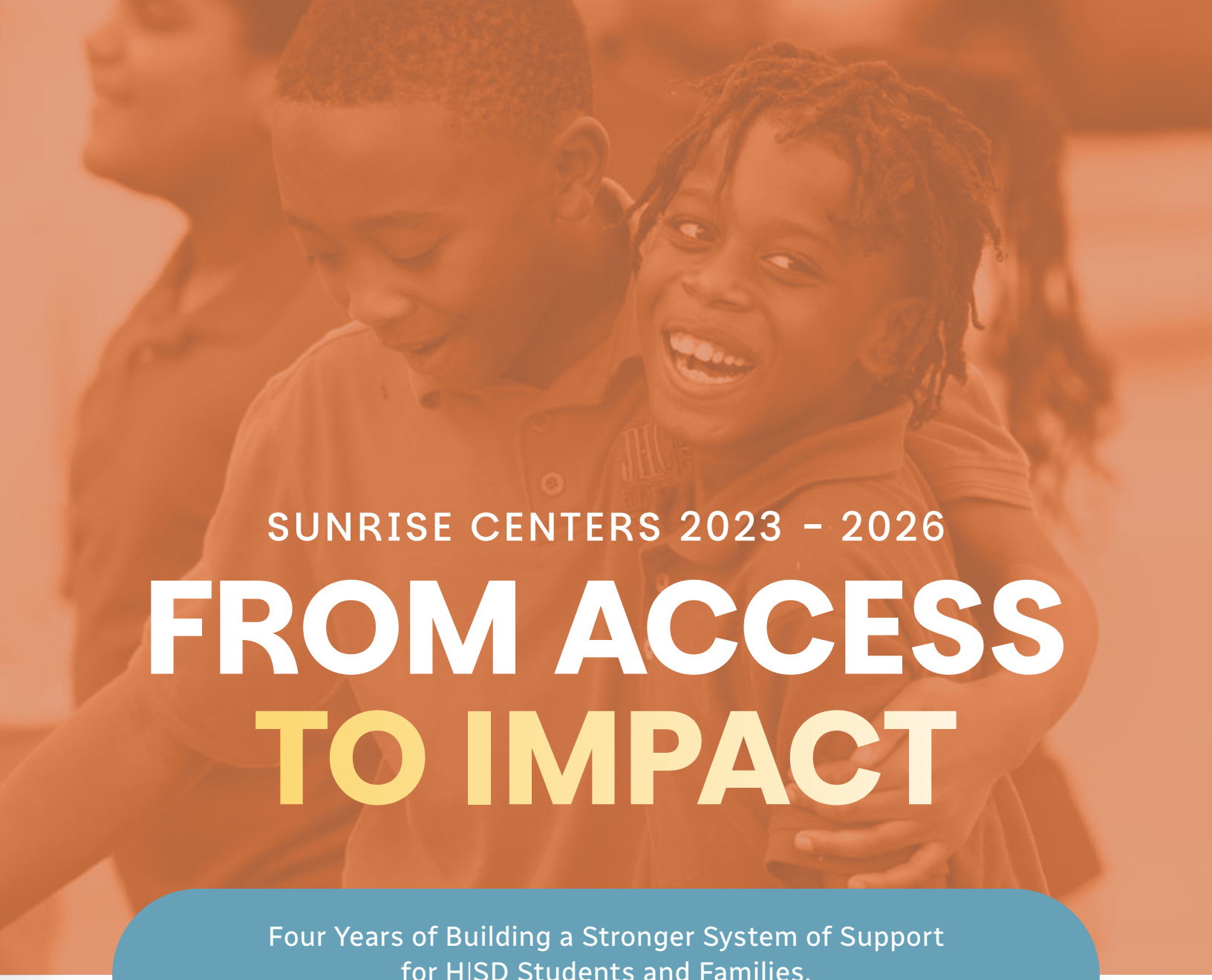


SUNRISE CENTERS 2023 – 2026

FROM ACCESS TO IMPACT

Four Years of Building a Stronger System of Support
for HISD Students and Families.
Community-powered. Data-informed. Designed for impact.

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A New Kind of Infrastructure for Student Success

Dear Partners and Community Leaders,

Student success does not begin and end in the classroom. A student's ability to learn is connected to the strength and stability of the family and community around them, from physical and mental health to housing, food access, enrichment and other essential supports.

