

Every Life Has Value. Every Investment Changes a Future.

Celebrating 10 years of empowering youth, strengthening families, and creating opportunities for lasting change.

Truly Valued, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties in Florida. Through mentoring, family education, and restorative justice programming, we help individuals build confidence, character, resilience, and practical skills for the future.

Our impact at a glance

548

Unduplicated participants served

94%

Students surveyed reporting positive
behavior change

96%

Parents with measurable improvement

Reporting period: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. Student result: 273 of 291 surveyed. Parent result: 24 of 25 participants with completed pre- and post-assessments. These measures describe different participant groups and should not be added together.

A message to our supporters

A decade of service has reinforced a simple belief: when people are given encouragement, education, and meaningful opportunities, their futures can change. Thank you to the donors, volunteers, educators, community partners, and families who make this work possible. Your generosity helps turn potential into progress.

OUR MISSION

To empower youth and families by fostering positive self-esteem, promoting education, and nurturing confidence and strong character that lead to lifelong growth and resilience.

Empowering Youth & Strengthening Families

I AM Academy

Weekly mentoring, social-emotional learning, and leadership development for youth ages 10-18. School and community partnerships help students practice decision-making, teamwork, self-regulation, and positive relationships.

94%

273 of 291 surveyed students reported positive behavior change

107%

Year-over-year growth in Manatee students served: 89 to 184

Manatee County academic indicators

Among the reported year-over-year student groups, FAST Math Level 3+ increased from 32.8% to 46.1%, while FAST ELA Level 3+ increased from 20.0% to 23.5%. In the reported cohort, 59.4% demonstrated Math learning gains and 44.9% demonstrated ELA learning gains. These are descriptive program-associated results, not causal estimates.

Nurturing Families® / Criando Familias

Evidence-based parenting education in English and Spanish gives parents and caregivers tools to strengthen communication, build nurturing relationships, and support healthy family environments.

96%

24 of 25 assessed parents improved

200+

Parents served since adoption of the model, as reported by October 2026

The 96% figure applies only to parents with paired assessments during the October 2025-September 2026 reporting period. The 200+ figure is cumulative and extends beyond that reporting period.

Mission: Possible | Summer Literacy

In summer 2026, 23 students completed the literacy program. Reported program measures showed increases of 45% in love of reading, 56% in comprehension and vocabulary, and 42% in confidence and growth. These are reported changes in program measures, not percentage-point changes in standardized test scores.

Restoring Hope. Building Accountability.

RISE Academy | Sarasota County Jail

RISE Academy provides restorative justice education, personal development, and life-skills training to help incarcerated and justice-impacted participants strengthen accountability, prepare for reintegration, and pursue positive choices after release.

61

Participants reported released

93.4%

57 of 61 with no reported rearrest

4

Reported rearrests after release

These figures were shared for the October 2025-September 2026 reporting period. The 93.4% figure is a snapshot based on currently available rearrest information; it is not an established 18-month non-rearrest rate. Release dates, follow-up durations, and verification coverage may vary. Truly Valued's stated long-term goal is for at least 70% of participants to have no rearrest within 18 months of release.

RISE BEYOND | Manatee County Jail

The inaugural March-May 2026 cohort engaged 34 participants. Fourteen completed the full eight-week curriculum and paired assessments; all 14 showed improvement across the four measured domains. Ninety-three percent of completers reported a commitment to continued change, and seven post-release reconnections were reported.

Across fiscal-year 2026 reporting, 130 participants were recorded as served through the Manatee County jail program. This broader count should not be confused with the 34 participants in the inaugural cohort.

What success means

For Truly Valued, success includes more than program attendance. We examine skills gained, positive behavioral change, completion, participant engagement, and longer-term outcomes where reliable follow-up data are available. We are committed to improving the consistency of our outcome tracking and reporting.

SECOND CHANCES CREATE COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

Through restorative education and ongoing community connection, participants are encouraged to strengthen relationships, practice accountability, and prepare for constructive next steps after release.

Investing in the Next Decade

Your partnership makes the mission possible

Truly Valued works alongside schools, community organizations, justice-system partners, volunteers, businesses, and philanthropic supporters. These relationships expand access to programs and strengthen the community network surrounding participants and families.

Ways to invest

Give once. Support mentoring, parenting education, literacy, and restorative justice programming.

Become a monthly champion. Provide dependable resources that help sustain programs throughout the year.

Partner as a business. Explore program sponsorship, event support, employee engagement, and matching gifts.

Make a strategic or legacy investment. Discuss major gifts, foundation partnerships, and long-term sustainability opportunities.

Our commitment to accountability

We seek to pair compelling participant experiences with transparent, appropriately qualified data. The measures in this report are drawn from program reporting and vary in population, period, and methodology. They should not be interpreted as independently audited impact estimates. Truly Valued has earned the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency; current nonprofit and financial information should be reviewed alongside this report.

Looking forward

As Truly Valued enters its next decade, our priorities include strengthening program delivery, improving longitudinal outcome measurement, expanding strategic partnerships, and building a sustainable base of monthly and major philanthropic support.

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Invest today at www.trulyvalued.org or contact us to explore a partnership.

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Reporting notes: Organization-wide outcomes and selected program indicators are based on internal reporting shared for 2025-2026. The cumulative parent count and certain retrospective program results were reported in October 2026. Some program figures cover overlapping populations or different intervals and are not additive. Financial figures are intentionally excluded pending confirmation of final year-end statements.