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Report contains 1st through 35th place,
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COMPETING CHARITY FUND USE REPORT (1st through 35th place)

1st place: Urban Youth Impact

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.urbanyouthimpact.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$150,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 2300

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 140

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funds from The Great Charity Challenge would be used to support the critical programs and services we provide to inner-city children and families from Palm Beach County including:

- **The Leadership Academy (TLA)** serves 140 students grades K-9 through tutoring, computer-based literacy learning, faith-based instruction, life-skills and character building lessons, mentoring relationships, performing arts, field trips, and recreation. The primary goal of TLA is to prepare each student it serves to succeed in life by providing academic, social/emotional, physical and spiritual enrichment through these students' formative years. Last year, 83% of students who regularly attended TLA made gains in their reading abilities.
- **SMART Program**, where Science Meets Arts, which serves students in grades K-9 through in depth programming by trained staff in the science, visual arts, performing arts and sports fields. The primary goal of SMART is to prepare each student it serves to realize their potential gifting and affinity towards a subject, providing exposure to Science and the Arts. Unfortunately, the schools the youth we serve attend often find the funding for these vital areas of creativity and knowledge cut first. Urban Youth Impact has also found that the creative approaches supported through SMART are an excellent way to incorporate spiritual lessons into afterschool programming. These include opportunities in computer graphics (coding), dance in styles of ballet and praise dancing, African drumming, photography, videography, theater, violin and piano lessons, science and sports. SMART classes also include: visual arts in the form of painting, graffiti art, jewelry and sculpture. SMART allows students to express themselves in a healthy productive manor, while still providing them with necessary life skills through fun activities.
- **Reframe Work Program** provides inner-city youth and young adults (ages 15-24) the opportunity to acquire real work experience through paid internships according to students' interest in professional settings. Our vision is to empower youth and young adults to be employable, eager and employed for good. Their job is to achieve; our job is to empower them to do so. Through the year-round program, we currently work with 50 teens and young adults.



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- **Summer Jam** is a seven-week camp that offers outdoor games, arts and crafts, field trips, and educational and spiritual enrichment. Summer Jam is open to students in 1st grade through high school. Last summer's theme was "Summer of the One True Hero".
- **Two Satellite Campuses** serving Riviera Beach and Boynton Beach with weekly outreach for at-risk children. These weekly outreach sites have fellowship, snack, and spiritual enrichment components.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Funds from The Great Charity Challenge will be used to support the critical programs and services Urban Youth Impact in order to love, equip and empower inner-city youth and their parents to fulfill their God-given purpose. This will include serving the children at the main campus in West Palm Beach and our outreach efforts in Riviera Beach and Boynton Beach.

2nd place: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$125,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 2100

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 2100

An award of this magnitude will significantly impact all areas of Adopt-A-Family's operations and benefit all clients served by agency programs.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

First, the monumental award from the Great Charity Challenge will be used to support Project Grow, Adopt-A-Family's afterschool and summer program for children from homeless and impoverished households. Project Grow aims to address the debilitating effects of homelessness and poverty through a holistic curriculum that includes engaging academic lessons, tutoring, mental health services, life-enriching experiences, academic advising, and a safe and supportive environment. The funds will provide vital support for the program's day-to-day operations which include the provision of classroom supplies, the provision of nutritious snacks, enriching field trips to places like the Lake Worth Playhouse and the Museum of Discovery and Science, maintenance of the agency school bus, building maintenance, and the coverage of staff salaries and benefits.

Second, the funds will provide critical administrative support to increase Adopt-A-Family's effectiveness in executing its mission of strengthening families with children in their efforts to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services. The services provided by the agency must be complemented by a strong internal infrastructure, refined administrative policies and procedures, and the management staff to properly implement and monitor the effectiveness of the programs. The award will be used to cover any funding gaps for administrative expenses including salaries and benefits, training, continuing education, and licensure.



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Finally, the incredible size of this unexpected award will allow the agency to increase its capacity to serve homeless and low-income Palm Beach County families by investing in the development, construction, implementation, and program operations of the agency’s newest housing project, the “A Street Apartments.” The land for the program has already been purchased, and the agency is in the planning phase of the project to provide ten new units of affordable housing and case management to formerly homeless and low-income Palm Beach County families with children.

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The amazing generosity of the Great Charity Challenge sponsors and Adopt-A-Family’s incredible fortune of being paired with the second place team will enable the agency to provide significant support to an existing core program, strengthen the agency’s administrative infrastructure, and expand the agency’s capacity to serve low-income families. The award will make an immediate impact on the agency’s ability to accomplish its mission in Palm Beach County, and it will pave the way for Adopt-A-Family to alleviate Palm Beach County’s great need for affordable housing in the future.