Sunrise Centers were created to make those supports easier to reach. Since launching in 2023, we have worked alongside community organizations to create trusted access points where HISD students and families can connect to resources and services close to home. What began as seven locations has evolved into **a coordinated system connecting schools, families, community organizations and resources around a shared commitment to removing barriers to student success.**

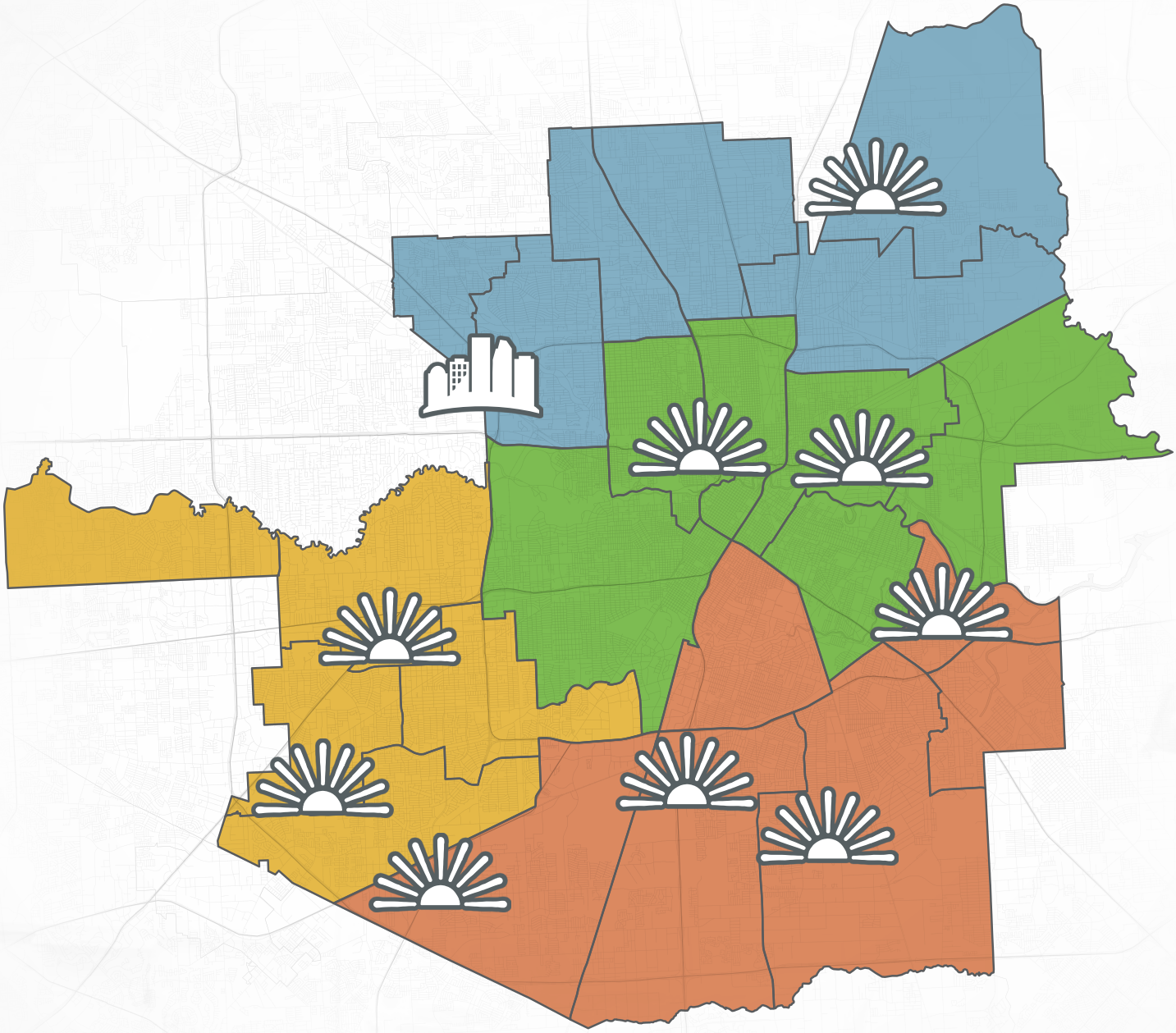
Today, the lessons from our families, partners, and data are shaping the next chapter of this work. **Sunrise 2.0 moves us from access to outcomes, from individual programs to coordinated systems, and from adding partners to aligning the right expertise around identified community needs.** We are building a model that identifies needs earlier, connects families to the right support, and helps us better understand what changes as a result.

