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CHARITY NAME: Holy Ground Shelter for Homeless. Inc. (DBA Holy Ground PBC)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://holygroundpbc.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$150,000

SPONSORS: Pine Hollow Farm and Havensafe Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 35

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

As reported in our initial report, Holy Ground decided to allocate the funds as follows:

- \$80,000 to establish our new reserve fund (represents three months of operating expenses)
- \$50,000 to pay off the loan we used to purchase our residential campus
- \$10,000 to create a transportation fund for our clients
- \$10,000 to create a childcare fund for our clients

Since we've received the grant, we have used:

- **\$802.30** from our childcare account: This enabled a total of nine clients to attend several of our regular, mandatory Life Skills sessions (held in the evenings), while their little ones were cared for by our part-time nanny, who was paid out of this new account. (This amount includes 91 hours of nanny care over several sessions. The nanny watches only those children whose mothers do not have other arrangements in place; she did not watch nine at once!) This amount also includes \$322.20 for daycare.
- **\$1,166.50** from our transportation account: This has already been (see below!) and will continue to be a major assist to both our organization and our clients. The costs of gas, car repairs, bus fares and Uber often do a hit-and-run on the budgets of low-income families such as our clients. Holy Ground has helped our clients through such transportation-related incidents by offering zero-interest loans (e.g., for car repairs) or by giving rides ourselves, but these have caused both budget and resource crunches for the organization. With this new transportation fund, we can cover these expenses without impacting our operating account. This amount represents expenditures for rides from Uber, car repairs, car insurance, bus passes, and gasoline.



Before the nanny came





Very recently, one of our clients experienced car trouble that required her car to be in the shop for three days. She works at Jupiter Medical Center, and her job would potentially have been at risk if she missed so much work due to car repairs. Trying to come up with the money for the repairs, as well as Uber rides to work, would have stretched her budget to the breaking point. Formerly, Holy Ground would have taken funds out of our operating budget to see her through. Now, however, our operating budget was left untouched, our client's car was fixed, and she was able to get to work in the meantime, thanks to Uber and our new transportation fund!

- **\$50,000** went to pay off our loan in full. We now own the Stockard Family Campus free and clear! To celebrate, we had a little mortgage-burning party (though, since we used a wok, it was more of a mortgage stir-fry).

Holy Ground board and staff members gleefully setting fire (safely!) to the mortgage for our residential apartment complex, the Stockard Family Campus (seen in the background), since we now own it free and clear, thanks to the Great Charity Challenge and our superb riding team!



- The **\$80,000** in our reserves remains untouched.
Like the incoming tide that lifts all boats, the stability created by our reserve fund and by being debt-free, as well as the funds now available to all of our clients for childcare and transportation (removing the need for the organization to take these funds out of operating), benefits our entire family of clients. This family now numbers 35 (15 busy moms and 20 healthy children): 11 mothers and 11 children in residence, 3 mothers and 7 children in our non-residential program, and 1 mother and 2 children in our Aftercare program. Fourteen of our young mothers are working; one is going for her GED, and all of our clients – not to mention our board, staff, mentors and volunteers! – are buoyed up by the continued success of our organization, which is due in large part to our generous donors and grantors, such as the Great Charity Challenge!

CHARITY NAME: Kids Cancer Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.kidscancersf.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$125,000

SPONSORS: The Wight Family & Artemis Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 93 Families (417 people)



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Below are photos of some of the young patients and families that funds from the Great Charity Challenge helped to assist.

Anthony is an adorable 5-year-old diagnosed with an aggressive leukemia that required him and his family to travel to St. Jude's for Treatment for the better part of the past 3 years. Needless to say, this is a major hardship on the family since Anthony & Mom have been separated from Anthony's Dad and older sister for extended periods of time during these past 3 years. Thanks to the funding from GCC the Kids Cancer Foundation has been able to provide "Care Packages" and gift cards to assist Anthony & his Mom while they were away. Anthony (when he is home) and sister, Trinity, love to attend and participate in the quarterly "Family Socials" and monthly "Kid's Nights Out" hosted by the Kids Cancer Foundation.



Geo is a 14-year-old who is battling a High-Risk Leukemia. Given the aggressiveness of this treatment, Geo has spent a great deal of time in the hospital and has had a difficult time keeping up with his Hospital Homebound High School classes. Luckily, the Kids Cancer Foundation has been able to provide one-on-one tutoring and educational advocacy to ensure that Geo's educational needs are met. None of this would be possible without the generous funding we received from the GCC.



Sophie is an adorable 3-year-old who is newly diagnosed with a brain tumor. She lives with her single Mom. Since Sophie's diagnosis her mother has had to take an extended leave of absence from work without pay, a leave which has been extended even longer than expected. Sophie had a re-occurrence of her brain tumor and had to undergo surgery again and re-start chemotherapy. The KCF has been able to apply for financial assistance to help this single Mom pay her monthly bills. The KCF has also been able to provide gift cards to help assist with the financial burden of food and travel for Sophie when she comes to the hospital for treatment. KCF has also been able to provide the education and support Sophie's Mom needs to properly care for Sophie. None of this would be possible without the assistance of the GCC.



Emma is a lovely 8-year-old battling Leukemia. Emma loves horses and thanks to KCF and our Ambassador, Professional Polo Player, Nic Roldan, Emma and her sisters and our other patients and families have had the opportunity to visit Nic's barn and spend an afternoon visiting the horses and playing in the fields and having the opportunity to just be kids and have fun. Activities like this help to make the journey, battling childhood cancer, a little easier for these young patients and families. The Kids



Cancer Center has been a great help to Emma's single Mom. Emma's two younger sisters get to spend time at the Kids Cancer Center when Emma has to go to the hospital for treatment. If not for the funding from the GCC, many necessary programs and services that the Kids Cancer Foundation provides at the Kids Cancer Center for our young patients and families would not be available.



Johan is an adorable 8 year old with High Risk Leukemia who is holding "Hopper," an interactive stuffed animal that we provide to our young patients at diagnosis to help ease some of their worries and concerns regarding procedures and treatments. Hopper along with Chemo Duck are used for medical play. They help make the treatments and procedures our young patients receive less scary by allowing them the opportunity to perform the various treatments and procedures on Hopper & Chemo Duck. Thanks to the funding from the GCC we are able to provide Hopper & Chemo Duck for our young patients and Huggable Hope (Chemo Ducks friend) to the siblings of our patients.



Michelle is currently our youngest patient. At 5 months Michelle was diagnosed with Infantile Leukemia which has a very poor prognosis for survival and is aggressively treated with a bone marrow transplant, if the baby is able to survive the aggressive chemotherapy and achieve remission. As if such a difficult diagnosis was not enough, Michelle's single Mom lives over 1 ½ hours away from the closest hospital that can provide the medical care Michelle requires. The only transportation Michelle's Mom had was a very old and very unreliable car. Thanks to the Kids Cancer Foundation, Michelle's Mom was able to take her car into a reliable auto repair shop to have the necessary repairs made to ensure her vehicle was safe and reliable to make the trips to the hospital. If not for the funding from the GCC, the Kids Cancer Foundation would not have the resources to assist this family.

As you can see from these stories, the funding from the Great Charity Challenge enables the Kids Cancer Foundation to provide many vital programs and services to our brave young patients and their families. We are blessed and honored to have received this support. Thank you so much for helping us to help them fight. Little warriors need big heroes like the Great Charity Challenge!

CHARITY NAME: [Speak Up For Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc](http://www.speakupforkidspbc.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.speakupforkidspbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$100,000

SPONSORS: Louisburg Farm and Fidelity Investments®

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: For the period of March 1, 2019 to May 22, 2019, we were able to assist 1723 children on 1030 cases. Of the 1723 children, **291** were newly sheltered during this period (incredibly high rate of shelter). Volunteers drove 37,530 miles to advocate for the children



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during this period volunteering 4603 hours (recorded). Best interest attorneys represented the children's best interest in 2738 hearings during this period.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

This child did not attend school until she was sheltered at age seven. Her computer skills are behind. A LeapPad was provided with funds from the Great Charity Challenge. The girls exclaimed, "A LeapPad, I always wanted one." Pictured with her Volunteer Child Advocate.



Angela Dawkins, a Palm Beach County high school senior, was just honored as a finalist for the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Foundation's Triumph Award. The award recognizes high-achieving youth served by the GAL program. Angela, known for her dedication to school and her writing talents, has been in the foster care system since the day she was born. "Everybody I depended on who said they were going to be there, they left me," Angela says. **"But my GAL volunteer stays on her word.**

There's not a thing she said she would do that she didn't do." Soon, Angela will head to college.

"I'm pursuing a career as a lawyer to advocate for children, because there's nothing like having someone 100% behind you when they've dealt with what you've dealt with."

CALIDUS Management Volunteer of the Year Award presented to an active senior volunteering involved in making a difference with a nonprofit in Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee or Indian River County is being presented to our full-time volunteer Ellen Kranzler on May 23 at the Prime Time Awards.



CHARITY NAME: [Spirit of Giving Network, Inc.](http://www.spiritofgivingnetwork.com)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.spiritofgivingnetwork.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$80,000

SPONSORS: Team Spy Coast & Preston, Corporate - Rose Hill Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT?

This Fund Use Report is an update for the \$12,000 allocated for this period for our *Community Spirit Race* held on March 9, 2019. 26 nonprofit agencies were able to fundraise under the Spirit of Giving's umbrella raising more than \$60,000 to further their missions and effect countless individuals in our community. We had **630** registered runners along with several supporters enjoying the energy from this community event. Participants and attendees learned about the missions of area nonprofits and walked away with relevant health, safety and community resources from the Nonprofit /Vendor Expo.

