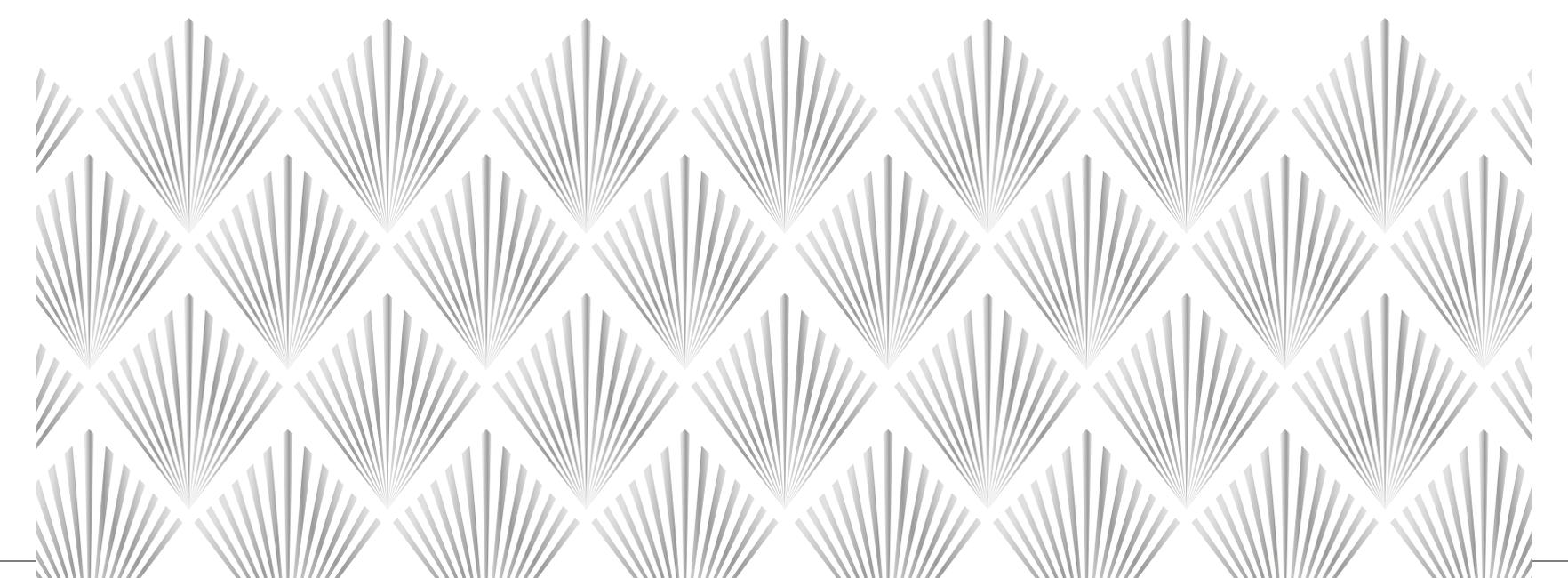


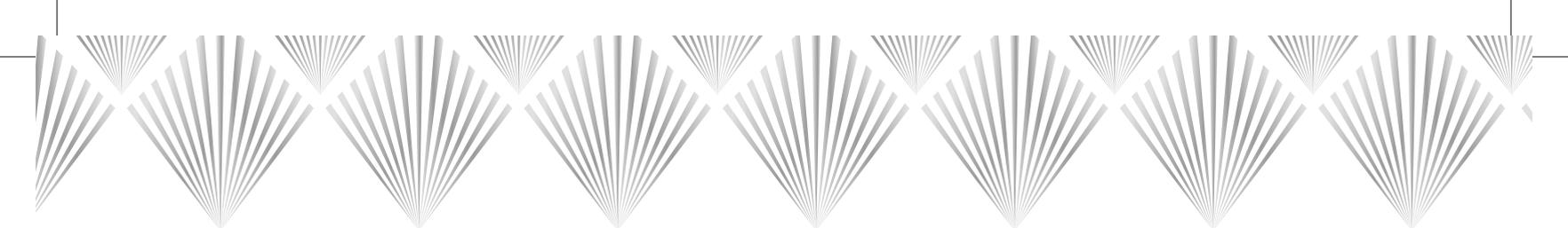
MERCY FAMILY CENTER

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 **Mercy** | Your life is our life's work.





