

Springboard to Opportunities

The Magnolia Mother's Trust



Having medicine on hand for a child's allergies, **obtaining all necessary school supplies and uniforms** for children, **owning a bed**, **having sufficient funds** to pay a monthly energy bill...

These are just a few of the expenses participants in **The Magnolia Mother's Trust** reported finally being able to take care of that were not possible with limited voucher programs that provide for some food and housing expenses but little more.

The 2019 pilot of The Magnolia Mother's Trust provided **\$1000 of unrestricted, no-strings-attached cash to 20 low-income, African American mothers in Jackson, MS** to better understand how a nonpunitive, trust based benefit, like guaranteed income, could support families in not only exiting poverty but knowing that they have the **freedom, dignity, and agency** to be the authors of their own lives.



“**[The Magnolia Mother's Trust] made me realize that I want to do more. This is not it, there is more out there, and I want to push myself to do more... find a better job and think for myself.**”

—Tia Cunningham

HOW DID PARTICIPANTS REPORT SPENDING THE MONEY?

1. Transportation/Travel
2. Purchasing a home
3. Paying bills
4. Education expenses
5. Credit improvement

100% said they have enough **money** to meet their basic needs

100% reported worrying less because of their met needs

100% saw an increase in positive family engagement

100% feel hopeful about their future in 5 years

What Changed?

% of participants preparing 3 meals/day at home for their family

32% → 75%

% of participants able to pay all bills without additional support

37% → 80%

% of participants with a completed high school education

63% → 85%

Collective amount of predatory debt paid off during the pilot increased

Over \$10,000