- Short Race Video 28 seconds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3k9LHQp5U34>



- Full Race Video 2:17 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSsBxy9eYNs>

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

As noted above, this Fund Use Report is an update for the \$12,000 allocated for this period for our *Community Spirit Race* held on March 9, 2019. We are very grateful for this wonderful support that enabled us to host a successful inaugural event that supported so many area nonprofits.

More specifically funds were used to support:

• Kid's Zone Activities, Games and Prizes	\$1,200
• Healthy Breakfast and Drinks for Attendees	\$1,890
• Awards and Finisher Medals for Participants	\$1,220
• AccuChip Race Timing Services	\$1,777
• Marketing Support & Graphics	\$2,000
• Photography & Video Production	\$2,225
• T-Shirts for Participants & Volunteers	<u>\$1,778</u>
	<u>\$12,090</u>

The Community Spirit Race is a community wide fundraising event that supports and benefits area nonprofit organizations. Instead of each organization holding their own race, we hold one all-encompassing fun and efficient event. A Win Win for All!

This event brought together nonprofits, businesses, and individuals. The Community Spirit Race gave nonprofits the opportunity to raise much-needed funds to support the work they do. It offered businesses a chance to do "good" in the community and engage their employees to make a difference. The race allowed individuals to participate by raising fund and walking together with friends, family, and neighbors. Participants also did something healthy for themselves while having fun. Even a little rain didn't dampen the spirits of this event. Through the rain and sun all had a great experience!



A few stories and observations:

1. Nonprofits were thrilled to participate in this risk-free fundraising platform. Several agencies said they would never have been able to shoulder the costs or supply the staff to hold a race of their own. They were very appreciative of the opportunity to generate needed funds without the risk and time commitment.
2. A nonprofit agency that supports female veterans made a connection with the VA that resulted in significant support and a partnership.



3. A newer small nonprofit agency that supports a very rare genetic disease and powered by only a few volunteers, was able to raise over \$5,000, made important health connections, built awareness and substantial support for their cause.
4. Overheard one little girl said to her younger brother at the food station, “you can eat this because everything here is good for us.”
5. Another attendee marveled at how many groups and individuals came out to support this inaugural community event.
6. The children loved racing against the police and fireman in their gear. One little boy announced that he was going to be a fireman because he was strong and could run faster than these fireman.

CHARITY NAME: **Jeff Industries, Inc**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.Jeffindustries.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$73,000 (including \$3,000 grant for best costume)

SPONSORS: Van Kampen Foundation and Caroline Mawhinney

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 60 adults with chronic mental illnesses



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Throughout the years, Jeff Industries has been expanding its basic work-skills training programs which include more sophisticated embroidery equipment, graphic design software, and larger wood- working tools. With the Great Charity challenge funds, we purchased vocational training materials, a new screen-printing machine that provides additional training opportunities and paid modest training wages to persons who suffer severe and persistent mental illnesses.

Our “LIVE, LEARN, WORK”, program identifies individual barriers to successful employment and develops an action plan to overcome those barriers. Participants are provided training and support to address their obstacles to work while earning minimum wage through agency-owned businesses. This program improves their abilities to prepare for eventual competitive employment in the community. The program works in collaboration with mental health, substance abuse and community providers to meet the needs of this underserved population.

Participants are placed in an agreed upon work crew. The work tasks include: sign making and woodworking, graphic design and embroidery, food service and janitorial/light maintenance. Participants work four days a week for three to four hours per day. They are paid minimum wage. Job coaches provide daily hands-on instruction and direction to (Left to right) – Tyrone, Montana, Neil, Erick, Toby, and Melvin like the sign being installed for the “Vita Nova” thrift store. In addition, participants also





receive employability skills training, competitive job placement and follow-along services. A job placement specialist helps participants transition into competitive job.

For over 35 years, Jeff Industries continues to help adults and youth integrate into the community by providing social, leisure, networking, employment and affordable housing so that they can live a productive and stable life and have a “*reason to wake up in the morning*”.

CHARITY NAME: [Hope 4 Mobility, Inc.](http://www.hope4mobility.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.hope4mobility.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$60,000.00

SPONSORS: Peacock Ridge Farm and Callie Seaman

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 98 (Details Below)

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Thus far, we have spent approximately \$15,979.29 of the \$60,000 funds received as follows:

- Health and Therapy Services Program:
 - 1st QTR Aquatics Therapy: 30 Kids Served – \$4,200.00 of funds utilized
- Mobility Equipment & Products Program:
 - 1st QTR Special Needs Equipment: 6 Kids Served – \$5,008.65 of funds utilized
- Special Needs Safety & Accessibility Program:
 - 1st QTR Wheelchair Ramps: Family of 12 Served – \$1,136.99 of funds utilized
- Let's Sleep On It Program:
 - 1st QTR: 2 Served – \$2,633.65 of funds utilized
- Community Involvement
 - 1st QTR: 48 Kids Served – \$3,000.00 of funds utilized

Thank You Text Correspondence from Blake & Nicole Fogione (May 28, 2019)

Subject: Riley Forgione's WeGo Stroller

The stroller arrived. She fits great in it!!!
We can't thank you enough!!

Text from Nicole Fogione: Hi Ollie. We got the stroller today and I just wanted to thank you. She fits great in it! This is going to be a huge help to us when we are on the go. We truly appreciate it!!

Reply from Ollie Jones (Hope 4 Mobility): Hi Nicole, thanks for the photo...the WeGo fits Riley very nicely. So glad we could help. Stay well & God bless.



Text from Nicole Fogione: We are so appreciative for your help in obtaining this. We have had many hefty expenses for her and it was so wonderful to get a little help this time! We are beyond grateful! God bless you as well!

Reply from Ollie Jones (Hope 4 Mobility): My pleasure Nicole! We are parents of a daughter with special needs and totally understand. ❤️🙏



CHARITY NAME: Boca West Children's Foundation

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.bocawestfoundation.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$50,000

SPONSORS: Carolex and Fair Play Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: ~1,200

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

One third of funding is being used to provide tennis and golf camp opportunities for underserved children. These children are identified through our partner agencies. Together, we plan summer curriculum designed to teach both athletics skills and life skills. Campers learn and practice the values of teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship. Campers are provided a T-shirt, shoes, socks, and daily lunch.

One third of the funds has been used to create a camp training portal for camp counselors to learn how to keep kids safe from and recognize sexual abuse. The Boca West Children's Foundation Empower Camps training portal will be available online shortly. We are working with 2Ton Creative and KidSafe (utilize their best practices and curriculum).

One third of the funds will be used to purchase school supplies for this same demographic of children living at or below poverty. Pine Grove Elementary School has been identified as a Title I school where more than 95 percent of students are on free and reduced lunch. These children will not have to worry about their supplies for next school year. Each child at Pine Grove Elementary will receive a new backpack filled with all of the



supplies they need. Supplies will include folders, 20 pencils, pens, 5 composition books, highlighters, erasers, index cards, and more. The backpacks will be distributed on August 9 at the school's Meet the Teacher Event.



CHARITY NAME: [Community Caring Center of Palm Beach County](https://www.cccpb.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://www.cccpb.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$42,000

SPONSORS: Green River Farms and H 5 Stables

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 251

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Our award from the Great Charity Challenge has allowed us to continue developing our Chronic Condition Care Meals program as well as support other meals and produce programs for our seniors.

We created the Chronic Condition Care Meals Program to address senior hunger, malnutrition, disease management and health by delivering at least 3 pre-packaged, diet-specific meals per week to seniors in need who have specific health conditions, such as those on dialysis, cancer treatment, diabetes or hypertension. So far, our chefs and licensed dietician have developed 19 meals plus soups, sides and salads to address renal failure, high blood pressure and diabetes.

With the help of GCC funds, we have been able to serve 44 Chronic Condition Care Meals program participants with an average of 144 meals per week, as well as been able to expand our services from Boynton Beach to both Boca Rio and Delray Beach. We have already reached 16 new seniors in these expanded services areas, and the number is steadily rising.



Our program has already making an impact on the lives of our seniors. In our first survey of participants, 100% report a noticeable difference in their health, 91% after just 2 weeks of meals. Over 50% claim to have more energy; 20% say their appetite has improved; and several were thankful that they don't need to cook, especially on dialysis days. We plan to administer another survey in July to continue to track changes in health.

Alvin, a local senior, had been working part-time until he was no longer able to as a result of dialysis treatments three times a week that left him feeling weak. After hearing about Alvin's health problems, Mr. Patrick, one of our VeggieMobile Drivers/Honey Do's suggested he enroll in the Chronic Condition Care Meals Program and began delivering him CCC's dialysis-specific chronic condition care meals. After just two weeks with his new diet, Alvin's dialysis treatments were reduced and he felt an increase in energy. He has been on the meal plan for six weeks now. His dialysis treatments are down to just once per week. He has more energy than before and is now working again part-time at a local barbeque restaurant.

Another participant, LosCarlos, was recommended to us by the dialysis center. When the VeggieMobile crew first went to deliver his meals on a Tuesday evening after his treatment, the crew could hear his screams from upstairs. His mother, his caretaker, opened the door and received the food for him. After two weeks on the meal plan, Carlos himself is up opening the door for deliveries; he's on his feet, dressed and energetically greeting the crew.

In addition to Chronic Condition Care meals, we also were able to allocate a portion of the funds to our other food programs. We are regularly serving 251 seniors with our VeggieMobile deliveries and Senior Healthy Meals.

With your support, we will be developing new meal plans to include options such as organic, nutrient-dense meals for patients undergoing chemotherapy and specialty meals to encourage heart and brain health and minimize complications from arthritis and COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) in July and August.





