Dear Friends,

This year brought its fair share of troubles and strife, with a pandemic impacting the lives of MS youth and their families, a challenging political season, and persistent racial and social inequality across the U.S. Despite the many changes, resilience and hope abound in our state and at THMS. It has been an honor and a privilege working with such a dynamic staff and phenomenal group of young people who are more determined than ever to speak out for their right to knowledge and information about their bodies, to elevate their voices on behalf of their communities, and to lead out loud. I’m also proud of our strong national and community partners who helped us support 1,067 Mississippi youth experiencing food insecurities, homelessness, and medical and safety insecurities.

This year has been long and hard, yet, despite the obstacles, the work to build the capacity of youth and the communities in which they live still goes forth. So far this year, we trained 366 adults on sexual and reproductive health and youth-friendly healthcare, and in a pandemic no less. Look for us in 2021 as we unveil our new online training platform, sponsor new legislation for sex education, and offer Mental Health First Aid Training to youth and adults across the state. Thank you for your support and for helping us build a greater future for young people in Mississippi.

In Appreciation,
Dr. Hope Crenshaw, PhD
MISSION
To ensure that all young people in Mississippi have access to high-quality sex education and youth-friendly healthcare services.

VISION
Teen Health Mississippi envisions healthier communities where young people have access to essential knowledge, skills, resources, and support so they may grow into healthy adults and move communities forward.

"What we’re doing is building this environment of health and respect and responsibility.
—Sanford Johnson, Board of Directors

Programs & Initiatives

Training & Capacity Building
THMS Training Cadre
Focus4Teens
Pregnancy Assistance Fund

Youth-Led Programs
Mind Elevation Project
LinkedUp
Mississippi Youth Voice

Policy & Advocacy
Mississippi Youth Summit
Mississippi Youth Council
JOIN THE TEEN HEALTH MISSISSIPPI MOVEMENT

Legend
Green: places of impact
White: future impact
⭐: THMS office
●: Counties we impacted with COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

Additional U.S. Cities
📍 Chattanooga, TN
📍 New Orleans, LA

“Capacity-building means giving people tools that they can always use, even when we’re not around.” —Whitney French, Focus4Teens Project Coordinator
Through our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, a total of 1,067 young people have received assistance. We also partnered with state organizations to expand our reach across the state. Here is a breakdown of that funding.

### Teen Health Mississippi At a Glance

- **49,395** Social Media Reach
- **345** ME. Safer Sex Kits Distributed to Youth Across the State
- **366** People Attended Workshops
- **1,251** Members of Our Youth Action Network
- **326** People Signed Our Petition to Expand Sex Ed in Mississippi
In mid-February, I was invited to join ME. Project, which is targeted toward getting information out about mental and sexual and reproductive health to young people. I was sent information about this group via friends in the Jackson who thought I should give it a try, especially since I am a teenage mother.

During my time with ME., I learned about mental health challenges and how they can take a toll on the people surrounding me, including my daughter Journee. The mental health of teenage mothers matters, and with ME. I have gained the voice to speak out.

My time with the ME. Project gave me the idea to start the MominMe project, in which I gift one single mother graduating high school with a free makeup session for graduation day. Something so simple as eliminating that worry off of a mother’s mind can relieve so much when it comes to mental health. Times will never always be this simple, but this is only the beginning of this project!

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THANK YOU!
We’d like to thank our 2020 donors and supporters. It’s because of you that we can keep improving young people’s access to high-quality sex education and youth-friendly healthcare!

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