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CHARITY FUND USE REPORT #2

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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: 37

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 June 1, we have used:

- **\$1689.40** from our childcare account: This enabled our clients to attend our regular, mandatory Life Skills sessions (held in the evenings), while their little ones were cared for by our part-time nannies, who were paid out of this account.

Here are our two nannies enjoying nanny time with our Holy Ground children. See the laughing one on the right? That's Mayra, who was previously in our program! Now that she is successfully living independently, she was eager to use her childcare expertise to give back to Holy Ground for the assistance we gave her. We are thrilled to have her as a nanny (along with her friend and co-nanny, Esmeralda), and even more proud that Mayra and her beautiful little girl are making it on their own.



This amount also includes \$967 for daycare costs. Thus far, we have used \$2491.70 of the childcare funds.

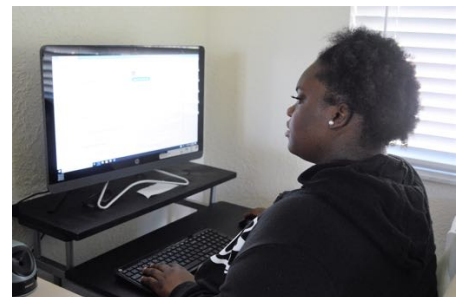
- **\$3221.88** from our transportation account: This continues to be a major assist to both our organization and our clients. The costs of gas, car repairs, bus fares and Uber often do a hit-and-run on the budgets of low-income families such as our clients. Holy Ground had been helping our clients through such transportation-related incidents by offering zero-interest loans (e.g., for car repairs) or by giving rides ourselves, but these had caused both budget and resource crunches for the organization. With this transportation fund, we can cover these expenses without impacting our operating account.



The client shown (with her daughter), who works as a home health aide, needed four new tires on her car at the same time that her insurance payment was due. Try as she might, she could not come up with all that cash. Fortunately, our transportation account came to the rescue, so she can now drive safely to work on good tires, and in an insured car!

This amount represents expenditures for rides from Uber, car repairs, car insurance, bus passes, and gasoline. Thus far, we have used \$4,388.38 of the transportation funds.

- **\$50,000**, as noted earlier, went to pay off the loan on our residential complex, the Stockard Family Campus. In addition to residential units, the campus includes the Fr. Seamus Murtagh Community Suite, named for one of our hardest-working patrons. This suite includes meeting space, a full kitchen and living room, space for emergency shelter, and shared computers for our clients' use. Here, one of our clients uses the community computer to search for jobs.
- The **\$80,000** in our reserves remains untouched.



As described in the last report, 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 37 (16 busy moms and 21 healthy children): 12 mothers and 16 children in residence, 3 moms and 5 children in our Aftercare program (living independently), and 1 young mother currently in emergency shelter, who is due to deliver her baby on September 11. So our family continues to grow!

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: 94 Families (423 people)

A STORY FROM ONE OF OUR RECIPIENTS:

Emma LaPaglia is an adorable 8 year old who completed 2 ½ years of treatment for Leukemia. Emma was the first patient to ring the newly installed End of Treatment Bell on the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Palms West Children's Hospital. The bell was donated by the **Kids Cancer Foundation** so that all the young children cancer patients can ring the bell as part of their End of Treatment celebration. Emma rang the bell while her Pediatric Oncologist, Dr. Melissa Singer and all her Pediatric Oncology Nurses sang "Happy End of Treatment". After Emma rang the bell loudly three times & was showered in "silly string" Emma and her family enjoyed a celebration party with a cake and gifts for Emma & her sisters. At the celebration Emma was also presented with the final legacy bead making her strand of "Legacy Beads" 28 feet long! Needless to say it was a happy day for all! This would not be possible if not for the funding from the Great Charity Challenge that 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!

check out our video link: <https://youtu.be/ph2I-jFR6jk>

check out our 360 virtual tour: <https://www.vpix.net/KCC>



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 May 23, 2019 to September 2, 2019 we were able to assist **1814** children on 1079 cases. Of the 1814 children, 289 were newly sheltered during this period (continued high rate of shelter). Volunteers drove 51,334 miles to advocate for the children during this period volunteering 5486 hours (recorded). Best interest attorneys represented the children's best interest in 2607 (recorded) hearings during this period.

STORIES FROM SOME OF OUR CLIENTS:

Thank you for the funding to be able to provide discretionary spending for our kids!

Here is "JM's" story:

JM is a 6 year old Autistic boy who was recently removed from his father for the second time. He has been struggling behaviorally a bit, but is a very smart little boy and a fast learner. When speaking with his Behavioral Technician about what type of toys or games to bring for JM, the topic of the newly donated Leap Frogs came up and we figured that a tool like a Leap Frog that can make learning fun would be an excellent resource. When JM opened the Leap Frog, he excitedly said "Open please!" and immediately plugged it in to charge and turn on. We worked together to set it up, and he got busy playing with the already installed programs. His grandmother thanked us for such a nice and helpful gift to encourage her grandson to play to learn.



Meet Carlos:

Carlos Jefferson with Guardian ad Litem Volunteer, Ellen Kranzler. Carlos was "Tracy's Mom", a lead in Hairspray. He is walking the walk, not just dreaming and we wanted to help him be even better. Through these funds, we were able to secure voice lessons.



Meet DB: Look at that smile!

Children in foster care tend to get behind in school from the disruption in their lives, changing of placements and schools. "Project Leap Frog" was something we were able to do so that our kids could keep learning over the summer. We also were able to get pictures of the kids!

D.B. is a four year old boy who has not attended pre-school regularly. He was reunified with his mother and started VPK. It is important for him (and his mom) to have the tools for success. We are proud of her for working her case plan and removing the risk factors that had him removed. She had the desire to change and





did! This Leap Frog helped him foster his educational needs. This is another tool for his educational stimulation.