CHARITY NAME: Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.genesisassistancedogsinc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$35,000.00

SPONSORS: Lothlorien Farm & Dever

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. was able to touch many lives with the funds from Great Charity Challenge. Approximate number of lives impacted: **15**.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

A portion of the funds received was utilized to purchase two new Golden Retriever puppies to place into our training program. Grigsby, a male, joined us at the tender age of 8 weeks old in March and a month later, Cloud, a female, also 8 weeks old, joined the Genesis family. They are both doing well with the early stages of training.

They will both touch countless lives from the families who will work as puppy raisers, to those they meet during socialization within our community. Ultimately, they will forever change the lives of the clients they will serve after they have met our strict standards of qualifying to be a Genesis Assistance Dog.

Another portion of the funds we received allowed us to finalize the training and placement of Lake. Chase is a young man who suffered a stroke that left him unable to speak, walk or utilize his right side. Chase is a determined guy and after battling his way back through countless hours of OT and PT has regained his speech and ability to ambulate. He continues to have limited mobility on his right side and walks with an altered gait. Genesis determined that Lake would be the perfect match for Chase and we were able to customize Lake's training to provide the ultimate assistance for Chase. A customized harness was purchased to assist this team who have become completely devoted to one another.

Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. is very grateful for the funds allocated to us from the Great Charity Challenge and to our sponsors for this fabulous event: Lothlorien Farm and Dever.





CHARITY NAME: **Friends of Foster Children of Palm Beach County**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.friendsoffosterchildren.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$32,000.00

SPONSORS: Swede Ventures and Diamante Dressage

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We have assisted **862** lives thus far with this grant.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Our **Background Connections** program provided Level 2 background screening for over 202 clients to ensure that the families who are caring for the children placed with them have no criminal history.

We have hired a Student Success Coordinator for our **Educational Connections** program which provides children in foster care with individualized, intensive in-home tutoring that leads to comprehensive success in school and life.

Our **Enriching Connections** program has providing funding for a sponsorship for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at Palm Beach Atlantic University. We were able to send a 16 year old sophomore in foster care. We are also hosting a School's Out Splash Party to celebrate not only the successful end of the school year, but to give foster children the opportunity to enjoy the day with their siblings that may be placed in other foster homes.

Through our **FAPA Connections** program, we are hosting a Foster Parent Appreciation luncheon and award ceremony for all of our licensed foster parents to show our appreciation for their tireless work.

Our **Kinship Connections** program has begun hosting support groups for our relative foster caregivers and has begun offering play therapy groups for the foster children in their home. We meet regularly on Wednesday nights with childcare provided so the families can deal with the tough issues that they are faced with in family foster care.

Resource Connections continues to be our most utilized program and provides tangible items for all of the foster families in Palm Beach County. Additionally, we will be hosting a graduation party for 40 youth who graduated from high school or college this year. We are excited for their success and want to share in their celebration.





CHARITY NAME: Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.christophermemorial.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$29,000

SPONSORS: Southern Arches and La Victoria Farms

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 76 to date

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation was a sponsor of the 2019 Wellington High School Art Show on April 11st, 2019. There were fifty artists on display with eight winners and a total of \$1000 in prizes were awarded to the high school students. Over 200 guests enjoyed the art. Congratulations to all the artists who were selected to participate.

On May 17th, 2019, the Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation awarded Alyssa Abarca of Wellington their 2019 [scholarship award](#) of \$10,000 at Wellington High School in Wellington, Florida.

Alyssa will be attending Florida State University in the fall.

The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation made local families very happy today! We sent 10 children to Wellington Boys and Girls Club for "Spring Camp". Spring Camp is a new event for us and we look forward to continuing it in the future.

The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation sponsored the uniforms for Wellington Lady Wizards Rugby Team (15) for the 2019 season.

A note from one of our scholarship recipient:

I officially finished my first Fall Semester at Florida State University and I wanted to tell you guys about my time spent in Tallahassee! This semester I joined Dance Marathon which is an organization that aids in childhood cancer research. I also joined the Pre-Veterinarian Club where we learn about different avenues of volunteering and research to help us in our future veterinary endeavors. I also started volunteering at the Tallahassee Animal Shelter and the Leon County Humane Society. At the animal shelter, I received 2 animal training certifications and I was offered an Internship to start working alongside the Vet team there. I am very excited to start this position in the spring semester!

Additionally, I decided to change my major from Biology to Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences. This major focuses more on the importance of volunteering and gaining clinical hours. In doing this, I must complete 64 community services hours per year.

I would also like to thank you again for this generous scholarship. I am so blessed and grateful to be a part of the Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation. This scholarship allows me to completely focus on my academics and my volunteering, and not have to worry about financial obstacles. Go Noles!



Thanks again,

Kaitlyn Osmond – 2018 Scholarship Winner



CHARITY NAME: **Children’s Home Society of Florida**

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.chsfl.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$28,000

SPONSORS: Schaufeld Family Foundation and Newstead Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: During the quarter, Project 18 Mentoring and MODEL Mentoring programs were able to assist **86** lives with the generous donation provided by the Great Charity Challenge.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Mentees along with their mentors were able to come together and engage in a Bowl Bash held at Greenacres Bowl. For some, it was their first time bowling (See pictures). We were able to offer incentives to those that bowled “strikes” for a chance to win several gift cards so that the matches could go out to eat and continue to develop their mentoring relationship. Pizza, wings and drinks were provided to all in attendance. The event was enjoyed by all. The mentees and their mentors also went to Fun Depot, which is filled with games, laser tag, air hockey, go carts and more games. Mentees and their mentors were able to play together on various games throughout the facility and were provided unlimited time on their games. We provided pizza, nachos and drinks. We were also able to give each mentee a Easter basket after the event.





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CHARITY NAME: **Back to Basics, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.backtobasicsinc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$27,000

SPONSORS: Carriage Hill Farms and Gut Einhaus, LLC

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We have not yet helped the children yet, but we anticipate an additional **1,000** children will be helped in the Uniform Program.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We have not spent the funds yet, but we have allocated \$10,000 of the grant towards new school uniforms, which are currently on order and being made. This accounts for over 1,000 additional uniforms to our order, helping four additional schools.

We expect the shipment of over 17,000 uniforms (34,000 pieces) to be delivered to our warehouse near the middle of June and the middle of July. Once they arrive, we will sort the uniforms by school for the 50+ elementary schools that we partner with and distribute them to the schools.

Pictured: sample of the quality new uniforms that we are purchasing.



CHARITY NAME: **PROPEL Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.propelyourfuture.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$27,000

SPONSORS: Silver Oak Stable/ Kamine Family

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT? We have served over 100 individuals so far, however, over the summer we plan to serve another **500 to 600** underserved youth with mobile tutoring specifically catered towards students' literacy for whom English is a second language. This will be made possible by use of a mobile platform inclusive of books, library and instructors.





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HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We have immersed students whom were seniors in high level English preparation catered towards the SAT's. The students had great grades but poor SAT results. We invested funds in increased tutoring and English and test prep immersion both at campus and through mobile means. The scores of five students went up significantly. The results yielded five full scholarships to FAU and UNF! Without the GCC support we would not of had the resources to maneuver this program. It is giving students an opportunity through higher education to break their cycles of poverty.



CHARITY NAME: [Danny & Ron's Rescue](http://www.DannyRonsRescue.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.DannyRonsRescue.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$25,000

SPONSORS: Team Sponsor: Ashland Farm, Corporate Sponsor: Donna Nives

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 29 dogs and 29 families!

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Thanks to the funds received from the GCC we were able to both save and change lives! Danny & Ron's Rescue was able to take in 29 dogs from Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control and help them find their forever homes! We also continued to work with the local Palm Beach County Meals on Wheels program to help the elderly care for and feed their four-legged family members during times of need. Danny & Ron's Rescue is in the process of implementing a strategy to start a spay/neuter program to assist dog owners in low-income areas. We believe this service will ultimately help people who can't afford or get their pet to a veterinary clinic to spay/neuter them. This program will help reduce the number of animals that end up in shelters and on the streets.





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One of our favorite adoption stories this winter was Henry. Henry was saved from the Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control and due to the fact that he was an older dog, he was placed on the euthanasia list. Danny & Ron's Rescue immediately stepped in and brought Henry to Wellington. After some time, this sweet boy was placed with his loving owners Kayla Yoder and Jordan Martin. Henry has found the perfect home! He spends the summer in Pennsylvania and the winter sun-bathing in Florida. He currently has two full time jobs switching off between going to work with Kayla at the horse barn and helping Jordan work on residential marine construction. Henry absolutely loves swimming at the beach, car rides and spending time with his family. "He's the best dog ever. So calm and loyal to us. We are so grateful for him!"

CHARITY NAME: [Friends of Palm Beach](http://www.friendsofpalmbeach.com)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.friendsofpalmbeach.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$24,000

SPONSORS: McCaw Family and Sunningdale

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

3-5 on a daily basis, depending on the size of my team and who is transitioning off or on the team.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The funds received are being utilized as wages for our team of part-time employees. We hire the less fortunate and at-risk individuals into our transitional, part-time work program. We work on the beach to collect marine debris to protect and conserve our environment. At any time, we have from 3 to 5 individuals on our team. Currently, the average work period for these individuals runs from one week to 6 months. Starting wage is \$10/hour, average work week is 20-25 hours.

We hire our teammates through a few agencies that have job-ready candidates but who face challenges and barriers to employment. The Lord's Place is one of those agencies. The Lord's Place is a non-profit advocacy organization that has been changing the lives of homeless families and individuals in Palm Beach County for over 30 years. We also hire through Vita Nova and Goodwill Industries. Vita Nova is another non-profit agency helping young adults transition from foster-care to independence.

