# Paul and Toni Azinger Compassion Center

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We have personally seen what a difference a Compassion Center can make in a community through our involvement at the Harold Clark Simmons Compassion Center in Lakeland. Bradenton needs this type of facility where hope-centered services are provided to children and families in need.

Paul and Toni Azinger | Bradenton residents for more than 30 years

### The Need

Are you ready to **bring HOPE to children and families in Bradenton**? We need you to help make a difference in the life of one more child. Consider these numbers, statistics and facts:

- Children have been removed from homes more than 2,400 times during the past three years in Manatee, Sarasota and Desoto Counties.<sup>1</sup>
- In Manatee County, 20.5% of children are in families living below the federal poverty threshold,<sup>2</sup> and 43% of families do not bring in enough income to meet their basic needs for housing, child care, food and more.<sup>3</sup>
- Across the Manasota region, the opioid crisis is growing, the number of single-parent homes is increasing and foster care needs are rising.

### The Opportunity

One More Child, in partnership with FBCH and Guardian Angels of SWFL, is providing incredible life-changing hope for children and families by announcing plans for a **Paul and Toni Azinger Compassion Center** in Bradenton that will:

- Provide items like food, clothing and diapers
- Provide support services like parenting classes, financial counseling, vocational training, etc.
- Support our weekend backpack program
- Resource One More Child Foster Care efforts
- Engage churches and mobilize volunteers
- Engage community ministries and businesses

## Five-year projections include more than:

- 12,000 children and individuals impacted
- 4 million meals provided
- 42,000 volunteer hours

#### How Can You Help?

**PRAY:** Pray for the children and families that will be served, generous donors, church engagement, volunteers and community partnerships as well as One More Child's leadership as they make decisions and hire staff in the future. **GIVE:** The Azingers generously provided a \$500,000 matching gift. We need your help to raise the \$1.2 million needed to build the center. To make a gift, visit **OneMoreChild.org/Azinger**, call 863.687.8811 or mail a check.<sup>4</sup> SERVE: Compassion Centers rely heavily on community and church volunteers. Please consider applying to become a certified volunteer by visiting OneMoreChild.org/Volunteer or emailing us at Volunteer@ OneMoreChild.org.





P.O. Box 8190 | Lakeland, FL 33802 | 863.687.8811 FBCHomes.org | OneMoreChild.org <sup>1</sup>Department of Children of Families (2018) <sup>2</sup>Kids Count Data Center (2016) <sup>3</sup>United Way ALICE Update (2017) <sup>4</sup>Please make checks payable to "One More Child" and mail to **P.O. Box 8190, Lakeland, FL 33802.** On the memo of the check, please note "Azinger Compassion Center"