CHARITY NAME: Spirit of Giving Network, Inc.

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 year along with all our partners, we were able to support **4,373** at-risk children and their families through our community Back to School Bash and Health Carnival. 3,913 students attended or were represented and many more were supported with school supplies distributed through their affiliated agencies.

Link to this year's Back to School Bash event video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=jyqgd0otkkc>

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

This Fund Use Report is an update for the \$50,000 allocated for this period for our **2019 Back to School Bash** held on July 27, 2019. We are so appreciative of the significant Great Charity Challenge Grant which enabled us to make a greater impact by developing new relationships to reach more children, expand the supplies and resources provided to the students and improve the quality of the offerings. Further, the funds allowed us to upgrade our computers, equipment and work with new technology to increase efficiencies with the check-in process and overall experience for the families. New additions included a "Girls Only" Room that offered bras, bra fittings and feminine products to these underserved young ladies. Based on feedback, modest over the ear headphones were included as well as KidSafe Guide Books.

More specifically, the funds received were allocated as outlined below.

Back To School Bash & Health Carnival: July 27, 2019; Serving 4,300+ Children & Their Families; 50+ Nonprofit Agencies

1. School Supplies	\$ 18,000
2. Uniforms	\$ 10,000
3. Shoes/Socks	\$ 4,000
4. Over the Ear Headphones	\$ 4,000
5. KidSafe Guide Books	\$ 2,000
6. Hygiene Kits	\$ 1,000
7. Healthy Snacks	\$ 1,000
8. Girl's Room (Bras/Feminine Products)	\$ 2,000





9. Equip./Software Upgrades	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

The Spirit of Giving's Back to School Bash and Health Carnival is an all-encompassing collaborative event that eliminates the duplication of services among over 50 nonprofit agencies to provide a more efficient and equitable distribution of community resources.



Your generous grant touched many organizations and enabled us to help more at-risk children in southern Palm Beach Communities. At the Bash, registered students were paired with volunteer "Shopping Buddies" and empowered to select their own backpack, supplies, uniforms and shoes. In addition, their families were navigated through a complimentary health and resource fair offering medical and dental screenings, physicals, vision tests, haircuts, healthy snacks and access to various free or reduced cost community resources.

The 2019 Back to School Bash brought together over 50 nonprofits, 30 community partners, and 420+ individual volunteers to benefit nearly 4,400 students and their families.

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: 75

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Jeff Industries, Inc. began in 1983 as a small, community effort led by a group of parents who worked together to help individuals with chronic mental illness transition from mental hospitals into their respective communities. The "**Live, Learn, Work**" program offers evidenced- based "Peer-to-Peer" support and "Supported Employment" practices. With the Great Charity Challenge \$73,000 award we purchased vocational training materials (\$28,231.45), a new screen-printing machine and a printer (\$25,959.47) that provided additional training opportunities and paid modest training wages (\$18,809.08) to persons who suffer severe and persistent mental illnesses. The successful "**LIVE, LEARN, WORK**" program has blossomed into a highly regarded, vocational training and employment model. The program provided adults with chronic mental illnesses





health education, social, networking, hands-on-training skills (woodworking, sign making, embroidery, graphics and culinary arts) and facilitated competitive employment services.

The Great Charity Challenge award helped our clients manufacture “Buddy Benches” for Mental Health America. These benches are a central component to the program equipping elementary students to deal with the "bullying" crisis that has been exposed across the nation. Our clients build the benches in our woodworking shop and install them in elementary schools. In the photo Neil is completing a bench installation.

Jeff Industries received the “Buddy Ambassadors Campaign/Project” award on September 12th. Staff Bruce, Matt and Claudia), a parent (Mrs. Barlage) and participants (Josh, Christoff, Richard, Elijah, Ali, and Andrew) attended the breakfast award. The clients worked on the benches and the silkscreen printed shirts that were given to the Ambassadors.



Our clients manufactured "Josh's benches", which are assembled, built and installed at various locations throughout Palm Beach County to bring awareness of suicide prevention. In left photo are representatives of the Palm Beach State Collage, Jeff Industries and Family members. In right photo Andres is finishing the bench installation.



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.**

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: 80

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Thus far, Hope 4 Mobility (H4M) spent approximately \$15,979.29 in the 1st QTR and approximately \$27,931.83 in 2nd QTR, of the \$60,000 funds received as follows:

- Health and Therapy Services Program:
 - 2nd QTR Aquatics Therapy: 58 Kids Served – \$5,769.00 of funds utilized
- Mobility Equipment & Products Program:



- 2nd QTR Special Needs Equipment: 21 Kids Served – \$22,062.83 of funds utilized
- Special Needs Safety & Accessibility Program:
 - 2nd QTR Wheelchair Ramps: N/A – \$0.00 of funds utilized
- Let's Sleep On It Program:
 - 2nd QTR: N/A – \$0.00 of funds utilized
- Community Involvement
 - 2nd QTR: 1 Kid Served – \$100.00 of funds utilized

Thank You Letter From Dynamic Orthopedics, Inc.

Hi Ollie,

I just wanted to Thank You personally for your fund-raising energies this year and your assistance in helping our patients. Medical insurance is getting tougher to navigate and families are benefiting tremendously from your efforts. My heart always breaks a little when I need to turn patients away for an insurance posed regulation that is the deterrent to a client. I understand

your Mobility Equipment & Products Program funds for this year have been capped. I appreciate the amount of time and patients you were able to help this year. Non-Profit agencies work is vital to the success of many patients, organizations and the progress of goodwill in the community. Kudos to you and all your volunteers. Thanks again!