WE ARE MERCY FAMILY CENTER

For the past 25 years, Mercy Family Center (MFC) has consistently and creatively responded to the needs in the Greater New Orleans area by providing comprehensive, community-based mental health and educational services for children, adolescents, adults, and families. MFC changes lives and gives hope to the underserved people in our community.

MERCY FAMILY CENTER CLINICS

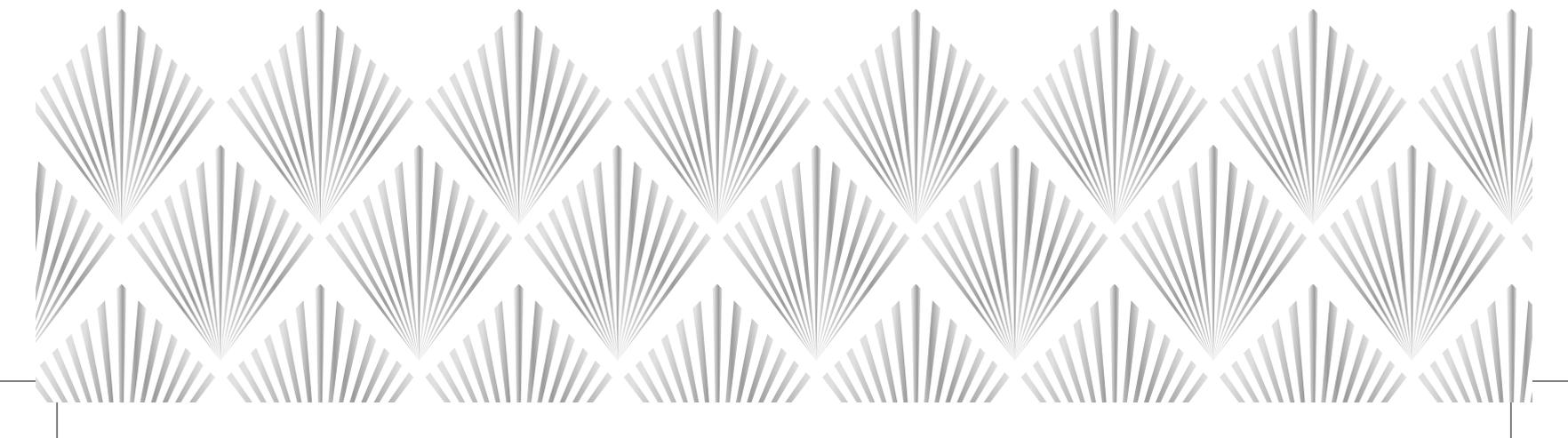
MFC has clinic locations in Metairie, Mandeville, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and serves the entire Southeast Louisiana region. Our highly-trained professional staff of Psychiatrists, Psychologists, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers provides quality mental health assessment and intervention services, regardless of income level. MFC treats over 4,000 patients with over 13,500 encounters annually, and has admitted over 400 children and 200 adults as new patients in the past twelve months. Over 40% of MFC's services are Medicaid-funded, fee assisted, or free.

MERCY LEARNING CENTER

MFC operates a Learning Center providing academic therapy to students with learning differences. MLC helps these children acquire the necessary communication and mathematics skills to be successful in school and in life. MLC served over 80 students and delivered over 1,500 educational hours last year.

PROJECT FLEUR-DE-LIS™

Project Fleur-de-Lis™ (PFDL), a project of Mercy Family Center, is a school-based mental health program that provides support, individual and group interventions, and trainings for children, families, educators, communities, and members of the U.S. military who have been impacted by traumatic events such as violence, grief, and natural and man-made disasters. PFDL helps more than 5,000 children, families, and service men and women each year. MFC and PFDL are nationally and internationally recognized as a resource for development of programs that assist communities and families in recovering from traumatic events, and partner with more than 60 schools, encompassing over 30,000 students annually.





COLOR OF HOPE INAUGURAL GALA

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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Mercy Family Center (MFC) provides outpatient counseling, psychiatry, educational services, and school-based mental health services to children, youth, adults, and families throughout the Greater New Orleans area. MFC also operates Mercy Learning Center, providing academic support to children and adolescents diagnosed with learning differences, and Project Fleur-de-Lis™,

an internationally recognized school-based mental health program that provides individual and group interventions for school-age children and their families, and members of the U.S. military, who have been impacted by traumatic events such as violence, grief, and natural and man-made disasters in their communities.

