



**BUILDING FOR THE
GREAT IN EVERY GIRL**

A Capital Campaign for Pace Center for Girls of Clay County.



Pace Center for Girls Clay proposed site: 425 College Dr., Orange Park, FL 32065

Pace Center for Girls Clay originally opened in borrowed space from Hibernia Baptist Church in January 2015, before moving to a small rental space. As our reputation and community support continued to grow, the current leased space became home to Pace Clay. Below is the vision for our permanent home.



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OUTCOMES FOR OUR GIRLS – THE PROMISE FOR HER FUTURE

The new location will dramatically improve Pace’s ability to meet the needs of the next generation of girls. Its design will reflect and support Pace’s gender-responsive and trauma-informed programming and anticipates what will be needed now, as well as in the future.

Highlights of the new building plan include:

Technology and Infrastructure

In this digital age, advances in technology can help teachers personalize each student’s learning by tapping into the best educational content the globe has to offer. Technology provides equal access to a world of information and enables students to engage, with teacher supervision, in self-directed learning. We must provide girls with the tools they need to learn and to be competitive with their peers.



Reach Program Services

Not every girl needs to attend school daily at Pace. For girls who are on track academically but struggling in other aspects of their life, Reach will provide individual, family, and group therapy as well as programming to improve emotional wellbeing, strengthen relationships, and support academic success. Reach experienced professionals will also be available in a variety of convenient, easy-to-access locations both at local schools and within the community as well as providing services within the Center. Through individualized care, girls break down barriers, find their voice, and define skills to brave new beginnings and discover their best future self.

OUR HISTORY, HER STORY

- Thirty-five years ago, Pace Center for Girls was founded in Jacksonville with one center and a handful of staff helping 10 girls. The vision was and remains to change the way girls were treated in the Juvenile Justice system. In three decades, we have changed the lives of more than 40,000 girls and young women.
- Today, Pace includes 21 centers and serves 3,000 girls annually.
- Pace Clay was established in 2015. Since then, more than **300** girls have been served.
- Pace is now recognized by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Children’s Defense Fund, National Mental Health Association, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a national model for reducing recidivism and improving school success, employment and self-sufficiency amongst girls.

Meeting and Workspaces

Our new facility will include meeting spaces for staff, collaboration with community partners, as well as additional offices that will provide room for us to grow and serve more girls. These additional spaces will help to support Reach Program Services as well as provide storage for community donations and smaller spaces that are needed for meetings and trainings.



Outdoor Patio and Green Space

An outdoor space will be a complete new aspect of life for our girls at Pace Clay. Our plan is to create an outdoor space that functions in multiple ways to enhance the growth and healing of our girls. There will be an area for exercise and play, as well as an area for rest and reflection in the therapeutic surroundings of nature. The garden area will provide nourishment physically, spiritually and educationally as the girls also have the opportunity to learn lessons of sustainability and self-sufficiency in nature.

Social Services Suite

Social and emotional support and growth are foundational to the Pace program. Our counselors and social services managers will provide care and support in a unique collaborative setting, with offices surrounding a central meeting area for small staff meetings, psychosocial group sessions or simply a quiet but safe place for our girls to reflect.

Multipurpose Room

Much of life at Pace Clay takes place in our multipurpose room where the entire Pace Family comes together. This area is in use for most of each day, beginning with our morning meeting, meals and a wide variety of activities. This is a safe space to be together as a group where girls can celebrate themselves and each other and their achievements. Dances, meetings, college or career training, will all take place in this central hub of our center.



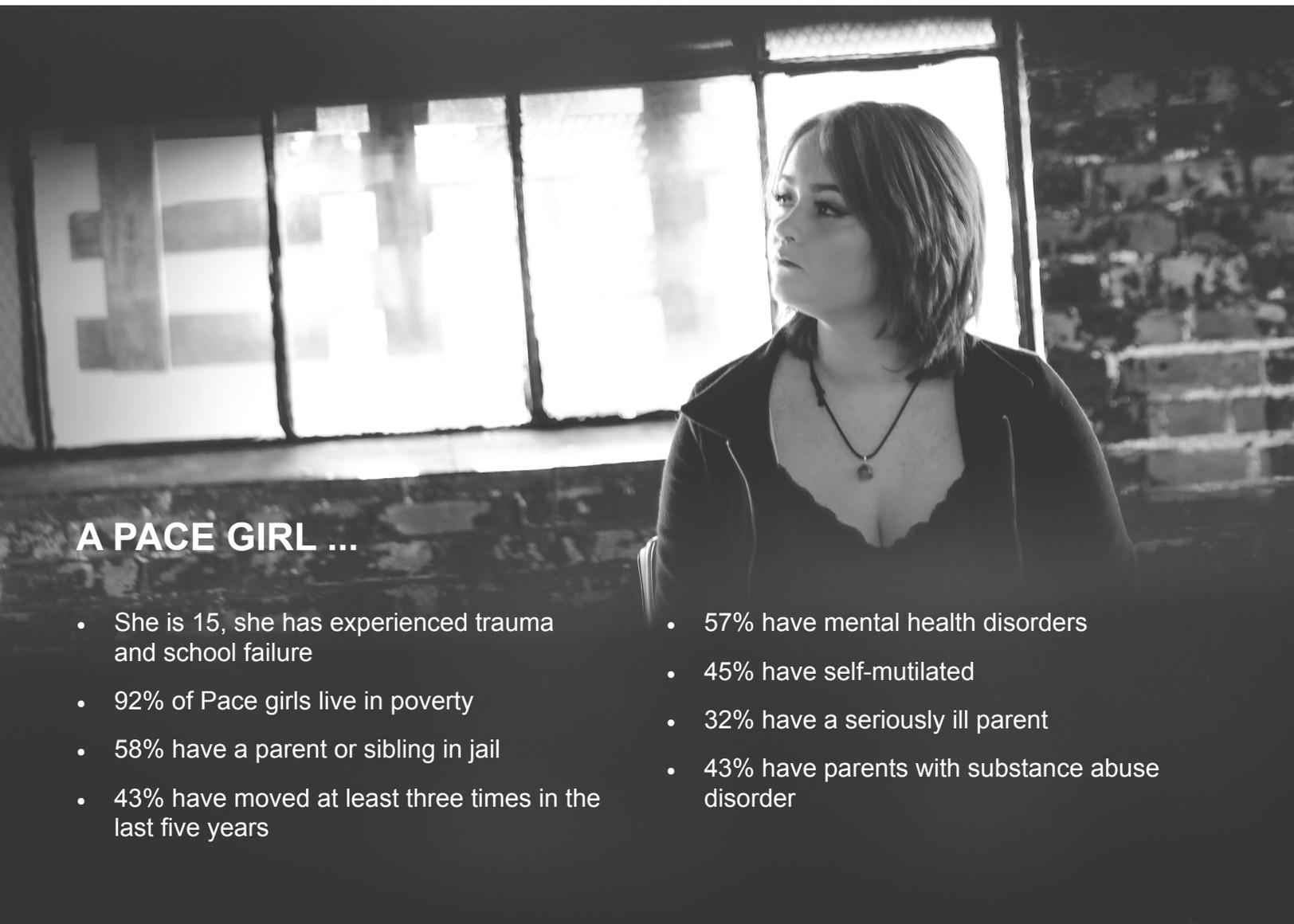
WHO ARE PACE GIRLS?