HISD cannot do this work alone. Houston already has tremendous expertise and resources within our communities. Sunrise creates the infrastructure to bring those assets together, extend their reach, and generate greater collective impact. As you explore this report, I invite you to see Sunrise not simply as a network of Centers, but **as a platform for what we can build together.**



With gratitude,

Najah Callander
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Our Locations

Youth Development Center
6050 Bretshire Dr. Houston, TX 77016
Tele **281-907-2422**

Family Connections Center Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
4400 W 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092
Tele **713-556-8484**

Brock Student Re-Engagement Center
1417 Houston Avenue, Houston, TX 77007
Tele **713-556-7237** Cell **713-556-7237**

McReynolds Sunrise Center
5910 Market St, Houston, TX 77020
Entrance on Zindler St.
Tele **713-556-1852**

BakerRipley – Gulfton - Sharpstown
6500 Rookin St., Houston, TX 77074
Tele **281-907-2596**

Mission Milby CDC
2220 Broadway St. Houston, TX 77012
Tele **281-965-2253**

West Orem Family YMCA
5801 W. Orem Dr. Houston, TX 77085
Tele **281-683-7051**

Marian Community Center
11101 S Gessner Rd, Houston, TX 77071
Tele **281-907-2596** Cell **281-223-2017**

Morefield Boys & Girls Club
5950 Selinsky Rd. Houston, TX 77048
Tele **281-683-5569**

Sunnyside Sunrise Center
9215 Scott St, Houston, TX 77051
Entrance on Wilmington St.
Tele **713-556-9460**

Four Years of Learning, Building & Evolving

2023
Create the Hubs

Seven Sunrise Centers opened across Houston in partnership with trusted community organizations. **The first goal was straightforward: make support easier for families to access.**

Centers connected families to food, clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, medical and mental health support, case management, homeless and foster care resources, parent workshops, enrichment and other services all in one place.

"At Mission Milby we are focused on helping students and their families in our community through education, support, and encouragement. The partnership with the HISD Sunrise Center has greatly expanded our capacity to do that."

– Maria Aguilar, Executive Director, Mission Milby Community Development Corporation

"I am very grateful to Sunrise Center for the food and for the programs they offer to the community...Everyone is very kind."

- Parent visiting the YDC Sunrise Center

2024
Prove the Model

In its first year, Sunrise Centers served more than 30,000 families, demonstrating both the scale of need and the value of meeting families where they already live, work and gather. **Since then, that reach has continued to grow, with more than 109,000 families served by June 2026.**

Sunrise also demonstrated its ability to respond when communities faced unexpected challenges, from distributing food and water following the 2024 Houston derecho and Hurricane Beryl to providing summer programming and back-to-school resources.





2025
Connect the System

As the work expanded beyond individual services, Sunrise strengthened partnerships and built a more coordinated approach to supporting students and families. Central to that evolution was the development of the **Continuum of Care**, a shared data ecosystem created in partnership with ProUnitas, connecting Sunrise with key District teams, including At-Risk, Counseling and Crisis, Health and Medical Services, and more. Through one coordinated system, teams can identify and flag changing student needs, connect students and families to appropriate support, and track service delivery and follow-through across departments.

The Continuum of Care transformed separate support functions into a more connected ecosystem, giving the teams who serve students greater visibility into needs, interventions and ongoing support.

"Seeing my children walk into school with everything they needed brought me so much relief. It wasn't just the items we received, it was knowing that someone cared and was willing to help our family during a difficult time. "

- Parent visiting the West Orem Sunrise Center

"I'm so glad I met you all at the Open House and decided to stop by! I did not know this kind of help was available."