Dynamic Orthopedics, Inc.
 Krista L. Duffy
 Operations Manager



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? +/- 1200

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

One third of funding was 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 funding was 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 funding was used for education. About \$11,000 was used for our Back to School event serving 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 received a new backpack filled with all of the supplies they need. Supplies included a backpack with a hard binder, two three-prong folders, 20 pencils, a pencil box, pens, 4 composition books, highlighters, erasers, index cards, crayons, markers, colored pencils, a gluestick, and hundreds of sheets of notebook paper. The backpacks were distributed on August 9 at the school's Meet the Teacher Event. The teachers and parents were very appreciative! What a fun day!

Backpack day video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrwfwWv9Vfo>



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

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$42,000

SPONSORS: Green River Farms and H 5 Stables



HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 300

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Senior Caregiving Program supports over 300 Palm Beach County seniors in low-income households by providing home-based services and critical food deliveries.

This year, more than 100 seniors participated in social activities with a focus on strength: Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Strength. We had chair yoga, Mother's & Father's Day, Black History month, a trip to the "Holy Land Experience," and several guest speakers from City and County departments regarding financial programs available for home maintenance concerns, etc. We took a group to Tallahassee Senior Day at the State Capital. It was an amazing experience and next year we would like to go again and include seniors from all the neighborhoods we serve—which will be an amazing cross-cultural opportunity.

Our Chronic Condition Care Meals Program now serves 59 Palm Beach County seniors with weekly deliveries of pre-packaged, diet-specific meals. In the most recent survey, 88% of participants reported noticeable changes in their health and energy levels within a month of receiving meals.

We are seeing real results with the seniors who have been participating in the program for more time. Rebecca was referred to us in November of 2018 by her chronic care physician. She was in and out of the hospital and losing weight. Dr. Gonzales asked us to her deliver high protein/no sodium meals. At first, Rebecca would come to the door with an unkempt appearance, looking exhausted and impatient. She struggled a few more times with hospital visits during the first month or two of our service. Today, Theresa is dressed with her make-up on when she opens the door, she is gaining weight and had the energy to entertain her grandchildren this summer.

Our award helped us bring these chronic condition care meals to the seniors we were already serving in Boynton Beach AND expand our services to bring fresh produce to seniors in Delray Beach and Boca Raton who were previously only receiving chronic condition care meals.



Chronic Condition Care Meal



Senior Chair Yoga



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: DIRECTLY: 5
Through education & outreach – too many to say.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

In this quarter, Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. used a portion of our funding to continue the training for Grigsby and Cloud, our newest puppies in training. They are both doing exceedingly well with their puppy raisers and our Director of Training, Jennifer Bielen is very pleased with their progress. Finn is also benefitting from amped up training sessions as he nears completion of his journey to become a Genesis Assistance Dog ready to work with his forever person. Lake was able to continue his training and went on to pass his CGC and ADI tests.

Oliver continues to receive specialized training to improve his tasks for his partner Julie, who works at a high school. In August when faculty and staff returned to campus, a staff of 185 people were provided education regarding the appropriate way to approach and interact with an assistance dog team. Julie and Oliver are now visiting classrooms to teach students about the importance of the work service dogs perform and how vital they are to the people they serve.

Another portion of our funding allowed for us to be able to make significant improvements to our newly designed website. We are now focusing heavily on improving our SEO to improve Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. searchability on a variety of search engines. The impact of being readily detectable has resulted in increasing outreach into the disabled community. We are empowered with the ability to provide considerable education and support to those seeking information on the process of applying for an assistance dog. In turn, there has been a noticeable increase in our intake of applications for an assistance dog and inquiries about service dogs in general.





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. Their support of the GCC has afforded us the opportunity to continue to provide upkeep and on-going training to our existing clients in addition to the newest additions to our organization. We are making substantial strides in gaining more visibility on the internet via the improvements we were able to make from generous supporters of the GCC.

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: 862

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Please note that all funds were utilized during the first quarter according to our prior report:

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: 3,358 lives

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation made local families very happy today! We sent 20 children to Wellington Boys and Girls Club for “Summer Camp”.

The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation was proud to be a sponsor again of Wellington’s Back-to-School event at the Wellington Community Center on Saturday, July 27th. The Foundation distributed over 430 pairs of shoes to area children and also sponsored bounce houses and other activities setup outside. The Village estimated a crowd of over 2000 people.



The Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation took on a new partner, Palm Beach School District, School Food Service. We paid all outstanding food monies due from students for the school year ending May 2019. This covered all of the Public School in Wellington. We have agreed to continue donating to this cause through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Below is a note from their manager:

Hello Ramon,

Thank you for your donation. I am estimating that you assisted 1338 families with your kind generosity.

With warm regards,

Lori Dornbusch

Manager, Site Based Operations

Palm Beach School District, School Food Service



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 second quarter, Project 18 Mentoring and Model Mentoring programs were able to assist **88** lives with the generous donation provided by the Great Charity Challenge. (See below for how the funds were used).

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Once again with your generous donation, the mentees and their mentors were able to come together and engage in some acrobatic activities at the Adrenelene Entertainment Center. It turned out to be an exciting activity. In addition, the mentees and some of their mentors were invited to a Back to School Bash at Children's Home Society to get our students ready to return to school. Project 18 Mentoring program backpacks were full of school supplies. We had volunteers available to assist with the event which was GREAT. Model Mentoring had the mentees to pick their own backpacks and select the school supplies of their choice. All participants were also provided lunch and a drink as they left the event. Project 18 Mentoring program stuffed their backpacks with supplies and the youth were able to pick their backpacks as well and dinner was provided to those that were in attendance.

The funds were also used for training the mentors on the topic of "Boundaries." Because 98% of our mentors are employed, we must offer training after 5:00pm and your funding allowed us to do so by offering the mentor's dinner as they came directly from work to the training.