A total of forty-one at-risk individuals have gone through our transitional work program in the last three (3) years. For some of these individuals, we are their first foray into employment, the very first time they have had a boss and their very first paycheck. For others, it is a chance to get back into the working world in a part-time fashion, regain structure in a working world and move toward a more permanent, fitting, full-time position elsewhere. New habits are formed, ie waking up in time to take public transportation to the meeting point to start the workday. We have witnessed many of our teammates open a checking account for the very first time, or open one they hadn't had in a long time!





CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Cares, Inc.](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.WellingtonCares.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$23,000.00

SPONSORS: Second City, LLC and Sexton Engineering

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We served over **120** participants over the last 3 months. These are all residents of Wellington that are over the age of 65.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

In addition to serving our participants, there have been 2 individuals with significant needs over the last 3 months. One of our visually impaired participants needed a new phone due to a power surge from a storm shorting hers. We were able to purchase a new phone for the visually impaired as well as a surge protector. The other participant was unable to afford their medication after purchasing food and paying their monthly expenses. We were purchased a two-month supply for them.



CHARITY NAME: [Achievement Centers for Children & Families \(ACCF\)](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://achievementcentersfl.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: **705 children and 600+ families**

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Funding from the 2019 Great Charity Challenge directly supported the ACCF service delivery to under-resourced children and families in the south Palm Beach County by providing high-quality early learning programs for 121 young children, out-of-school programming for 584 children in grades K-12, summer camp, and family support services for over 600 area families. Thanks to the 2019 Great Charity Challenge's generous support, more than 700 children in our area celebrated a year of success:

- 121 ACCF preschoolers tended Container Gardens, participated in STEAM activities, and will graduate Ready for Kindergarten on June 1, 2019
- ACCF's Village Academy Afterschool Robotics Club took 1st and 2nd place in their first two robotics tournaments (Spring 2019)
- ACCF's Teen Mentoring program engaged 86 teens in job readiness activities throughout the year including internships and assisting 18 second-graders with reading comprehension



- 3 ACCF students (representing elementary, middle, and high school) received leadership awards at the Bobby Julian Teen Leadership Dinner (May, 2019) at Northern Trust Bank, Delray Beach

Our mission is to ensure school readiness, promote academic achievement and support healthy lifestyles. Our affordable, nationally-accredited programs allow parents to enter and stay in the workforce which stabilizes the family and improves health and educational outcomes for children. ACCF children receive evidence-based curricula through four program pillars: academics, the arts, physical wellness, and socio-emotional learning. Families are also taught strategies through which they can meaningfully engage in their child's development through access to counseling, parenting and literacy workshops, linkages & referrals, case management, and crisis supports when needed.

On behalf of the students, families, staff, and Board of Directors, ACCF thanks you for making moments like this possible in our students' lives. The opportunities provided for allow students and families to learn from teachers and family engagement staff, and receive the emotional, community, and crisis-intervention supports that they may need.

Meet Thomas (*name changed to respect the privacy of our client*):

Thomas came to the Achievement Centers when he was just 12 months old. As the youngest of three, he was too small to remember the violence his father inflicted upon his siblings and single mother. Thankfully, from the time of his first birthday through his 7th, Thomas found a safe refuge from the arguments and trauma that too often plague under-resourced homes like his own. At Achievement Centers, instead of threats and bullying, he found love and warmth.

At ACCF, Thomas' fear gave way to freedom, screaming at home became gentle, soft-spoken words; and a constant cry out for attention became continuous cheers and hugs from his new ACCF "Aunties" and teachers. "My son flourished at ACCF," Carol* explained. "I had a job and there was no other childcare I could afford. I had no idea of the kind of impact that it would have on my son."

Though only in 1st grade, Thomas has made the Honor Roll on every report card. He has a love for school that other parents could only dream about. "The teachers write to me all the time telling me how polite and helpful Thomas is, and how much he loves to learn," Carol said. "That's all because of the love and academic supports that he received at ACCF!"

Carol credits ACCF's family atmosphere for her son's academic interest and wonderful social ability. "At ACCF, Thomas learned that he is part of a large family, that he has plenty of people to care for him, and because of that, he has a better sense of himself."

"When I look at children in the neighborhood who did not attend ACCF, I see a difference. ACCF kids are more loving, calm, and stronger emotionally. They look out for others, and you usually don't see that at this age."

Carol points to the first day at Kindergarten as a good example of Thomas' social and emotional stability. "All of the parents that were at kindergarten on the first day of school watched as their children cried and had

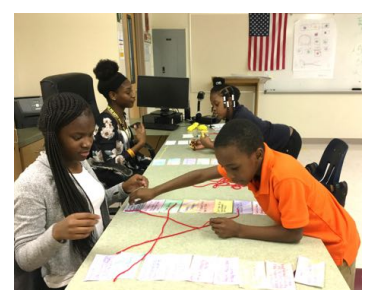


tantrums about being in the classroom. The ACCF kids made their way in, sat down, and quietly started playing together with the new toys. They were the most mature kindergarteners I ever saw!”



Thomas has already become a leader in his family and at ACCF. We expect him to continue to grow in responsibility and conscientiousness; no doubt he will one day become an important leader in our community.

Candidates for the Bobby Julian Teen Leadership Award pose with Program Manager Marcus Darrisaw.



Left: ACCF Afterschool students learn golfing basics in the First Tee program. ACCF will expand its existing program (tennis and lacrosse) to include touch-football, soccer, and basketball.

Middle: Parents learn about preschool STEAM activities that their children participate in at ACCF’s Early Learning Program.

Right: Teens from ACCF’s Teen Mentoring Program mentor 2nd-graders from Village Academy Elementary School in reading through a variety of curriculum-based activities.

CHARITY NAME: Quantum House

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.quantumhouse.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$21,000

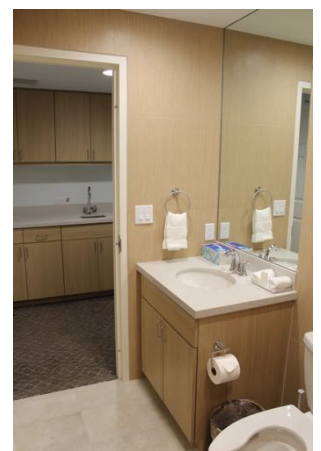
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HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 1,200

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

It is critical to be welcoming and warm, clean and comfortable. For every family with a child who must receive medical treatment in Palm Beach County, it’s Quantum House’s purpose to be home. Quantum House is uniquely positioned in our community to serve families as they cope with a child’s medical crisis.

Quantum House is a caring and supportive home that lessens the burden for families whose children are receiving treatment in Palm Beach County for a serious medical condition. Quantum House first opened its doors in 2001 and still offers a haven for





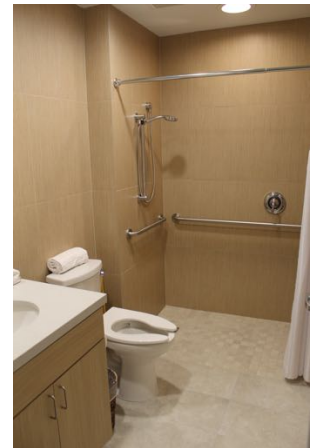
families who are facing their most difficult days. Usually stressed, often exhausted and sometimes not even knowing what day it is, families come to Quantum House.

More than 1,200 family members of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life share a common goal to see their child get better. They're vulnerable. They're worried. Families come from across the street and around the world to Palm Beach County seeking the very best medical care. Quantum House is here to support each of them with the best medicine it knows: a strong dose of keeping families together.

Quantum House has had a new need arrive and is raising funds to renovate the 10 original bathrooms. The original bathrooms in Quantum House guest suites have been worn out. They're tired, they're breaking; they're dented, scratched, discolored. They do not match the feeling and the flow of the rest of the House.

To the child who is finally allowed to shower after a cast has been removed, for a new mom of a tiny baby who comes back to her room for a bath, for the dad who has a fresh shave to start what he knows will be a very long day sitting at his child's bedside, bathroom renovations matter.

Quantum House is grateful to Great Charity Challenge for the financial help of tackling a big project.



CHARITY NAME: [Grandma's Place, Inc.](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.grandmasplacepb.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$19,000

SPONSORS: Dammerman and Little Memorial Team & City Furniture – Remarkable Farms.

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT (please be as specific as possible): We provided services to **100** children in the last six months. This includes providing a safe haven for 80 children who had been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment and respite care for 20 families of children with special needs.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The funds were spent on service delivery, including salaries for caregivers, for programs that promote the development of children with special needs as well as provide a stable environment in emergency situations for those who suffer from abuse or neglect until they can reunite with their families or placed in a foster family. A **single foster mother** of **THREE** **siblings** called us because she was exhausted and overwhelmed. She was under the impression that we provide respite care for foster children not just for children with special needs. Because two of the foster children have documented disabilities, we were able to offer her **FREE** respite care. Being





a single-mother, who works full-time, of three young children is a difficult job... image two of them with special needs including ADHD. This foster mother is so appreciative that she can leave the two children with us at night or on the weekend knowing that they are safe, happy and well cared for while she does some of the things that she needed or wants to do. Getting this type of break has greatly improved her life, reduced her stress level and enables her to be the best mother she can be to these children.

CHARITY NAME: **Philanthropy Tank**

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://philanthropytank.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$18,000

SPONSORS: Trelawny Farm and Stone Hill Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Close to **300** guests attended our recent Pitch Event held on March 10th at The Kravis Center where seven student group finalists (representing 20 students) presented their ideas for community betterment projects throughout Palm Beach County.



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

This grant will allow us to conduct educational workshops for our high school Changemakers on a variety of topics: strategic planning, financial management, fundraising, sustainability, PR/marketing, and others, as well as specialized training for their specific projects that make a positive impact on our community.



