





January 6, 2023

Happy New Year!

People's Emergency Center () and Youth Service, Inc. () announced our plan to integrate into one agency in November 2019. We officially began operating as a single organization named **HopePHL™** (pronounced "hopeful") on January 1, 2023. HopePHL's mission is to inspire Philadelphia's children, youth, families and communities to thrive by providing housing, advocacy, and trauma-responsive social services designed to promote equity, resilience, autonomy, and well-being.

By leveraging the combined expertise, networks and cumulative impact of PEC and YSI, HopePHL will deliver many of the same services, and some new programs with efficiency and efficacy. HopePHL is committed to advancing equity and ending systemic racism. We seek to amplify diverse voices and champion issues of inequity, including accessible quality education, healthcare, safety, and justice. HopePHL will support over 25,000 community members, residents, and students annually to reach their goals of safe homes, economically secure and healthy families, and thriving students and businesses.

A new website, [HopePHL.org](http://HopePHL.org), is currently under construction, and we are updating our social media channels and e-newsletters. We expect the transitions to be completed by January 25. Program offerings include:

- **Children's Services**, supporting the well-being, development and education of children from birth through high school in shelters, the West Philadelphia Promise Neighborhood, and at partnering School District of Philadelphia schools.
- **Young Adult Services**, offering respite, housing, education and access to technology, and support services for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, financial instability, and traumatic events.
- **Adult & Family Services**, providing housing, social services, empowerment, reunification, and home visiting programs for families.
- **Community Based Services** such as homelessness prevention, art and culture programs, food relief, Lancaster Avenue commercial corridor support, and many other resources.
- **Resident-driven Community Development** programs supporting real estate development, affordable housing, and partnerships with city and state agencies.

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- **Policy & Systems Advocacy** initiatives, driving systems change to elevate issues impacting individuals and families at-risk of or who are currently experiencing homelessness.

You are invited to the official public announcement from HopePHL on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 2pm held at Rowan House, 325 N. 39th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

If you have any questions about HopePHL, please contact Trish Downey, Director, External Communications at [tdowney@pec-cares.org](mailto:tdowney@pec-cares.org).

I hope to see you on January 25th!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Desmond", written in a cursive style.

Kathy Desmond  
President