CHARITY NAME: [Back to Basics, Inc.](http://www.backtobasicsinc.org)

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: Through the Great Charity Challenge grant, we were able to provide 1,250+ new uniforms for over **1,250** students this year through our Uniform Program.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We allocated \$10,000 of the grant towards new school uniforms, which have just been delivered for the beginning of the new school year. This accounts for over 1,250 additional uniforms. The schools in the Glades area are some of the neediest in Palm Beach County. One of our goals this year was to increase the allocations to each of the elementary schools in the Glades to allow for at least one new uniform for each student. As a result of this grant, we were able to increase the number of uniforms and accomplish that goal! Thank you Great Charity Challenge for helping us to make this a reality.

The remaining \$17,000 will be used for the Angel Program to provide new sneakers, socks, underwear and a toy for over 7,500 children in need during the holidays. Now that the Uniform Program has wrapped up, we are jumping right into the Angel Program.

Stay tuned for our next update where we will be able to provide the basics to more students through our Angel Program during the holidays!





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: Since the receipt of the generous contribution we have served over **220** individual students aged 11 – 19. We have expended \$17,000 of the \$27,000 to date. The remaining \$10,000 will continue to aid underserved students for whom English is a second language. We provide mobile instruction to some of the most underserved students in Palm Beach County.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We had a young man in our program who was on the precipice of failing out of high school. He lives with distant relatives, well below the federal poverty line. He utilized our mobile services. We told him we understand and empathize with his circumstances, but we were not going to let him use that as a life-long excuse not to try. After he utilized our mobile services, he started attending our campus four days per week. Last semester, I'm proud to say he earned a 3.7 GPA. Furthermore, he is working on course recovery to enhance his GPA from prior struggles. His future goals include junior college followed by university. Without the support of the Great Charity Challenge, our mobile initiative would not be a reality! Thank you!!



CHARITY NAME: **Danny & Ron's Rescue**

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: Danny & Ron's Rescue has pulled over **300** dogs from high kill shelters since January 1, 2019. See attached photos for just a few examples of the lives we have saved.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SOME OF THE LIVES THAT WERE SAVED:

HENRY & HENLEY lived outside together in a tiny cage for at least one year, probably longer. A Good Samaritan was able to intervene and bring these two Shih Tzu to our Veterinary Clinic. Our vet was shocked by their condition, so covered with matted feces, fleas, and ticks that their coats had to be cut with surgical scissors before they could be shaved while under anesthesia. They are now living in their adopted homes!



Precious **LUCILLE** was brought to our local vet when her owners who could not afford medical treatment. This little munchkin is about 14 weeks old and weighs only 2.8 pounds. She had a horribly malformed and infected right front leg, caused by something that had been wrapped around her leg, possibly a wire. The only option was to amputate, but she will be just fine as a tripod!

HUCKLEBERRY was found inside a cardboard box left beside a garbage can outside of our veterinary clinic. A clinic receptionist was outside on her break and saw what she thought was a taped up box of trash. She opened it to find this puppy suffering in the heat and struggling to breathe from lack of oxygen. His leg had obviously been broken at least 7 days prior and then wrapped with duct tape way too tight, cutting off circulation for days. If there was any chance to save the leg this puppy needed to see a vet right away, now his only option is amputation. Danny & Ron's Rescue immediately said "YES!" we could cover the medical costs and find him a loving home. We named this Redbone Hound mix "Huckleberry".



CHARITY NAME: **Friends of Palm Beach**

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. This is ongoing. 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 have had 2 transition in and out since the last report in June.

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.



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 **112** participants over the last 3 months. These are all residents of Wellington that are over the age of 65. Pictured: volunteer Monica with Lenny S. on their way to his dialysis.



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED? In addition to serving our participants over the last three months, we had three significant services. A participant called to let us know she had another two weeks until her social security check arrived, and was out of food. Our Volunteer Coordinator was able to purchase her groceries to tide her over until her next check arrived.



Another participant needed some repairs done to her yard, Wellington Cares teamed with Faith Church on purchasing some of the items needed for the repairs, and Faith Church did the labor.

Participants Lenny & Claire S. have expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the rides the volunteers have been providing taking Lenny to dialysis 3 times a week. Claire suffers from an illness that prevents her from driving him to his treatments, so the volunteers will continue to help them with their transportation needs.

CHARITY NAME: [Achievement Centers for Children & Families \(ACCF\)](https://achievementcentersfl.org/)

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,000

SPONSORS: Eye Candy Show Jumpers and Beechwood Stables LLC & the Revers Family

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*:

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.

**Names changed to protect the privacy of the people we serve.*



From Left to Right: Candidates for the Bobby Julian Teen Leadership Award pose with Program Manager Marcus Darrisaw (center); Parents learn about preschool STEAM activities that their children participate in at ACCF's Early Learning Program; 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

SPONSORS: Team Axiom and Lugano® Diamonds.

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 150 since project completion, this number will continue to increase.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

With your help, Quantum House began renovations on the original 10 bathrooms in mid-March, and by mid-May, families were back in those rooms with beautiful new bathrooms. Quantum House has expended all funds in funding the bathroom renovation project.

Quantum House is a home for families while their children are receiving serious medical treatment. Quantum House welcomes 30 families at a time. It's our goal to give families a clean and comfortable, warm and welcoming space.

Without fail, when we mention all bathrooms have roll-in showers, we get sighs of relief from parents who know the reality of having a child who must be in a wheelchair. That relief is because of you. Thank you for shouldering a burden. Thank you for seeing a problem and offering a solution. Thank you for caring for Quantum House families as if they were your own. What a difference!

It was the first time Sophie had seen the new bathrooms, and she was ecstatic! Sophie is at an age when she's more aware of privacy and is becoming more empowered to seize all the independence she can. A shower that she can easily get in and out of is huge for her 8-year-old heart.

Thank you for putting independence in her grasp.





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.

Pictured: one of our favorite photos, taken in our new sensory room.



HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

We provided services to **172** children in the last 9 months. This includes providing a safe haven of 106 children who were removed from their home due to abuse or neglect and respite care for 66 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 be placed in a foster family.

