

Change HAPPENS!

FORMERLY FUUSA

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Dear Friend,

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

Maria Robertson

Coming from humble beginnings does not mean that extraordinary success is unachievable; take Destiny for example, a participant in our youth, after-school and summer programs for 12 years, who is now on full academic scholarship at the University of Houston; or Macy, a participant in our Rescue in Motion Homeless program, unemployed and chronically homeless for over 5 years, now lives in her own apartment and is working part-time; or the Rodriguez family, a low-income family with five children and no health insurance, now all children are covered under the CHIP Medicaid program thanks to the assistance received through our Outreach Services. Everyday, *Change Happens!* (formerly FUUSA) points the way for children, individuals and families to make choices that will guide them toward positive pathways and successful futures, by providing them with the support, training, and resources that empower them to help themselves.

Together, we have a wonderful opportunity to support and encourage children and families with the greatest need, to strive to achieve more in life. Children who are at risk of becoming drug addicts, instead of pharmacists; individuals at risk of becoming homeless, instead of home owners; families at risk of becoming health system burdens, instead of proactive healthcare participants. **Please join our shared vision** in helping these children and adults to discover the unlimited potential they have to change themselves, their circumstances, and ultimately, our communities.

This year we celebrated our 20th year anniversary, changed our name, and provided services to over 100,000 people. 2009 has illustrated, in many ways, what we have always been about, "making change happen." As you think about giving, during the holiday season, please consider making a **year-end donation** to *Change Happens!* (formerly FUUSA). **Will you make a donation of \$50, \$100, \$250 or more? Any donation counts - whatever you can afford.** Please show your support for *Change Happens!* programs at this crucial time for the future of the children and families who we serve. Go online to www.changehappenstx.org and donate TODAY!

The end of the year brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express, to you, my sincere thanks and good wishes. May your holidays and New Year be filled with happiness and God's blessings.

Warm wishes,



Reverend Leslie Smith II
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