3rd place: Hepzibah House

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$100,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY:

- Roughly 15 to 20 survivors with sheltering, counseling, job & life skill training.
- Raising awareness of human trafficking/sex trafficking here in the US, and in Palm Beach County is part of our mission since prevention will always be more efficacious than restoration. We spoke at 24 awareness events in 2016, from churches and civic groups to nursing students and graduate psychology students. HH had articles in the Palm Beach Post, and was on WRMB Radio, and Channel 5. We estimate we touched 2000 or more individuals beyond TV, radio and newspaper.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 20 survivors, several thousand PBC residents, law enforcement officers & students

A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED:

1. Administrative Assistant

We will hire a part time administrative assistant to ensure steps in the chain of custody continue to be executed properly in response to the funding we are receiving, along with a data base coordinating records of volunteer skills sets and background checks, email correspondence, phone calls, etc.

Estimated costs for data base set-up:	\$2,000
Administrative Assistant salary: \$1,500/month	<u>\$18,000</u>
Total:	\$20,000

2. Additional Training for HH Programming



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Since 1977 Thistle Farms has sheltered trafficking survivors. HH utilized their model as a foundation for our safe house. We would like two HH team members to attend a two-day training at Thistle Farms, gaining from their expertise.

Training at Thistle Farms in Nashville, Airfare & Car Rental	\$1,000
Hotel	\$300
Training Fees	<u>\$200</u>
	\$1,500

3. House Expenses

Running a safe house is expensive. Our income last year did not match our expenses, so some GCC funds will cover basic expenses of the program. We are in the process of pursuing several funding streams so HH could be self-sustaining.^{1,2}

In the meantime, the expenses the GCC award will pick up are:

Rental Fees for Safe House, \$1,300/month	\$15,600
Part-time House Manager Salary: \$1,300/month	\$15,600
Utilities, \$370/month	\$4,500
Counseling Fees	\$24,000
Insurance	\$2,500
Business Expenses, Accounting, Marketing, Website	<u>\$9,500</u>
Total:	\$71,700

4. Security System

Working with women coming out of commercial sexual exploitation means there are security concerns with former traffickers wanting to recover their “property.” We will install a monitored security system with cameras, and chimes on doors and windows to increase the safety of the clients, staff and volunteers.

Security System, Hardware & Installation	\$3,300
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5. Seventh Annual Barn Dance & BBQ Expenses

Our signature fundraiser is a family friendly barn dance and BBQ. From a humble start with 60 attendees in 2011, it has grown each year. We anticipate between 400 to 500 guests on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th, in the Large Animal Barn at the South Florida Fairgrounds! Representative Lori Berman & County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay are scheduled to welcome our guests and share brief remarks. The remainder of the GCC funds will offset some of the up front expenses for this event.

Barn Dance expenses, food, decorations, DJ/caller, marketing	\$3,500
Total:	\$100,000

¹ Zibah Treats For A Cause: A social enterprise hiring women in the program to bake organic non-GMO animal treats. We are partnering with Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for this project.

² “John School” for individuals arrested for solicitation that would be either part of the sentencing requirements, or a diversion program. Participants would pay \$400 for the course



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4th place: Paws 4 Liberty, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.paws4liberty.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$85,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 20-25 veteran/service dog teams

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

People served through our service dog programs: 25

People served through our outreach efforts: 50-100

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funds from the 2017 Great Charity Challenge will be allocated to support our efforts to screen, train, and place service dogs with veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS) due to service-related trauma. We have two programs that allow us to accomplish our goals and objectives: The Service Dogs for Veterans program (which trains and matches dogs with qualified veterans), and the Train-Your-Own-Dog (TYOD) program (which serves veterans who already have a dog and would like their dog to learn tasks that would help them with their PTS symptoms).

In the Service Dogs for Veterans program, each service dog/veteran pair costs the organization as much as \$15,000, with the largest program expense being training (up to \$8,400 per pair). Other expenses include veterinary costs, food and supplements, boarding and kennel care, and a 3-week intensive team training. In the TYOD program, each pair can cost up to \$6,000 with the largest expense being training (up to \$4,200 per pair) and other expenses such as supplies and boarding and kennel care when needed. Funds from the Great Charity Challenge will be used for program expenses.

Funds will also be allocated to our community outreach efforts to raise public awareness of the plight of veterans and how service dogs provide support and companionship to veterans and their families as they recover from the debilitating effects of Post-Traumatic Stress and other service-related wounds. P4L visits schools, community groups and events, and veteran's groups, often bringing one or two of our veteran/service dog teams so that people can experience first-hand the special bond between the veteran and service dog. At these events, veterans often share their stories and we encourage participation through questions and answer sessions. We also provide information about the work that P4L is doing (through presentations and printed literature) so that others may have the opportunity to be involved in helping wounded veterans reclaim their lives.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Our overall goal is to help as many veterans as we can recover from the injuries they have suffered fighting for our freedoms. Funds from the 2017 Great Charity Challenge ensures that we can continue to help more veterans and their families benefit from the stability, companionship, and assistance that a service dog can give to those suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS) and other service-related injuries.



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5th place: Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$75,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 700 children and over 500 families.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 700 children and over 500 families.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

FFCDC will utilize these toward our general operating to provide early education, afterschool, and family support services to over 700 children annually and 500 low-to-moderate income families. Without your support these vital services would be unavailable to these families.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

This generous grant provided us with funding to continue to support low-to-moderate income children and their families in Palm Beach County. These services include: early education, afterschool, and family support services to over 500 families and 700 children annually.