We are providing respite services for a young mother who has brittle (severe) diabetes and was recently diagnosed with cancer. Her husband is in the military and is away most of the time. Her son is 7 years old and has severe autism. Unfortunately, they do not have any family in the area to help support them. She is very grateful and relieved that she can safely leave her son with us any time to get her cancer treatments.

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?

Recent recipients, The Mayan Girls, held a Back-to-School supply distribution event for new arrival families assimilating into the community and beginning their first school year in a new country. The event was held on August 10th in cooperation with the Guatemalan Mayan Center in Lake Worth. Over 60 families received



school uniforms and supplies. The Mayan Girls also translated and filmed two videos regarding hurricane preparedness.



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: 67

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We used the funds to provide emergency shelter for 67 victims of domestic violence by providing safety, food, the cost of housing and utilities, pro bono legal representation, school uniforms, prescriptions, transportation costs, childcare fees, relocation funds and permanent housing rental/utility deposits. Clients were provided with a safe and nurturing environment in which to heal both physically and emotionally while continuing to save and prepare for permanent housing of their own. We received another grant to hire a Housing Coordinator who has been able to place every family in a permanent home as she also helped them to save, budget, obtain employment and/or return to school/training for better jobs. Our advocate provided counseling, advocacy, education and support groups so clients could better cope with their independence and enhance and strengthen their families. We provided families with furniture and household goods when they obtained their new housing and helped them move into their new homes.

“Janelle” and her 2 children fled Delaware and drove straight through to Florida to a friend’s house after Janelle had been beaten and denigrated in front of the children for 2 days in a row. When they arrived at the friend’s house, the abuser was waiting, believing correctly that is where she and the children would go. She drove to the nearest police station where she was given our brochure and encouraged to call our 24/7 crisis line. She was still scared and the children were also afraid. She didn’t understand how domestic violence programs worked, she was afraid she might be separated from her children and she was traumatized from no sleep and the injuries she received from the abuser’s beatings. She drove to the nearest emergency room and slept in her car with her



children. A security guard found her and brought her and the children into the hospital where the social worker called Our Sister's Place for assistance.

Working with our attorney and staff, Janelle and her family have started a new life that has brought them independence and opportunities to be a loving family. They have their own apartment and Janelle has an excellent position with Palm Beach County. Through the support and care of Our Sister's Place, they have moved forward and continue to thrive. The children have acclimated to Florida and have new friends and activities. The collaboration between the police department, the hospital and Our Sister's Place shows the importance of a community working together to address violence against women and children.

Please note that we cannot share photos due to confidentiality measures to ensure the safety of our clients.

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?

Please note that all funds were utilized in the first quarter.

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

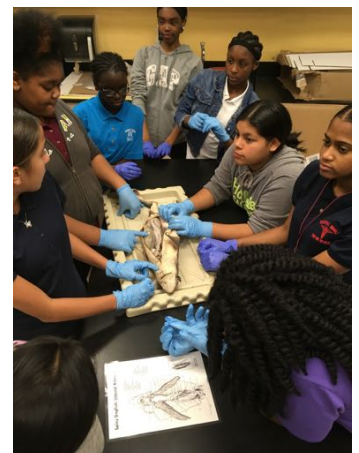
HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT (please be as specific as possible): 702 at-risk youth

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Funds were spent (during the 1st quarter) 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.





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 helped **3 families** last quarter and we are applying for a Federal Home Grant now. This grant is for \$152,000 which will enable us to serve 2 more families. There is another Federal Home grant RFP expected in mid-September that we are following.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We paid \$6,750 for the audit and 990 tax return. Without those two things we could not apply for either of these grants. We have paid an additional \$102.57 for rent. By moving our offices we can already see the savings. We have paid an additional \$1,680 to the Executive Assistant so that we can raise additional funds to build these homes. The grant for which we are applying now is \$152,000 and we need to raise an additional \$150,000 to complete these homes. So far we have spent \$14,107.43 of the \$15,500. This has enabled us to compete for a Federal HOME Grant for \$152,000 plus contact foundations, corporations and individuals to make up the additional funding we need. Another big thank you from 5 families to The Crown Family and Equine Tack and Nutritionals.

Pictured: the 2 additional lots we are purchasing.





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: We provided training for 10 Lay Leaders to be trained in the Stanford University's Diabetes Self-Management/Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs. Now that we have lay leaders trained, they will work in pairs delivering the programs in low-income senior communities. Since the training two workshops have been completed, one will start in Okeechobee in September and two more in Palm Beach in October. These are evidence-based workshops and allow for 16 participants in each. The impact to date is **42 people** but we expect this number to grown exponentially with the upcoming workshops.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Participants of Diabetes Self-Management and Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs make weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter while dealing with their chronic conditions. Each week different subjects are touched on that will empower and strengthen the participants physically and emotionally. Each workshop meets for 6 weeks, once a week for 2 ½ hours.



In order to secure the license to train and deliver the programs there is a licensing fee of \$500. The cost of the training including printing of coaches/ lay leader manuals, Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions and contractual services was \$3607.00.

The remainder of the funds have supported the delivery of the workshops in the community. Each participant will receive a copy of Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions as well as all program handouts.

Below are a few of the participant thank you notes from completed workshops.

“Thank you so much for presenting this six week course on Diabetes Self-Management. It was very informative, instructional and helpful as we navigate our lives with this disease. We have learned so many new things; have been inspired by our group as well as from our Leaders. The Leaders were “a super team”. Thank you again and hope you present more seminars on other health topics.”



“It was truly a pleasure to be a part of “Living Healthy.” I feel so lucky to have found this workshop I learned a lot about myself and what it means to “get a little older”-for me anyway. The coaches were a blessing and I look forward to perhaps seeing them again in another class during my journey of aging.

