

Rooted in Tamassee, Growing in Hope



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Change has a way of inviting reflection. It encourages us to look at where we've been, consider where we are, and thoughtfully step toward what comes next. As Tamassee begins the transition from Tamassee DAR School to Tamassee Hope Village, that spirit of reflection is very much at the center of the moment. One thing remains constant: the name "Tamassee."

That word carries generations of history, care, and purpose. It represents a legacy built by those who believed deeply in serving children and strengthening families. Keeping "Tamassee" in our name was never a question. It is, and always will be, the foundation of who we are. What this new chapter does is expand how that story is told.

The addition of "Hope Village" reflects the heart of the work happening every day. Hope is woven into each program, from early learning classrooms to after school and summer experiences, and into the Starlight program supporting mothers and children in recovery. It is seen in small victories, steady progress, and the belief that every child and family deserves the opportunity to move forward with confidence.

The word "village" was chosen just as intentionally. It speaks to a simple, enduring truth: none of us do this work alone. Children grow and thrive when they are surrounded by support, encouragement, and meaningful connection. Families are strengthened when communities come together with shared purpose.

That idea comes to life at Tamassee in countless ways. It is present in the dedication of staff, the generosity of supporters, the time given by volunteers, and the partnerships that extend beyond campus. Each person plays a role in creating an environment where children feel seen, supported, and valued. In many ways, the phrase "it takes a village to raise a child" is not just a proverb here. It is something lived out daily.

This name reflects both where Tamassee has been and where it is going. It honors a strong and meaningful history while also embracing the work unfolding today and the opportunities ahead. It is a name that captures both legacy and purpose in the same breath.

As this transition unfolds, what matters most continues unchanged. Tamassee remains committed to serving children and families with care, consistency, and compassion. The mission is steady. The work continues. The village grows.