We shall use this grant to expand outreach in Palm Beach County through workshops and meetings with providers of essential community services so young people can be more cognizant of the needs in the community and generate creative, sustainable means of addressing them. Two such workshops are scheduled for July 17th at the Quantum Foundation and on July 20th at Nonprofits First.

Our student groups have been extremely active and have recently held programs to implement their summer outreach efforts. Attached are photos from Hurricane Helping Hands. The students recently visited Kings Point, a senior community in Delray Beach where they distributed hurricane preparedness kits to individuals who would otherwise not have any resources to prepare for their safety and readiness in case of hurricane conditions.

Thanks to you all for the opportunity to market and raise awareness about our students' impactful efforts.





CHARITY NAME: **Our Sister's Place, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.oursistersplace.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$17,000

SPONSORS: Starwyn Farms and Salamander Farm

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: During this 1st quarter. **46 adults and 21 children** victims of domestic violence were provided with: emergency shelter, transitional housing, relocation assistance, financial assistance, case management, food, clothing, personal items, household items and furniture, court and legal advocacy, transportation, education, counseling and other supportive services.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

“Emily” and her two year old son were referred to us by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office who arrived at the scene of a domestic violence incident at client’s home. The abuser had already fled the scene and the paramedics were on their way to treat the victim when they called our 24/7 crisis line. One of our advocates met the victim and police at JFK Hospital where she was admitted for treatment of her injuries. The advocate watched her two year old son, feed him and comforted him.

Victim was released after treatment but had nowhere to go since it was not safe for her to return home. Our Sister’s Place provided her and her son with shelter, food, clothing, personal items, transportation and child care fees while the victim recovered. Victim had a job but was not paid while she was recovering and worried about expenses and starting a new life. She was overwhelmed by fear, self-doubt, low self-esteem and an inability to make decisions.

Our Sister’s Place’s advocates provided counseling, life skills workshops and safety planning for victim as she strengthened and recovered. Three weeks into her stay with Our Sister’s Place, the victim became more and more resolved to reconnect with her family. Her parents live in Ohio and had never met their grandchild. Her abuser moved the victim to Florida and began the process of controlling her and separating her from her family and friends in Ohio. He constantly denigrated her and insisted she immediately get a job after their baby was born. She never felt she bonded with her son and did not feel she was a good parent. Her abuser reminded her daily that her son hated her and that she was a terrible mother. He also began to shove her and threaten her. He said if she called the police, he would get custody of their son because she had never been a good mother. One night, he beat her with a lamp which cut her scalp and hands and caused excessive bleeding. She ran out of the house and a neighbor saw her and called the police.

Our Sister’s Place provided victim with pro bono legal representation at the restraining order hearing and for the divorce. The victim truly became empowered and realized she was no longer alone. She now had a complete support system and team standing with her. She learned about independence and healthy relationships, took parenting classes and reconnected with her family who welcomed her with open arms.



Victim decided to move to Ohio with her son and live with her parents for a while. She sends Our Sister's Place staff emails to keep us up to date on her progress and activities. One of her emails said:

"I can never thank you enough for helping me to go from victim to survivor, from fear to safety and from zero confidence to a strong woman with a purpose. You literally saved my life. Thank you to everyone!"

Note regarding photo: Due to confidentiality and safety for our clients and locations, we are unable to include photos with this submission.

CHARITY NAME: Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.palmbeachculture.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,500

SPONSORS: The Creel Family and Bank of America

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: between the students, teachers, family members for AIMBY - **123**; for Education Survey – **5, 500** students

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Council used the funds as planned to support the Educational Impact Study as well as the arts and culture education manager to deliver Arts in My Backyard (AIMBY) Programs to Title I students which include Family Saturdays and Afterschool programming at the Council's Headquarters in Lake Worth.

The students who participated in the AIMBY, Afterschool program in partnership with the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts thoroughly enjoyed their exposure to the "world of musical theater." They learned of the various roles and responsibilities that come with the production of a musical, studied the 'world of the play', dance, themes, costuming of the LION KING and even received the opportunity to see the LION King live at the Kravis Center.



While watching the performance, the students were amazed by the production and how much they understood about the play (due to their lessons prior to attending). Immediately following the production, the students attended a private talk-back session with three cast members-Puma, The Giraffe (who was also the dance captain) and Young Simba. The students asked questions and the session proved itself to be informative and inspiring for the students.





To close out the arts program, the students engaged in a culminating event which allowed them to perform a choreographic dance to “The Circle of Life”, LION KING. Both the parents and the community members who attended were amazed at the passion displayed on the faces of the children –performers, their excitement as they shared their personal experiences and their smiles as they laughed and shared memories that will last for a life time. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support of the Great Charity Challenge—for that we, the Education team at the Council say, thank you.



CHARITY NAME: South Florida Science Center and Aquarium

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.sfsciencecenter.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,000

SPONSORS: Postage Stamp Farm Foundation; Collin and Virginia McNeil

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 702 at-risk youth

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Funds were spent on programming for at-risk youth. STEM Science Passport features technology, engineering, and math-based activities and experiments employing deductive reasoning and critical thinking skills. Students from economically disadvantaged communities throughout Palm Beach and Broward County learn how to outline simple experiments, develop a valid means to test problem-solving hypothesis, and communicate effectively about cause-and-effect relationships.



STEM Science Passport is comprised of two main elements: a special outreach class visit by a Center educator to a Title I school, followed by a special one-hour science class at the Center. All expenses, including bus transportation fees from the school to the Center and back, are paid for by the program.

Tia Duhaney is a Jamaican-American school girl whose life was changed by the Science Center. She has taken part in grant funded Science Center programming for multiple years and it has opened her eyes to the world of technology and science that she previously thought was closed off due to her gender and race.





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CHARITY NAME: **Habitat Housing Solutions, Inc**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.hhsibpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$15,500

SPONSORS: The Crown Family and Equine Tack and Nutritionals

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We will provide **5** families with affordable, safe, housing. The Federal Grant request for proposals have not been published yet, there has been a delay and we have been told to expect the RFP process to begin third or fourth quarter of 2019. When the RFP is published, we will be applying for \$500,000 which will finance the building of five homes. We will not know the family makeup until we have been awarded the grants.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We have worked with two families to help them acquire a home through the workforce housing program through Palm Beach County. One was a single father with an 8-year-old son.

Another was a mother with an 18-year-old son and a 22-year-old son. They currently live in a neighborhood with a high crime, poverty and unemployment. One of the sons was recently at a corner store when there was a shooting. This is not the first time he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. The family is looking for a safer neighborhood to live in. The other son recently graduated from FAU is unable to afford rents in Palm Beach County and has moved back home with his Mom while he looks for a job and help his mother and brother who are struggling in this poverty and crime-stricken neighborhood.



Furthermore, we are currently completing the audit and tax return. When completed it we will pay the CPA \$6,750. We moved our office to help reduce the rental expense. We have paid \$789.23 in rental expense so far this year. We have increased the hours of our administrative consultant. We have paid her \$4,785.63 so far this year. With the additional hours she can do more of the administrative functions which allows the CEO to dedicate more time to finding additional funding opportunities to help pay for the expenses not covered by the federal grants that are part of building and placing families in these five homes.



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GRAND PRIX SOCIETY: ZIEGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION

Since its first year in 2011, the Great Charity Challenge presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) has been a great avenue for many equestrian families to give back to the community.

Led by the Ziegler Family Foundation, the Grand Prix Society was first introduced for donors over \$50,000 in 2016.

The addition of the Grand Prix Society to the Great Charity Challenge diversifies the event's reach and continues to ensure the long-term success of the Palm Beach County's leading service organizations.

On behalf of the entire team at Equestrian Sport Productions and the Great Charity Challenge, we wish to thank the Ziegler Family Foundation for their efforts in furthering the GCC's mission and taking the lead on this initiative.

About the Ziegler Family Foundation:

The Ziegler Family Foundation is committed to making investments to increase the quality of life in the communities in which they live.

The following grants were awarded on Saturday February 2, 2019, by the Ziegler Family Foundation:

CHARITY NAME: Area Agency on Aging, the Healthy Living Center of Excellence

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.YourADRC.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000.00

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS

GRANT This grant will commence in June 2019. The Healthy Living Center of Excellence (HLCEO) has been actively recruiting Lay Leaders Instructor to deliver the program once they complete a five days training and are certified to do so.

At this time, **10** Lay Leaders are registered, and the training will begin on June 3rd, through June 7, 2019. After the completion of the training, we will be able to send some photos of the event. At this time, we are submitting a copy of the Flyer used to market the training, the webpage as it was posted and the list of leaders and organizations that will be certified. It is projected that by the end of the grant period, several low-income communities will receive these classes and educate the senior population on issues such as managing stress, medication complaints, proper nutrition, importance of exercising, pain management through holistic techniques, how to better manage

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Living Healthy Leader Training



When:

Mon. June 3, 2019
Tue. June 4, 2019
Wed. June 5, 2019
Thur. June 6, 2019
9:00am-4:30pm

You must attend all 4 days

Diabetes
Self Management
Cross Training
Fri. June 7, 2019
9:00am-5:00pm

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Where:

4400 N. Congress Ave.
West Palm Beach, FL

To Register:

Phone: 561-214-8622
Fax Registration to:
561-214-8649 or
Email it to:
LHerrera@YourADRC.org

The role of the Living Well leader is to facilitate the 6-week course (once a week) for a group of 12-16 people. Leaders always facilitate in pairs. No previous knowledge about chronic illness is necessary. All teaching is done from a detailed leader's manual.

This is a stipend position

Once trained you can facilitate workshops that will help seniors who are living with a Chronic Disease so they:

Take charge of their lives

Find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue

Understand new treatment choices, and learn how to talk with their doctors and families about their health

You can help give people living with arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, chronic pain and anxiety the tools to live a healthier life!





their chronic conditions and improve communication with their physician and obtain the relevant information needed.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We look forward to sharing some success stories once the implementation takes place and the training completed.