Pace Center for Girls is a voluntary program. Our girls come from a variety of backgrounds, ethnicities and religions but all share one thing in common: their life circumstances have put them on a path which will almost certainly divert them from reaching their full potential. The typical Pace girl comes from a low income home and may have experienced trauma, including physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse. She has likely failed one or more classes and may have been suspended or expelled from school. She has persistent gaps in her learning that have been fueled by opportunity gaps based on her family income, race, frequent moves, homelessness and/or abuse. Because of this, she has dropped an average of two grade levels behind her peers. Prior to coming to Pace, she was at high-risk of dropping out of school, becoming pregnant, committing a crime and/or abusing substances and has experienced feelings of hopelessness. Girls can be referred by the court, a school counselor or teacher, probation officer, friend, social worker, or just come on her own.

No matter how she finds her way to Pace, she is there by personal choice because she wants to better her future.

A PACE GIRL ...

- She is 15, she has experienced trauma and school failure
- 92% of Pace girls live in poverty
- 58% have a parent or sibling in jail
- 43% have moved at least three times in the last five years
- 57% have mental health disorders
- 45% have self-mutilated
- 32% have a seriously ill parent
- 43% have parents with substance abuse disorder



HOW WE HELP HER REACH HER POTENTIAL

Pace provides an environment where girls can flourish. Pace offers a safe, nurturing environment that celebrates girls and understands how they learn and develop. Girls spend an average of 24 months in the Pace program until they are ready to be reintegrated into the school system or move on to higher education or a career. The model is recognized as one of the most effective programs in the country for keeping girls from entering the juvenile justice system.

While attending Pace, girls:

- Receive an average of 2,000 hours of intensive academic, therapeutic and personal support in a year-round setting
- Set goals and learn to self monitor progress
- Make learning gains in small classes – typically one teacher to 12 girls
- Learn life skills and receive incentives to help her to make positive choices
- Become community volunteers by participating in service learning projects
- Develop individual and family skills to help resolve past trauma and personal issues
- Receive career preparation helping her with school-to-work readiness as well as finding, applying and interviewing for jobs
- Transition from Pace to go back to school, higher education, and/or the workforce – while still receiving ongoing case management to ensure success



PARTNERSHIP NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

We hope you will choose to be a part of this one-time campaign to build a legacy for this a current generations of girls who need the care and support that Pace provides. Our capital campaign goal is \$1,000,000. Through the generous support of an anonymous donor, we have a matching donation pledge of \$500,000. Any amount you give will be doubled through this match.

DONOR GIFT LEVELS & RECOGNITION

\$50,000

Naming opportunities include the Multi-Purpose Room, Social Services Suite or Conference Room. Donors at this level will receive prominent signage on site at Pace Clay, as well as featured mention on Pace Center for Girls Website and central role in center opening news and activities.

\$25,000

Naming opportunities include the Math, Science, Language Arts, Reading and Spirited Girls Classrooms as well as the center Lobby. Donors at this level will receive prominent signage on site at Pace Clay, as well as featured mention on Pace Center for Girls Website

\$10,000

Naming opportunities at the \$10,000 level include the Pace Point Store (where girls “cash in” their earned rewards) as well as the outdoor recreation area. Pace is also in need of a donor to cover the cost exterior signage and fencing for the privacy and security of our girls. Donors at this level will be recognized in signage on-site at Pace Clay and will be invited to participate in a social media mini-campaign with the Pace National Office.

\$5,000

Appreciation and recognition include feature in center opening activities, recognition on pacecenter.org, and inclusion in on-site donor recognition.



FIND THE GREAT IN EVERY GIRL

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