

## Why we do what we do...

Residential student Elizabeth (name changed), 17, had trouble engaging in the traditional classroom setting. At Eliada she was exposed to an agricultural science class that takes place in our Grow Dome. Elizabeth was willing to get her hands dirty with tasks that included cleaning the fish tank, making tea bags for herself and staff members from the herbs she helped cultivate, and engaging in positive relations. Programs like the Campus Farm are able to provide a space where students can open up and explore. With support from donors like you, youth are able to have diverse learning experiences like this one that helps to foster and support their individual needs.

## ... and how your gift is an investment in the future

Each year 23,000 individuals age out of foster care services and research suggests 31%-46% will experience homelessness by the time they are 26. Eliada created the ESTA program to directly address this concerning statistic. One way to combat this growing gap in service is working to bring a new housing voucher program into Buncombe County specifically for these young adults. Our hope is that these vouchers will allow some stability in housing for youth so that they may access and fully utilize the work force development services we offer to them. Getting the housing is just step one! We offer 3 full years of support while these voucher recipients finish school and navigate moving from a first job to a career. Your donation allows us to have the flexibility to provide those services how the client needs. Thank you for your support!



We hope you can join us in making our year end giving drive a success