CHARITY NAME: **Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.literacypbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Since February 2019, your grant has helped **86** individuals in our Glades Family Education program in Belle Glade.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The funds were used to provide English language literacy instruction for 72 adults and 14 children. The adult students were divided into four classes based on their literacy level. Of the 62 students who were in class for at least two testing periods, 85 percent improved their test scores by at least 20 points.

The preschool teacher recorded each child's progress on a checklist of competencies that must be mastered in order for a child to be prepared to read and write. All of the children have made significant, age-appropriate improvements in their emergent literacy skills during this period in areas such as knowing the alphabet/shapes/colors, describing stories in their own words and reciting nursery rhymes.

In April, the adults students were asked to write a short essay about how being in the program has helped them. This is an excerpt from one of the essays:

"Glades Family Education is the best step I can do in my life because this program is more than a school. It prepares us to be better people and to value our family... One of the things that I like the most is my daughter can also be a part of everything. With this program we can learn together and be close to each other. My daughter was always a reserved girl and I feel so happy to see her as every day she is so happy and her interaction with other children has improved a lot – something that I, as mother, could not have taught her except through this program. In a few months she knows the letters, numbers and colors. She loves the books and going to the library. I'm feeling so excited for this."



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Left: On May 23, 2019, six of the children graduated from the preschool class and will start kindergarten in August. They have gained essential school readiness skills and are on the path to academic success.

Right: During weekly PACT (Parent and Child Together) activities, the families learn simple, inexpensive ways they can extend learning to their home. In the photo, mom Karla is helping her twins, Giovanni and Dalary, sort, count and identify colors using goldfish crackers.

CHARITY NAME: **The Arc of Palm Beach County**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.arcpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 71

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Our goal is to develop and support meaningful employment opportunities, which lead to a decrease in dependency on public benefits and opens career paths to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Funds from the great Charity Challenge support pre-employment training and employment opportunities offered at the Arc of Palm Beach County. In late March, employment services was able to successfully match a VR client with disabilities, Brian, with an employment opportunity at Gehring Group. After being introduced to the Arc at Job-A-Palooza in 2018, it was determined that with proper supports, Brian would make an excellent

addition to the Gehring group team. The Arc assisted Brian's family in accessing placement services with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). The supported employment coach in collaboration with Brian and his family created an employment support plan which included vocation specific training and ongoing supported employment services for Brian, as well as disability sensitivity training for Gehring Group. Over the past couple of





month Brian has become an integral member of the Gehring group team, preparing benefits packets for their customers and serving as the office greeter.

Town of Palm Beach United Way commissioned Evan, a new participant in the Artisan program, to create one of a kind portrait of their Board Chair. Evan was able to attend the annual meeting at the Breakers where the portrait was presented. The Arc was honored to be a part of this project. Artisan has been busy with events and custom orders. We were invited for the first time to participate in the Home & Design Show at the Palm Beach Convention Center and the 57th Annual Delray Affair. We are thrilled to have opportunities like these to showcase our artwork and participate in the community.

CHARITY NAME: [The Lord's Place, Inc.](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.TheLordsPlace.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: In a very specific sense, since January 2019, which is the month we received the generous grant from the Great Charity Challenge and Ziegler Family Foundation, we have enrolled and served **451 new** clients into our programs. Beyond this number of new clients, our agency has served a total of 1,611 adults and children. Within this figure, we have provided housing to 299 people, including 90 children; served 394 unsheltered individuals living on the streets; and provided job training to 240 at-risk jobseekers.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

So far in 2019, The Lord's Place has served 1,611 Palm Beach County residents impacted by extreme poverty, housing instability, and other barriers to self-sufficiency. Within this figure, our agency has provided housing to 299 people, including 90 children. In addition, we have served 394 unsheltered individuals who are living on the streets, in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, and other places not meant for human habitation. Lastly, we have provided job training services to 240 at-risk, unemployed jobseekers, equipping them with a variety of professional and life skills to reenter the workforce and achieve career success.

The Great Charity Challenge and Ziegler Family Foundation's generous grant enabled The Lord's Place to continue to provide housing and comprehensive supportive services to vulnerable families and individuals in our community. Below is a story that highlights how one family has been impacted by our agency's services.



Nala, a single mother of 3 children, moved into an apartment at the Family Campus with only one child in her custody and dreams of reunifying with her elder children. At 26 years old, she had already experienced a long history of homelessness, abuse, and mental health issues throughout her life. With the Family Campus's help to meet her family's basic needs, Nala began to focus on her goals. She attended a Home Health Aide (HHA) Certification course five days a week, followed through with the court system's reunification process to regain custody of her daughter (2nd eldest child), and continued to be a very present mother to her infant son. Soon she was granted full custody of her daughter. Seeing what she could accomplish when she set her mind to it, her motivation increased. Nala worked diligently and earned her HHA certification. Currently, she is taking classes to prepare for the GED through the Adult Education Center. Nala is determined to build a bright and productive future with her children. In the coming months, she hopes to complete her family by gaining custody of her oldest child, earning her diploma, and securing employment. Her ultimate goal is to permanently end her family's homelessness by moving her family into an apartment of their own.



Photo: The Lord's Place 2019 SleepOut

CHARITY NAME: [Urban Youth Impact](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.urbanyouthimpact.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: At our Dream Center on Australian Avenue we have served **120** students in grades K-8 and 31 students in grades 9-12. We have served **50** students in grades K-12 at our satellite in Riviera Beach.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Power of Hope

The children we serve at Urban Youth Impact all have a unique story to tell. They each come from different backgrounds; some with more challenges than others. In those stories, however, there is always hope and opportunities for them to flourish. One story that is the epitome of hope is Jayde, a kindergartner in our Leadership Academy.

Jayde was introduced to Urban Youth Impact and our programs last summer while at Back 2 School Blast, where she received a backpack full of supplies for the upcoming academic year. In addition, she also met a few of her future classmates and teacher for the year, Ms. Sarah.



Ms. Sarah, The Leadership Academy's Kindergarten Team Leader, noticed quickly Jayde's reading development was not where it should be and her fine motor skills were lacking. Upon starting at The Leadership Academy, Jayde was not able to recognize the letters of the alphabet nor sound them out.

At an early age, Jayde suffered a stroke affecting both her left and right sides of her brain. This caused her to experience muscle weakness in her left arm, primarily affecting her ability to grab things with her hand.

Ms. Sarah and her Reframe intern Iesha established goals for Jayde and began working one-on-one for an hour each day. They started small, identifying each letter and sounding them out. As she improved, Jayde began working on lessons through Headsprout, a reading program that uses effective, interactive online episodes to teach K-2 students. Here, Jayde began to excel, working independently through various lessons on a regular basis.



"At the beginning of the year, Jayde took a literacy assessment where her baseline score was 353, which is very low. Recently, I re-tested her and she scored a 709, which is grade equivalent of an 8th-month Kindergartner, and a huge improvement. She went from not being able to identify any letters in the alphabet to knowing all of the letters and their sounds. She is the most improved learner I have ever worked with," said Ms. Sarah.

From the beginning, Ms. Sarah knew it was going to take time and repetition in order for Jayde to develop into a better reader. She constantly advocated for Jayde to ensure she was receiving the proper assistance, whether in school or at The Leadership Academy.

Jayde has never allowed her experiences to hinder her in the classroom as she worked towards improving her reading comprehension. Since her tremendous improvement, one of her favorite activities to do is to sit in the reading corner and listen to stories, continuing to broaden her vocabulary and familiarity with words. Jayde's parents are encouraged and excited to see the growth their daughter has experienced in the last year.

Stories like Jayde's are the reason Urban Youth Impact exists. Our heart is to love, equip and empower youth in order that they reach their fullest potential; not allowing their current circumstances to dictate their future aspirations. We are grateful for the generosity of the Ziegler Family for making stories of hope possible at Urban Youth Impact.



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CHARITY NAME: **For the Children, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://forthechildrenfirst.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: From January to present, we served a total of **42 low income families** with children ages 3-5 residing in the 33460, 33461, 33462 zip codes.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Little Anna arrived from Haiti with her two siblings a few months ago and she did not speak English. Her mom did not speak English either and someone told her to bring her daughter to the Kids Zone. Anna is now speaking English fluently and learned how to utilize a tablet to complete her language arts and math skills. Anna is our little star and she conducts the Welcome Song every time we have a site visit or community events. Anna gets to take age appropriate books with her so that she can share with other siblings.

This what Anna's Mother had to say about the Kids Zone, which serves low income families with children ages 3-5 residing primarily in Lake Worth.

Ms. Cherlyn Story: "Formative years are the bases for the educational journey of a child. This is why I chose a place where my little girl had teachers that were loving, kind, patient, and encouraging. After a year of positive experiences, my daughter is no longer shy. Instead, she is more open and she learned to read and write."

We utilized some of the funds to purchase new tables, chairs, and classroom supplies. We will purchase 15 tablets for the four and five years old class to utilize with the STEAM curriculum. We have scheduled a few STEAM sessions with the South Florida Science Museum where our students will spend a day to learn about animal habitats, feed the animals and a day at the Palm Beach Zoo and Butterfly World. We will continue to utilize some of funds to offer music, dance, art, gardening, cooking classes and a Parent STEAM Night out where parents and their children can learn and experience STEAM through hands on activities that are fun for all ages.



Left: Mrs. Blockson teaches the cooking club how to make a delicious cheese sandwich. Center: The Kids Zone Arts Club performed at the Haitian Flag Festival hosted by Mayor Pam Triolo of the City of Lake Worth on Mau 18th, 2019. Right: Kids at the Kids Zone.