- Parent visiting the Morefield Boys and Girls Club

2026
Design for Impact

Sunrise 2.0 represents the next evolution of the model. The goal is no longer simply to add locations or programming. It is to build a districtwide support infrastructure capable of identifying needs earlier, connecting families to the just in time resources, following their progress and measuring whether those interventions ultimately improve outcomes for students and families.

The question began shifting from: **How many families did we serve?** to **What happened because we served them?**

The Sunrise Model

A Strong Core. A More Connected Future.

Every Sunrise Center begins with a consistent **Core Model** designed to move families from an identified need to meaningful support. Sunrise serves as the hub, combining **family navigation and case management, basic-needs stabilization, targeted support for high-need students and families, service connection, and data-informed follow-up** to create a coordinated pathway to resources and services. The Sunrise model makes services available on site, eliminating the need for families to shuffle between providers.

While the Core Model remains consistent across the Sunrise network, each Center's programming and partnerships reflect the priorities of its surrounding community. This balance creates a shared experience across the system while allowing each Center to respond to local needs—ensuring families encounter the same commitment to accessible, coordinated and meaningful support, no matter where they enter the Sunrise network.

Sunrise 2.0: From Service Hub to Connected Ecosystem

Sunrise 2.0 builds on this one-stop model by rethinking how we use our spaces, partnerships and data to create greater impact. Rather than simply bringing services together under one roof, we are designing Centers where providers work collaboratively around the needs of students and families, creating a more seamless experience from initial engagement through service delivery and follow-up. The guiding question is: **What does this family need, and how do we ensure they receive it?**

A critical part of that evolution is **PurpleSENSE, developed in partnership with ProUnitas,** which connects HISD departments serving students and families through a shared data system. Teams can identify needs, coordinate services, track referrals and follow-up, and monitor progress over time, strengthening the continuity of support across departments.

In this model, Sunrise does not need to provide every solution itself. **Sunrise brings the trusted spaces, community reach, family navigation and infrastructure for tracking impact, while partners bring specialized expertise, proven programming and service capacity.** Together, they create a connected ecosystem where families can access comprehensive support in one place, while benefiting from the collective resources of organizations working toward shared outcomes.


Spindletop
Library
In Memory of Margaret and Orville Gaither



What Makes Sunrise Different

Sunrise Centers are not intended to replace the nonprofit organizations already serving Houston. They are infrastructure designed to help that expertise reach HISD students and families more effectively.

HISD brings:

- Access to students, families and school communities
- Physical infrastructure and community-based access points
- Identification of student and family needs
- Case management and referral systems
- Data and outcome measurement
- Coordination across a large public education system

Community Organizations Bring:

- Specialized expertise
- Trusted relationships
- Proven programming
- Direct services
- Knowledge of neighborhood needs

Philanthropic and corporate partners bring:

- Flexible capital
- Capacity-building investments
- Resources to test promising ideas
- Funding to expand and sustain successful services across communities

Sunrise provides the connective tissue.

Rather than asking every organization to independently find families, secure space, build referral systems, and create infrastructure, Sunrise creates a system where resources can be coordinated around the communities that need them.



Impact at Scale

Sunrise Centers have grown from a promising idea into a network serving families across Houston.

Data that Helps us Scale with Purpose

As Sunrise has grown, so has our ability to understand **where needs exist, whether families are successfully connecting to support and where the model can improve.** Through **PurpleSENSE, developed in partnership with ProUnitas**, HISD has built a shared data infrastructure that helps turn identified needs into action. Student Assistance Forms (SAFs) can be submitted by students, families, school staff and community members, triggering follow-up from the Sunrise team serving that school community. Teams can then connect families to resources, identify additional needs, document services and follow progress over time.

That real-time view is complemented by independent evaluation from the **Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC)**. HERC's research has helped HISD better understand how families access Sunrise Centers, including awareness and accessibility gaps that can limit participation.

Earlier HERC research also helped identify the student and family needs around which Sunrise services were originally designed, including gaps in health care, mental health, basic needs, home-learning resources and enrichment. Together, these insights help Sunrise scale with greater intention—refining how families reach us, identifying where additional capacity is needed and bringing the right partners into communities based on demonstrated needs rather than assumptions.

At our 9 Sunrise Center Locations across the Houston area:

109K+ → families served over three plus years

801K+ → basic needs provided through food, clothing, hygiene products, and school supplies.