DIGNITY LEVEL \$10,000

- Honorable recognition prominently displayed on pre and post publicity
- Recognition during gala
- 20 tickets to attend gala/two reserved tables

EXCELLENCE LEVEL \$5,000

- Honorable recognition prominently displayed on pre and post publicity
- Recognition during gala
- 10 tickets to attend gala/one reserved table

JUSTICE LEVEL \$2,500

- Honorable recognition prominently displayed on pre and post publicity
- Recognition during gala
- 6 tickets to attend gala/reserved seating

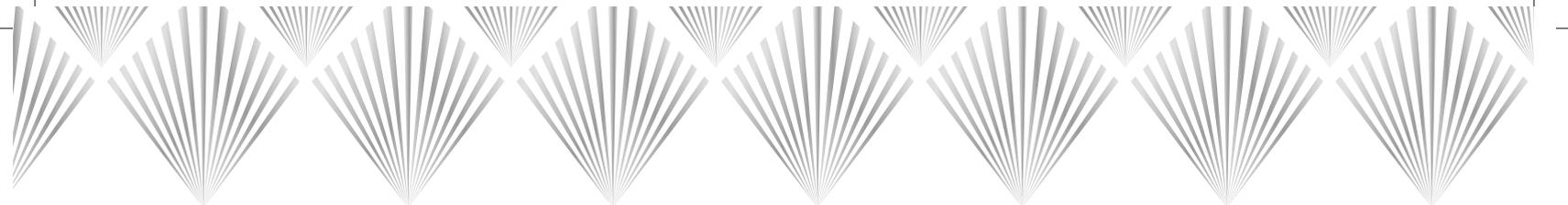
SERVICE LEVEL \$1,000

- Honorable recognition prominently displayed on pre and post publicity
- Recognition during gala
- 4 tickets to attend gala/reserved seating

FRIENDS LEVEL \$250

- Honorable recognition prominently displayed on pre and post publicity
- 2 tickets to attend gala

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25 YEARS OF MERCY FAMILY CENTER

AT THREE YEARS OLD, THERESA WAS DIAGNOSED WITH DYSLEXIA AND ADHD. Her special education teacher described Theresa as one of the most dyslexic students she'd ever met. Theresa always felt isolated in school and struggled with her self-esteem. Theresa was referred to Mark Sands, MD at Mercy Family Center by her teacher 23 years ago when Mercy Family Center was a little house near the old Mercy hospital. Dr. Sands encouraged Theresa to understand her own story and struggle with dyslexia. "I didn't get to know my ADHD and dyslexia until I got to Mercy Family Center," Theresa says. "Mercy Family Center gave me a self-esteem booster." In high school, the art room was her favorite place because it was the only class where there were no words. After graduating high school, Theresa attended college on scholarship, where she earned a Master's degree in Art Therapy. Today, Theresa is a successful art therapist, giving back to children who struggled as she did, and credits her success to Mercy Family Center and Dr. Mark Sands, who she says taught her to "accept my story and how my difficulties would lead to my success in the end."

CHRIS BEGAN SEEING DR. DOUG WALKER, PHD, AT MERCY FAMILY CENTER OVER 15 YEARS AGO. While battling excess cerebrospinal fluid on his brain, Chris was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome and ADHD. After brain surgery, Dr. Walker helped Chris recover. "Dr. Walker helped me learn how to function," says Chris. "He taught me how to look people in the eye when I meet them." In addition to basic social skills, Dr. Walker taught Chris the importance of scheduling and organization, and how to be more flexible in social situations. In the beginning, Chris's family feared he may never graduate high school. With Dr. Walker's help, Chris graduated with honors and is now a successful sound technician in the film industry. Chris says, "I couldn't have done it without Dr. Walker and Mercy Family Center."

JASON BEGAN SEEING DR. AISHA PHILLIPSON, MD AT MERCY FAMILY CENTER TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS A FIRST GRADER, TO TREAT HIS ADHD. His mother was concerned about Jason sitting still and participating in class. Since coming to Mercy Family Center, Jason's mom Olivia says she has seen a "night and day difference" in Jason's behavior and grades. Before coming to Mercy Family Center, Olivia was unable to hold a job because she had to pick Jason up from school multiple times a week due to his behavioral problems. Now, Jason is doing so well in school, she's able to work full-time again. Olivia says, "Mercy Family Center has been wonderful, and Dr. Phillipson shows lots of concern for Jason. They have been the helping hand we so desperately needed."