CHARITY NAME: Palm Beach County 4-H Youth Development

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://discover.pbcgov.org/coextension/4H/Pages/default.aspx>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 3,651

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Since the funds were received, Palm Beach County 4-H has been able to purchase 6 incubators and 7 candlers for \$1689.85 and facilitated embryology programs at 6 local schools (Binks Forest Elementary, McLeod Bethune Elementary, HL Johnson Elementary, Cypress Trails Elementary, Okeeheelee Middle School, and Pleasant City Elementary School).



Palm Beach County 4-H also awarded 4 scholarships to underserved teens to attend the State Mock Legislature event, where they will develop skills to debate, analyze legislation and speak publicly, all while making new friends and learning how their government works. At this civic education event, youth can sponsor a bill, amend, or lobby it, then debate the issues on the Capitol house and senate floors in the actual Capitol building in Tallahassee. Palm Beach County 4-H also awarded 9 scholarships to underserved youth to attend a summer residential camp, Florida 4-H Camping uses a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible, productive citizens. 4-H camps create safe and inclusive environments, involve caring adults, and utilize the expertise and resources of UF/IFAS. Campers will learn about the environment, healthy living, independence, and generosity during their time at camp. In addition, teens attending camp will also gain leadership and communication skills as camp counselors. In total, \$4109.00 in scholarship funds have been awarded. Both events will take place in June with photos to follow in the second report. Funds were also used to purchase a blender bike. This bike will be used throughout Palm Beach County 4-H Healthy Living activities and 4-H Camps. The blender bike was purchased for \$2,413.93.





CHARITY NAME: **The Children's Museum**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.cmboca.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$9,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 4,501

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Great Charity Challenge funds have gone to great use. Since the funds were received on March 4th, 2019:

- 4,501 visitors have enjoyed the Children's Museum- a place where children and families can explore their world and spend quality time together.
- 247 children have participated in S.T.E.A.M activities
- 219 children participated in story time.
- 105 children have visited the Museum during field trip days

The Children's Museum due to its low admission fee is a place where many families unable to afford quality early education, bring their young children for exposure to the arts, sciences and a place to learn socialization skills needed for their future successful development and preparation for a life time of learning. Many of our families live pay check to pay check and are unable to access the opportunities that provide the enrichment opportunities their children need to grow up healthy and prepared for a life time of learning. Early exposure to both the arts and the sciences lays a foundation for academic achievement. For example, last month thirteen month old Emilia had her first painting experience. First time holding a paint brush and dipping it into colorful paint; first time making strokes on a white piece of paper and seeing what she is capable of doing. Mom said that bringing Emily to the Museum allows her to experience the world around her, with other children in a way she could never do at home. She also said that the family does not have many friends and no family and that the Children's Museum has become their place to meet new friends and gain experiences that enrich their lives.





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CHARITY NAME: **The Unicorn Children's Foundation, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.UnicornChildrensFoundation.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$8,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: The program is to launch this summer. We anticipate **40** young adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities to participate in the program. Currently, 8 young adults have enrolled to participate in supported employment and job coaching.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Trent, a 22 year old young man with developmental disabilities, participated in an internship position through Unicorn Children's Foundation. Upon completion of his internship, he was offered a part-time paid position in an integrated setting. However, Trent had difficulty transitioning from the world of school schedules and expectations to the world of work schedules and expectations. The diversity employment counselor is able to provide individualized guidance to help Trent develop these skills so that he can retain employment and meaningful participation in the community that will lead to self-sufficiency and independence.



CHARITY NAME: **Child Rescue Coalition**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.childrescuecoalition.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$7,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: This gift has supported **35** members of Palm Beach County law enforcement that are users of our Child Protection System (CPS) Technology. This gift has enabled them to have updated training and technology support, enabling them to actively use our CPS Technology to identify child predators. Each of these officers will work an average of 6 cases per year, leading to the arrest of 210 child predators. It is estimated that each predator will abuse 100 children in their lifetime. We are not just providing these members of law enforcement with leading-edge technology free of charge; more importantly, our technology will prevent 21,000 PBC children from experiencing horrific sexual abuse.





HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

CPS Technology is a state-of-art suite of tools, that identifies, monitors, and ranks the online criminal behavior of child predators. A complete picture of predatory behavior is showcased, targeting the offenders at greatest risk of presently abusing children.

Within the past three months, local officers used CPS Technology to identify Hassan Jawad, a gymnastics instructor at Twisters Gymnastics in Boca Raton. He is currently facing nine charges for possessing child pornography. He had access to many children in this coaching capacity. Our technology prohibited him from further abusing many local children.



CHARITY NAME: [The George Snow Scholarship Fund, Inc.](http://www.scholarship.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.scholarship.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$6,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 88

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

What sets the George Snow Scholarship Fund apart from most other scholarship providers is our holistic approach to supporting our scholars. Not only do we provide our scholars with financial support for their educational expenses but perhaps more importantly our organization provides support to our scholars through many support programs which are designed to increase the graduation rates of our scholars and make them feel like family.

One example of this are the College Supply Duffle bags we present to each of our 88 scholars at our Annual Award Reception. This year our bag contains a laptop computer, Microsoft Office Suite software, an academic planner, Dorm supplies and much more.

On behalf of all the students who will benefit from this grant, we say THANK YOU for making this possible for our Scholars.





CHARITY NAME: Student ACES

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://studentacesforleadership.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Student ACES taught Mental Health First Aid to **30** student athletes at Glades Central High School. Curriculum books and lunch was provided.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Student ACES taught 30 Glades Central High School ACE students Mental Health First Aid training through a groundbreaking eight-hour course. This course, taught by Student ACES Executive Director Krissy Webb, gave the students the tools to identify someone who might be struggling with a mental health or substance use problem, and how to connect them with appropriate support and resources when necessary. The foundation has partnered with Student ACES to reach their goals to increase awareness of mental health resources and eliminate the stigma of mental illness. Just as CPR helps even those without clinical training assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid prepares participants to interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Training participants learn a five-step action plan that guides them through the process of reaching out and offering appropriate support. Over the course of the year, Student ACES plans to teach Mental Health First Aid to more than 75 high school seniors, who are student athletes. These athletes will be well equipped to identify a mental health crisis on their teams, place of work and in college. Mental Health First Aid training comes at a crucial time. While one in five Americans has a mental illness, many are reluctant to seek help or might not know where to turn for care. Unlike physical conditions, symptoms of mental health and substance use problems can be difficult to detect. For friends and family members, it can be hard to know when and how to step in. As a result, those in need of mental health services often do not get them until it is too late. In just 10 years, Mental Health First Aid has become a full-blown movement in the United States. More than 1 million people are certified in Mental Health First Aid, and that number is growing every day.

Mental Health First Aid is part of the overall curriculum Student ACES offers high school student athletes to ensure they develop into young men and women of character, honor and integrity, and will be outstanding future employees.





CHARITY NAME: **The Glades Initiative, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.gladesinitiative.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$4,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 3,000

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We continue to touch the lives of our Glades residents through our programs and services, assisting our population of low-income clients with applications to critical food and health services. Thousands of lives are impacted through our work each year as we identify and remove the barriers that both residents and providers encounter within the system of care. This past quarter 26 residents benefitted from our Financial Literacy Trainings offered in Haitian Creole.

Hear from participants of this year's Financial Literacy program:

“I learned I can call my bank and dispute a charge.”

“I learned how not to spend more than is necessary.”

“I learned how to better manage a savings account.”

“I learned that some banks sell your private information. I learned how to opt out and maintain my privacy.”

“I learned to save my money – like food, it should last me all month, not just one day.”

“I learned how to review bank paperwork before signing anything.”



CHARITY NAME: **Nonprofits First, Inc.**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.NonprofitsFirst.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$3,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 67

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

In the month of March 2019, Nonprofits First offered 8 nonprofit management classes. The classes provide professional development and training to nonprofit staff and volunteers so they can further their impact at their organizations. The classes offered in March were: Grant Writing Support; Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring, & Risk Management; Mastering Data Overload with Excel – Auto-Filters and Pivot Tables; Belle Glade Education





Project - Conflict Management; Change Leadership 101 - 6 CEUs; Engaging Staff to Elevate Culture - 3 CEUs; Belle Glade Education Project - Worklife Balance - 2.5 CEUs; Nonprofit Financial Management Network - March Roundtable.

The 67 attendees came from these 30 nonprofit organizations: Achievement Centers, Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, All Girls United, Inc., Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, Caridad Center, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Palm Beach, Community Partners: Home to Housing Partnership Inc. and Parent-Child Center, Community Partnership, Inc./BRIDGES at Pahokee, Compass LGBT Community Center, Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, FoundCare, HabCenter - Boca Raton, Individuals Aiding in Emergencies Foundation, Jeff Industries. Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast, Kings Tutoring & Mentoring Foundation, Inc., Michael Joseph Brink Foundation, Inc., Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, Palm Beach County Community Services, Palm Beach County Food Bank, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Palm Healthcare Foundation, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, Premier Benevolent Initiative, Inc., Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., Side Project Inc., The Glades Initiative, Inc., The Lord's Place, United Way of Palm Beach County and Vita Nova, Inc.

CHARITY NAME: **PBC PAL (Police Athletic League)**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.pbso.org/pal

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We will be running our Summer Program again this year which will begin on Monday June 3rd we will have between **50/60** children from the ages of 8-17 who attend Monday through Friday from 9am – 5pm.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The PAL program is a youth enrichment program that relies on educational and recreational activities for at risk youth under the supervision of PBSO officers and employee's. We have multiple sites in Palm Beach County this grant has been allocated to Cabana Colony in Palm Beach Gardens.

