



# 2022 Spring Report

ABSOLUTE RESPECT  UNCONDITIONAL LOVE  UNRELENTING SUPPORT





## Rheneisha's Reflections

**O**n January 19th, I celebrated one year as Covenant House New Orleans Executive Director. It has been a year of change, challenge, humbly listening, learning, and adjusting. With your prayers and support, the guidance of our Board and staff, and the outpouring of kindness from the community, I've grown in so many ways and have begun to pave my own path, setting the course for our continued growth. Our youth continue to guide our steps, ensuring that we build our work on the core values of unconditional love, absolute respect, and unrelenting support.



**So, what does looking ahead look like for us? What are we being called to do next?**

**What is our** *Vision for the Future?*

Covenant House has been and will always be a safe haven for young, vulnerable people. Expansion of our current programs and services to enhance the delivery of care and meet the evolving needs of our young people is a top priority. Initiatives such as our new Maternal Pathways Program help us better support youth through direct care, community partnership, and systems change. Expansions to our education and employment programs, including enhanced assessments, job training, tutoring, and institutional and corporate partnerships, better prepare our youth for stable careers, and ultimately economic mobility. And finally, improving our capacity to address mental health challenges and expanding access to trauma-informed mental health assessment and treatment helps our youth heal and overcome many of the debilitating challenges they face on their road to recovery.

We are also called to ask challenging questions as we work to end youth homelessness altogether - why does a young person arrive at our door in the first place? This calls to mind the words of Desmond Tutu: "There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in."

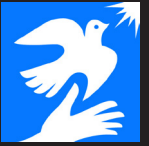
**Covenant House is uniquely positioned to lead in the advocacy and justice-seeking that is necessary to create the change we seek.**

This is the work for a community. Our young people are counting on us. As a supporter of Covenant House, **it is an honor to have you by my side.**



**RHENEISHA ROBERTSON, MPH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**





INTRODUCING OUR  
EXPANDED

## Maternal Pathways Program

Pregnant people in our care face numerous obstacles and barriers to their well-being. Research shows much of the disparity in pregnancy outcomes is caused by factors related to racism, socioeconomic status, maternal education, health insurance coverage, and access to prenatal and infant health services. This Spring, we are starting a Maternal Pathways Program. Our interventions will be the first step in addressing long-standing inequities related to social determinants of health, such as economic stability, education, community, environment, and healthcare access.

**FOLLOW PROGRAM UPDATES AT  
[COVENANTHOUSENOLA.ORG/NEWS](https://covenantnola.org/news)**



## Meet the Team.

Our Two-Generation team of social workers, case managers, and resident advisors has worked to grow this program to where it is today. With their dedication and passion, the team has helped young parents find services, housing, and stability for many years.

Now, as the program grows with the Maternal Pathways Program, Ebonee C. Adams, our Director of Young Families, is throwing herself fully into this groundbreaking project. Ebonee became a social worker to become a change agent that advocates for young parents and families that are at a disadvantage. Ebonee and her team are focusing on how community support and care can uplift young pregnant people and their families. As they say - it takes a village to raise a child.







# Emerging Leaders in Nonprofits

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In 2021, we started the Emerging Leaders in Nonprofits (ELIN) Internship program for undergraduate students. In addition to gaining on-the-job experience, interns complete our Professional Development workshops, including leadership, career planning, and advocacy. Through ELIN, we seek to develop leadership skills in the nonprofit leaders of tomorrow.

Visit [covenanthousenola.org/internship-program](https://covenanthousenola.org/internship-program) to learn more.

"I grew to be a passionate advocate of youth experiencing homelessness, single parenting, trauma, rejection, and mental health crises. I hope in the future to be a supporter of Covenant House and hope to plan a Sleep Out for my community.

♥ SPRING 2021 DEVELOPMENT INTERN

"My internship with Covenant House pushed me to grow both as a professional and an active citizen.

♥ SUMMER 2021 WELLNESS INTERN

IMPACT & REACH

over 1,771

*total hours served*

9

*universities reached*



April 16, 2022

## Join Team Covenant House!

Caesars Sportsbook Crescent City Classic

Sign up at [covenanthousenola.org/ccs](https://covenanthousenola.org/ccs)



Discounted registration - or run FREE by raising \$300 to support Covenant House youth



Preferred starting position and a private post-race party tent catered by [Dat Dog](#)



Exclusive Team Covenant House tank top, colored CCC shirt, and plenty of swag!