It has been wonderful to see the impact on the participant as well as the coaches. They have told me the weekly action plan has made all the difference in helping them stay on task to make healthy choices and the participants said it holds them accountable. It is a gift to be able to help someone age with dignity, confidence and respect. This grant has allowed us to expand the number of individuals served in our community, we are grateful for the opportunity.



CHARITY NAME: [Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.literacyabc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Since receiving the grant in February, we have helped **101** individuals: 85 adults and 15 children.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The funds were used to provide English language literacy instruction for 85 adults and 15 children. The adult students were divided into four classes based on their literacy level. The children, ages 3 – 5, are in a separate class where they learn essential school readiness skills.

Once a week the parents join the children in PACT (Parent and Child Together) activities in which the families learn simple, inexpensive ways they can extend learning to their home. Once a month we use our program's mini-bus to bring the families to the Belle Glade branch of the Palm Beach County Library System. We want the families to feel comfortable in – and use – this important, free, educational resource. The children's librarian also conducts a special story time for our children that is coordinated to support the theme that has been our program's focus of instruction for the month.



Left: In this photo, the children and their mothers are doing an activity as part of the story time based on the classic children's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Children were involved in counting, naming the items eaten by the caterpillar and naming the days of the week. After the story, the librarian provided children with picture cards so that they could sequence events. The families received a bag with a book, the story sequencing cards, a library card application and a flyer that helps parents register to use a program sponsored by the PBC Library System called Transparent Language Online.

Right: Every afternoon before the children take a nap, the mothers leave their own class to read a book to their child. The teachers help the mothers learn strategies to incorporate sharing a book as part of the child's bedtime rituals.

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.](http://www.TheLordsPlace.org)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.TheLordsPlace.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

With the support of the Great Charity Challenge, our agency assisted **1,940 families and individuals** impacted by severe poverty, homelessness, and other barriers to self-sufficiency. Within this figure, we housed 390 people, including 111 children. In addition, we served 547 people living on the streets, in cars, abandoned buildings, homeless encampments, and other places not meant for human habitation - a 59% increase over the previous year. Lastly, we connected 115 vulnerable jobseekers to employment, enabling them to take a critical step to improving their family's circumstances.



This photo shows a Suncoast High School student with a group of children who live at our Family Campus. Over the summer, the student volunteered to facilitate a book club for the kids. As is evident in the photo, the children greatly enjoyed this opportunity.



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?



What a Difference a Day Makes

A single mom moved into the Family Campus in May with her three children -- a boy in grade school, a girl in middle school, and the oldest, a teenager who just graduated from Forest Hill High School, named Senay.

Unfortunate family circumstances brought them to Family Campus. But fortunately, the children's mother is a college graduate, and has always been very involved with her children's education. As proof, Senay graduated with high honors and had successfully completed all advanced placement courses.

On the same day the family was moving in, our youth services team visited their apartment to tell the family about its services. Since the team helps register all Family Campus children in school, the conversation turned to Senay. They wanted to know what plans she had for the next school year, now that she was out of high school.

Hesitantly, Senay replied that she was not sure. She didn't think college was an option due to her living and financial circumstances. But when we told her that college actually was in reach for her, a glow and smile came to her face.

In an instant, Senay went from hopeless to hopeful. She asked, "You could really make that happen for me?" Our answer was that we would meet with her tomorrow to put a plan into action.

Senay was ready that next day to tell us what she wanted to do: attend Palm Beach State College for two years of core courses, then transfer to a four year school. She wished to major in English literature and minor in psychology. The youth services team sprang into action. They took her over to the college admissions office to register and set her up for freshman orientation, which she and her mother attended together.

And so in just one day, Senay's future is looking a whole lot brighter, thanks to all the services provided here at The Lord's Place, the youth services team, and our wonderful, generous donors. Doors to the future open here, sometimes even overnight. Just ask Senay!

CHARITY NAME: [Urban Youth Impact](#)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.urbanyouthimpact.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 120 inner city kids in kindergarten through 8th grade



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Urban Youth Impact exists to love, equip and empower inner city youth to fulfill their God-given purposes. Kids growing up in the inner city face many obstacles, so our mission of equipping these students is carried out in many different manners. The lack of education is one issue that stands out in the inner city. Because of the staggering educational statistics of the inner city, Urban Youth Impact developed The Leadership Academy after school program which focuses on literacy.

In the fall of 2018, out of the 120 kids registered for The Leadership Academy at Urban Youth Impact, only 14% of those kids were reading on grade level! That is around 17 kids out of 120 that could read on the grade level that they were in! Obviously, that number was much too low. After spending 10 months at Urban Youth Impact, 73% of the same kids were able to read on grade level by the end of the school year in 2019! And 95% of the kids increased their reading abilities!

Shontriece was one of our second-grade students, who really struggled with literacy when she enrolled in Urban Youth Impact at the beginning of the school year. Even though she was in second grade, she hardly knew the letter sounds. After attending school all day, she came to Urban Youth Impact where she finished all of her school work with help from our tutors, as needed, and then spent more time focusing on literacy. She worked hard to increase her baseline STAR score from 553 in September of 2018, which is where kids beginning kindergarten should test, to a score of 727 in May of 2019! Even though she is still not reading on her grade level, she has made so much improvement. In fact, she received our most improved literacy student award for all of her hard work! Shontriece was able to enroll in our summer camp program as well, so she was able to still focus on reading all summer and avoid the “summer slide” that many kids face after taking 9 weeks off of school in the summer. We are excited to see how much more she will be able to improve this school year as well.



We are very thankful for the financial contributions that Urban Youth Impact received from the Ziegler Family Foundation via the Great Charity Challenge! With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of many inner-city kids, family and the Tamarind community at large! Thank you!