During the Summer program are planning a field trip to The Kennedy Space Center with a group of deserving youth from this camp. We aim to give our camp attendees an opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities that they would not otherwise be able to experience.



We look forward to posting pictures and writing about our adventures during the next report!



CHARITY NAME: Education Foundation of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://www.educationfoundationpbc.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$1,000.00

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 426 (400 K-2nd Graders & 26 Teachers)

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County utilized these funds to support “Ozobots Gone Wild”, a GoTeach! Classroom Grant program at Timber Trace Elementary School. This program connected literacy and technology while increasing students’ reading proficiency and supported students learning to work cooperatively in teams, and independently, how to code. Ozobots provided students the opportunity to learn new technology which enhanced their self-esteem and increased their desire to attend school.

During one lesson, students had the opportunity “act out” a fairytale using Ozobot as the main character. Part of the story required programming the Ozobot to complete a task or engage in a behavior related to the story. Students were challenged to make the program complex so that their Ozobot could move slow and fast and demonstrate fear, happiness, and curiosity using color and movement. The intricacy of thought that is required when coding a robot is made more complex when that robot’s mission is to bring a story to life, and students were able to do just that!

Media Specialist, Shannon Culp shared that, “There was a noticeable difference in behavior in anticipation of using the new technology. Students excitement levels were visibly noticeable and therefore transferred to their ability to retell the fairy tale including numerous details. The second graders had a blast sharing the similarities and difference between their fractured fairy tale and the original ones. I asked a few students if I could keep their paper, no one wanted to allow me this courtesy. They were all so proud and wanted to take them home and share.”



Ms. Culp also wanted to share, “that while many fifth-grade students were away on the Safety Patrol Trip to Washington, D.C. I was asked to supervise a group of students who did not attend the trip. These students were intrigued by the Ozobot out on a table in the media center and asked about them. I explained what I was doing with my other classes and they begged to do the lesson as well!!!! These students LOVED it and were feeling very special to be the only 5th graders to get to use them this year. I would also like to mention the fabulous ability to incorporate the use of our Interactive Flat Panels... the use of the interactive whiteboard was perfect for demonstrating for the students and well as sharing student examples on youtube.”

The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County’s GoTeach! Classroom Grants award innovation in the classroom by providing funds to a teacher or team of teachers that support and promote innovation in the classroom in the area(s) of STEM, Literacy, Career Development and/or student achievement.



CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Art Society](http://www.wellingtonartsociety.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.wellingtonartsociety.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$1,000.00

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: over 3000

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

After connecting with the teachers at the event, we extended our outreach program and contacted our local art teachers, we asked them to let us know how we could help them.

We have received the list of art supplies needed from 4 of the schools.

We are waiting on back to school sales, so we can stretch the money a little bit more and buy as many supplies as possible.

We will be giving them the supplies the week before back to school and we will continue working with them through the year.

Our outreach program also includes Palms West Hospital, we visit the children once a month to make art projects with them and we also try to make sure they have enough supplies between our visits.

Thank you, for giving us the opportunity to reach out and help our community.





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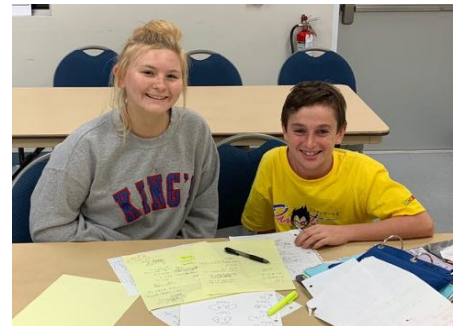
WELLINGTON SPORTS LEAGUES

CHARITY NAME: **Wellington Wolves Basketball**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.wellingtonwolves.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$6,000.00

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT? We utilized some of the funds we received to rent gym facilities to allow our players to practice indoors versus the outdoors with the sweltering heat and inconsistent weather forecasts. We also utilized some of the funds for our newly formed Council of Dads Tutoring Program. We have close to **200** players in our program and we saw a need for afterschool tutoring plus SAT/ACT Prep for our high school kids so we put a completed tutoring program together with the assistance of the Kings Academy school to help us execute this new initiative.



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

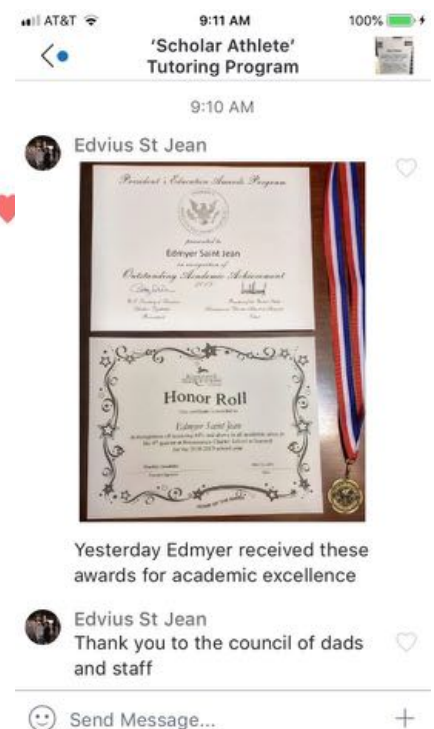
Max Modric's story is best told through the text message we received from his mother, here is her caption.



Sunshine Modric



Had to share this is a first....
Thanks to all dedication to Max
and I have to give him high five
for all his hard work and his
tutors and Council of Dads....





CHARITY NAME: [Colts Travel Baseball Inc.](http://www.wellingtoncolts.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.wellingtoncolts.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 73 players and their families

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Consistent with a unanimous March 5, 2019, Board of Directors vote, the disbursement of the \$5,000 Great Charity Challenge grant has been as follows:

Description	Amount
Two teams @ \$250 ea. for out-of-region tournaments	\$500
12U Cooperstown Tournament Player TLE	\$2,500
Registration scholarships for 5 underserved families (\$400 each)	\$2,000
Total	\$ 5,000

As a community based, 100% volunteer charity organization, the Wellington Colts rely on grants and sponsorships to cover the significant costs required for youth athletic participation in remote-based competition. Annually, fundraising on the order of ~\$20,000 is required to cover the cost of registration and travel for our 12 and under team to play with other players nationally in upstate NY, in the once-in-a-lifetime experience Cooperstown Dreams Park.

5 registration scholarships were designated for award in the next registration period, to occur November, 2019. Each participating upper class team received fund allocations adding to \$250 per to cover field and safety equipment costs (offsetting registration expenses).

Given the opportunity for children to forgo athletics in favor of sedentary activities such as video games, computer time, and television, physical activity and team socialization provided by organized sports like baseball is more important than ever! Once again, we would like to thank Equestrian Sport Productions LLC, Fidelity, and all of the people and organizations that made the Great Charity Challenge possible. We invite any members of these organizations to visit our players in action anytime, so they can see the positive contribution competitive baseball has on their lives!





CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Wizards Youth Rugby Club](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.WizardsRugby.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$4,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: It will help **75** youth Rugby players ages 6 to 15. We have to have new game jerseys. The jerseys we have now are 5 years old. Please see the attached file for new uniforms for the youth. We are still in the design phase. Cost is \$2,500. The balance will go to supplement youth that cannot afford to play rugby in Wellington. We expect to help 10 additional underprivileged kids. Our first game will be in the 2nd week of January.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

In 2014, we ordered our first official Wizards jerseys, back then the GCC made it possible. 5 years later we have need for new game Jerseys with a whole new design and fresh look. It is the single most expensive thing we do.

The pride that will develop from these new game jerseys are too invaluable. It is simply not possible. We have the lowest Rugby Fee in the state at \$225 per player and the season lasts from December to April. This is only possible with your help. Most squads in the state charge \$350 to \$575.

The new design has created a lot of positive energy for our program and we are proud to have the GCC on the sleeve. The design has two others but we have taken it off and it will only have your logo on it. Thanks so much for your support.



CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Wrestling Club](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonWrestling/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$3,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 40-50

We will be using the first part of our funds to host a clinician this summer (July 22-24); the remainder will help fund a group of kids to attend a fall event. We look forward to giving you a more complete update in the next fund use report, including photos.



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CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Youth Lacrosse Association](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.wellingtonwolfpack.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: This grant directly assisted one player, Nickolas Peguero (see photo, player #97) with a scholarship for the 2019 season (waiving \$265 in registration fees). As the GCC grant funds were received after our season had begun, our board determined that most of the funds should go towards recruitment and other initiatives for the 2020 season. Towards this end, we purchased several starter lacrosse sticks and other smaller protective equipment (goggles, mouthguards, etc.) in May 2019 to help run at least two clinics planned for summer 2019. In addition, we purchased several large storage bins to maintain an inventory of equipment (new and used), to assist new players for the 2020 season: our goal is to supply all new players (especially the youngest age groups) with their first lacrosse sticks, but also with protective gear as we can accommodate. We will continue to promote donations of lightly-used equipment from families in our program, and will spend funds on new equipment as players start registering in the fall (how we will determine equipment needs). We anticipate **at least 15 players, but possibly up to 30** could be assisted by these efforts, and the cost to our program will become apparent once we finalize the collection of used donated gear.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?



Nickolas Peguero was new to the Wellington Wolfpack team this season. He played every game and his skills grew tremendously throughout the season. As the U14 Boys Blue team has several players moving onto high school teams next fall (leaving our rec league as U14/7-8th grade, is the oldest age group), Nickolas will be an asset for the 2020 season when he returns to play for the Wolfpack.

Player #97, Nickolas Peguero, scholarship recipient

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO THE 69 GENEROUS SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE & THE LUCKY 65 NON-PROFITS WHOSE WORK BETTERS PALM BEACH COUNTY!

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