100+

community partners



6,900

health services delivered



12,212

parents & guardians participating in workshops & trainings



10,150

students engaged in enrichment programming



11,700

hours of mental health support provided



38,277

families with multiple needs addressed

The Economic Value of Access

Removing barriers also creates measurable financial value for families. **Sunrise Centers have generated an estimated:**



$7.6 MILLION
in family savings through food access*



$4.9 MILLION
in clothing and essential goods distributed



$1.75 MILLION
in enrichment & summer programming

When families have greater stability, students have a stronger foundation for learning.

For families balancing housing, transportation, food, utilities and other expenses, these resources can provide immediate relief. **But the larger opportunity is stability.**

**This is equal to ~$1,000 per month for a family of a 4*
***Data based on calculations determined by Target Hunger and Clothed by Faith.*



Looking Ahead: From Services Delivered to Outcomes Achieved

Scale matters. But HISD is asking a more important question:

How does our collaboration impact a family's situation?

From the launch of Sunrise Centers, HISD engaged Rice University's Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC) as a research partner to evaluate the model and understand its impact on students. This multi-year collaboration goes beyond tracking services delivered to examine who we serve, how families access resources, and whether Sunrise Center engagement is associated with improved student attendance and discipline outcomes.

Our goal: Move beyond measuring access to understanding impact.

HERC's research findings show that:

70% of HISD students live within a 10-minute drive of a Sunrise Center; on average, visitors travel just under 11 minutes.

90% families reported receiving the resource or service they visited for.

99% of visitors reported feeling better off after their visit to a Sunrise Center.

48% of students served showed improvement in attendance or behavior. Sunrise visits **generated nearly 2,000 more days of school attendance**. This translates to **~ 15,000 hours** that would have been lost to absence.

What we know:

The impact of a single visit can extend far beyond the moment, connecting families to everything from essential resources to intensive support. This is where the next generation of Sunrise begins.

What we want to understand:

- Which services and combinations of support are associated with stronger student outcomes?
- How does deeper engagement—including sustained case management—relate to student outcomes?
- Which partners extend Sunrise's reach and connect families to a broader network of support?
- What does the evidence tell us to strengthen, scale, or target differently—and where should Houston invest to deepen Sunrise's impact?
- Which interventions produce the greatest impact, and where should Houston invest more?

Sunrise is becoming a learning system:

We are using data not simply to document activity, but to continuously improve how resources are deployed.



The Kinds of Solutions We want to Build

Pathways from immediate need to Long-term Stability

Address today's challenge while creating a path forward. We want partnerships that connect immediate supports with opportunities that can strengthen a family's circumstances over time—linking stabilization, education, skill-building, employment, financial capability and other resources rather than treating each need in isolation.

That could mean connecting health and well-being, extended learning and enrichment, economic mobility, workforce development, social enterprise, and other community-driven solutions into pathways that build stability and opportunity. The strongest solutions will start with the priorities of each community and build on existing HISD programs, local expertise and neighborhood assets to create lasting impact.



Ideas we have not thought of yet

Some of the most valuable partnerships may not fit neatly within an existing service category. Sunrise 2.0 creates space to pilot new approaches, connect organizations that have not traditionally worked together and test ideas that address persistent community challenges differently.

Bring us the problem you know how to solve, the expertise your organization does best and the partners you believe should be at the table. Sunrise can help connect those pieces to a community, an infrastructure and a larger system of support.



The Sunrise Opportunity: From Access To Impact

Sunrise Centers are more than service locations; they are a platform for developing, testing and scaling better ways to support children and families. **Sunrise 2.0 is designed to move with greater speed and purpose, using community voice and data to identify priorities, activate promising solutions, and continuously improve the model.**

Invest in impact without rebuilding the infrastructure required to reach families.

Sunrise Centers already bring together:

- **Access:** Connection to HISD students, families and communities.
- **Infrastructure:** Established locations, referral pathways and operating systems.
- **Expertise:** A network of nonprofit and community-based service providers.
- **Data:** Growing capacity to understand needs, services and outcomes.
- **Scale:** The ability to test an intervention in one community and potentially expand it across a districtwide network.

That means philanthropic dollars can focus more directly on services, capacity and outcomes rather than duplicating infrastructure that already exists.




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