GRANTS RANDOMLY DRAWN DURING THE 2019 GCC

CHARITY NAME: For the Children, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: This grant impacted more than **150** children and their low-income families.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Many of these children and their families lack access to visual and non-visual arts instructions, healthy meals and nutrition classes, access to mental fitness through meditation, yoga, Zumba, STEAM activities, field trips to museums Zoo, South Florida Science Museum, Kravis Center, and due your generous contribution, our children were afforded with many opportunities to take visual arts classes to include Hip Hop, Folklore, Latin dance, yoga, meditation, arts and crafts and cooking classes.

During the summer months our children spent two hours daily practicing for the Palm Beach County Spelling Bee, keep up with their math and science skills in an effort to reduce the summer slide. Our children took a variety of trips to Butterfly World, South Florida Science and Museum, Lion Country Safari and the Palm Beach Zoo. The children took dance instructions in preparation for the Summer Camp Talent Show help on August 2, 2019. We had more than 300 parents and guests in attendance.



Thank you so very much for making these trips possible for our children and their families. Your fund was a God sent because of our children would not have been able to participate in so many funs and educational opportunity this summer 2019. We are forever grateful and please feel free to come for visit.



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: 4,282

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, Okeetee Middle School, Sunset Palms Elementary, and Pleasant City Elementary School). We already have a full sign-up for embryology in 2019-2020, and will reach 2 schools a month from September 2019 through May 2020.



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. The remaining \$1785.66 was used to purchase archery equipment for our urban archery clubs, including new bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, nocks, and targets.



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

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.cmboca.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$9,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 10,147

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

The Great Charity Challenge funds have allowed us to provide great services to our families. Since the funds were received on March 4th, 2019:

- 10,147 visitors have enjoyed the Children's Museum- a place where children and families can explore their world and spend quality time together.
- 533 children have participated in S.T.E.A.M activities
- 353 children participated in story time.
- 478 children have visited the Museum during field trip days



Ava is a 4 year old girl who visits the Museum frequently. She loves the different exhibits and her favorite is the Vet Clinic. She spends hours caring for the "injured pets", feeding and grooming them. Ava's mom describes the Museum as "Ava's happy place". Just like Ava, children are exposed and introduced to future careers every day at the Museum. Our exhibits showcase careers such as: Veterinary, Culinary Arts, firefighting, and Entrepreneurship. Imagination and play are key components of what we do at the Children's Museum. Children and their families enjoy this "toddler paradise", as a parent cleverly put it, every single day and this is only made possible because of funders like you. Thank you for believing in the power of play and the immense impact it has on young learners.



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: We anticipate **40** young adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities to participate in the program. Currently, 15 young adults have enrolled to participate in supported employment and job coaching.

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

Aaron, a 22 year old young man with developmental disabilities, has begun his first of three rounds of pre-employment internships to expand his skill sets which will allow him to build his resume and increase the possibility of competitive and integrated employment in a career setting which matches his interests. Aaron previously had challenges with transportation to and from work but through a travel training program offered by the diversity employment counselor, Aaron is now able to successfully utilize public and private transportation options so that he can arrive in a timely manner. These skills will not only ensure that he can retain employment but opens up new opportunities for him to be meaningfully engaged in the community activities that will foster increased independence and social recreational opportunities.



CHARITY NAME: **Child Rescue Coalition**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.childrescuecoalition.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$7,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Child Rescue Coalition is a nonprofit organization that rescues children from sexual abuse by building technology for law enforcement, free of charge, to track, arrest and prosecute child predators.

The funds received by the Great Charity Challenge were used in the first half of the year to train **35** members of Palm Beach County law enforcement on our Child Protection System (CPS) Technology. 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.





It costs \$200 for the ongoing support of one law enforcement officer for a year. With 35 trained law enforcement in Palm Beach County, this grant will allow them to continue their work of protecting children from sexual abuse. 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?

- In March 2019, CPS Technology was used to identify and apprehend a gymnastics coach who was working at Twisters Gymnastics in Boca Raton. This predator was in possession of child sexual abuse material and had access to the children of our community. This shows that traditional background checks are not enough, predators search for positions of trust, they can be your teachers, your pediatricians or your gymnastics coaches. It is conceivable that this arrest prevented many children in South Florida from being sexually abused.
- In July 2019, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, using CPS Technology, arrested 56-year-old Timothy Scott on 15 counts of possession of obscene material depicting child sexual conduct. Scott worked as a facilities manager for the Els for Autism Foundation where he oversaw the facilities of an entire campus where there are two public charter schools, one of which is the Renaissance Learning Center in Jupiter. The investigation began when the South Florida Internet Crimes Against Children noticed downloaded files of child pornography from an IP address in Jupiter. Investigators used a search warrant to search Scott's office and computer. PBSO Forensic investigators did an on-scene preview of Scott's computer and found files "indicative of child pornography."

CHARITY NAME: **The George Snow Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

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?

Please note that all the funds were utilized during the 1st quarter.



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?

In our 3rd quarter (April-June 2019), the Glades Initiative has engaged in 10 outreach events that reached more than 571 residents (possible duplication) to educate them about both our services and other services in the community for which they may be eligible. Our activities have involved the distribution and coordination of food and cold storage, assisting clients with access to benefits, organized trainings (such as medical interpreter trainings, financial literacy in Spanish, overcoming the fear of public speaking, etc.).



A STORY FROM ONE OF OUR RECIPIENTS:



Eleven years after her husband first arrived in the U.S. from Haiti, she was finally reunited with him and their daughter in Belle Glade to live the American Dream. But it was not to be. Stephanie's husband was blinded in a work accident. Their daughter also developed a mental disability. Now Stephanie supports the family, working brutal 15-hour days picking oranges, planting sugar cane and packing corn.

At The Glades Initiative, we connect Stephanie with food, information, healthcare and other services. A decent life with her family is all she wants. We're doing all we can to make that possible.



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?

All funds were used in the first quarter. 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: 64

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

During our summer program this year we took a group of 39 youth from our Cabana Colony location to The Kennedy Space Center.

Being the 50th anniversary year of the moon landing we all thought it would be a great experience for our attendees to learn more about the history of the Space program and its strong connections to South Florida.



Many of these children were not born during this event so were amazed to find out it all happened in their backyard! Our youth were so impressed with the Space Shuttle exhibit and spent many hours exploring Atlantis and the space station.

We also used part of our grant to enroll 25 students into the IXL learning program which is used in conjunction with our after school tutoring and homework assistance. This program will enable us assist the children in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies in accordance with the current school curriculum.

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 student 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 3,000

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

This school year we had the honor to help some of the local art teachers with art supplies.

From paper to clay and pottery tools. This will be used in local class rooms, taking a little stress of our local teachers.

We had the opportunity to utilize back to school sales to purchase as many supplies as we could. We will keep in touch with them through the year and help them as much as we can.

A note from Erica Bordonaro

Thank you so very much for the donation of art supplies to our school, Wellington Elementary. The students and I are so excited to dive in and use the colored pencils, brushes, crayons, and especially the clay and clay tools you have provided. It is so nice that the Wellington Art Society was able to help us out this year. Right now students are busy painting and coloring some amazing art. Soon we will be working with clay which is always a favorite of every student. At the end of the year we have a big school-wide art show and I would love to invite your group to come and see the wonderful work these students produce. The students and I appreciate that you were thinking of us and thank you for your support of the visual arts!



Sincerely,
Erica Bordonaro, Visual Arts Teacher K-5
Wellington Elementary Fine Arts Academy



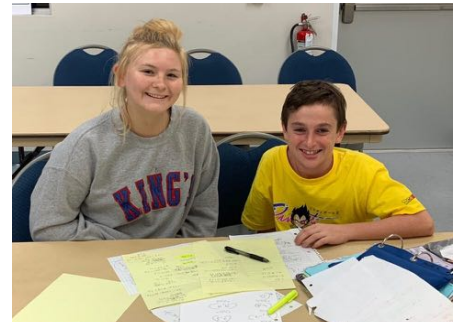
WELLINGTON SPORTS LEAGUES

CHARITY NAME: Wellington Wolves Basketball

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.wellingtonwolves.com

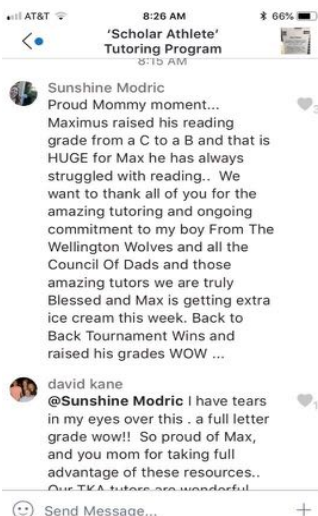
FUNDS RECEIVED: \$6,000.00

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?

Please note that all funds were utilized during the first fund use report.
Max Modric's story is best told through the text message we received.



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.](#)

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 & now we can include our U19s Girls Team. The pricing we got from China will enable us to have new Womens jerseys kits. Attached is the new design, please note it is in blue but will change to Wizards Green and White. Girls are super excited. 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 \$3500. The balance will go to supplement youth that cannot afford to play rugby in Wellington. We expect to help 10 additional underprivilege kids.

Our first game will 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 \$335 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.

All Jerseys will be paid by end of September. Jerseys will arrive in October!



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: **30**



HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

We brought in Cliff Fretwell from Compound Wrestling Club in Georgia to run a camp at Wellington High School. We were able to supplement our wrestling club members to attend this camp. We have a second camp coming up next week with Dustin Schlatter, an assistant coach from the University of Minnesota that we will be supplementing all of our club wrestlers that would like to attend. With the remaining funds we will be providing lodging/transportation for our wrestlers to attend a preseason national event October 5-6 in Michigan. I have provided a picture below of our wrestlers at camp in action today!



CHARITY NAME: [Wellington Youth Lacrosse Association](http://www.wellingtonwolfpack.com)

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.wellingtonwolfpack.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,000

HOW MANY LIVES DID YOU ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: As mentioned in our last update, this grant directly assisted **1 (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, totaling ~\$250) in May 2019 to help run at least two new player clinics rescheduled from summer 2019 to October & November 2019. These free clinics were rescheduled in order to boost participation; we were able to link up with the Village of Wellington's introductory lacrosse skills program (which starts September 12), and will be soliciting families who have signed up for that, in addition to area public and private elementary & middle schools.

Our goal as a Board continues to be building this recreational lacrosse program from the ground-up, especially by recruiting more new players into the youngest age divisions. After feedback from families in the program, and discussions with other area lacrosse programs, we determined the best way to do this is to offer significantly reduced registration for our newest and youngest age divisions (U6 & possibly U8 for girls – as currently the youngest team we have been able to fill is U10). While we intended to provide equipment in way of first sticks and other protective gear to these new players, there were several reasons to choose reduced registration instead. For the 15-30 new U6 players we hope to bring into our program, this reduced registration will come at a league expense of ~ \$100-150/player (depending on number of players recruited, games played with other leagues, etc.), so somewhere between \$1,500 - \$4,500 of an investment, part of which will come



from our GCC grant funds. We will continue to take in lightly-used, donated equipment for these new players to use, and will purchase some of our own for players to use at our upcoming clinics (~\$500-\$1000 worth).

HOW WERE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UTILIZED?

This is a repeat from our last submission. After our upcoming clinics and the registration for the 2020 season, we should be able to have more details on those assisted by the reduced registration costs for our youngest age divisions. From the 2019 season:

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!

*additional grant recipients include the Legal Aid Society, Place of Hope, Wellington Rotary Club and l'Organization pour l'Education et le Developement Communautaire d'Haiti.