6th place: The Unicorn Children's Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.unicornchildrensfoundation.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$65,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 400

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 500

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funding will be utilized to expand the work of the Palm Beach County Special Needs Advisory Coalition to support, advocate, navigate and connect families with community-based resources. In particular, we will offer respite training to ensure an adequate base of highly qualified service providers to assist families. We will also expand employment training programs to ensure that individuals with special needs are able to become engaged in competitive and meaningful employment. Finally, we are launching a virtual hub to help connect families to relevant information on services and programs and connect them more efficiently to community based resources.

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These funds will allow our organization to launch several projects that were identified as priority areas of need through the *Comprehensive Analysis of Special Needs and Disability in Palm Beach County* (2015) System Model and Business Plan which will enable us to provide services and supports to more families in Palm Beach County.

7th place: Achievement Centers for Children & Families

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.AchievementCentersFL.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$55,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY:

Nearly 800 children and their families

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

Nearly 800 children and their families

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Achievement Centers for Children & Families has been serving Palm Beach County's most vulnerable children and families since 1969. Our goal, as a nonprofit social services agency, is to provide affordable quality care to children whose parents otherwise could not maintain their job or go to school without our help. Our programs are designed to meet a child's academic, social, emotional and physical needs. We offer toddler, preschool, afterschool, teen, summer camp, and adult and family strengthening programs.

Funds awarded from the Great Charity Challenge will support our programs by bridging the budget gap and allowing enhanced service delivery. More than just a child care program, Achievement Centers provides comprehensive wrap-around services with a relational, culturally-sensitive approach which promotes help-seeking behavior, attendance, and engagement of highly stressed, low-income, and minority families and their children.

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While demographic statistics quantify the poverty-related stressors of the children and families we serve, we know that potential is immeasurable. Funding from Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity, furthers our mission by funding opportunities that ignite the potential that lies within every child and family that walks through our doors.

8th place: Wycliffe Charities Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.wycliffecharities.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$50,000



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: hundreds

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

We are currently assessing special projects from our beneficiary charities and we expect to continue to assist hundreds as in previous years.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The mission of Wycliffe Charities Foundation, deeply rooted in Wellington and Palm Beach County, is to financially assist nonprofit groups in our area that engage in educational, health and children related programs as well as support for the local EMS/Fire Rescue.

WCF is made up wholly of unpaid volunteers who live in Wycliffe Golf and Country Club. Our expenses are minimal and are only incurred in the staging of yearly fundraisers such as our golf tournament, bike/walkathon, raffle drive, our shredding event and tribute cards.

Our charter requires that all funds we distribute go to local Palm County 501c(3) non-profits. Each year we accept written grant requests from local groups. Each group then goes through a vigorous vetting process. Once selected and money has been granted, our foundation monitors the use of these funds and maintains a close ongoing relationship. Based upon the good works achieved, some of the organizations have received distributions for multiple years.

This year we were fortunate to have been selected to participate in the Great Charity Challenge and granted \$50,000. We are grateful to our team sponsors, the Wight Family and Valliere and the Bellissimo family. The money we will be receiving will enhance our ability to continue our support of exceptional local charitable causes.

Last year we identified 18 worthwhile groups as recipients of our grants.

Mental Health Association of PBC - promotes mental wellness in our community.

Caridad Center - upgrades the health, education and living standard of underserved children and families.

Hospice of PBC – provides a great healthcare experience to patients and families by caring for everyone who needs and wants our services.

Speak Up for Kids – dedicated to the Guardian and Litem Program.

HomeSafe – provides comprehensive programs preventing new cases of violence, protecting victims of child abuse and domestic violence.

Children's Home Society of PBC – embraces children and inspires lives to break the generational cycle of child abuse.

Albert Jewish and Family Services – provides a wide range of social services.

Palm Beach Habilitation Center – provides all people with disabilities the best environment in which to learn, live and work.



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Sari Asher Center for Integrative Cancer Care – supports cancer patients and their loved ones.

Quantum House – provides a caring and supportive home to families whose children are receiving treatment in PBC for a serious medical condition.

Grandma's Place – an emergency foster shelter caring for abused and neglected children, ages 0 -12 who have been removed from their homes.

Kids Caner Foundation – provides hope and support to children and families battling childhood cancer.

Clinics Can Help – provides access to quality medical equipment to those in need.

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse – offers alternative choices to end violence and domestic abuse.

Families First - provides an environment to ensure that children have a chance to develop happy and healthy lives free from abuse and neglect.

Faith Hope Love Charity, Inc. – provides services to homeless and at risk veterans.

Horses Healing Hearts – helps children who have been affected by a family member with addiction to heal emotionally, build self-esteem and learn life coping skills by working with horses.

Local EMS/Fire Rescue – committed to assuring the residents, visitors, and guests of our local community a secure and superior quality of life, maintaining the highest state of readiness, dedication and compassion in order to minimize emotional, physical, and economic loss.

Wycliffe Charities Foundation identified four specific projects from our beneficiary organizations and was very pleased with the result of the effort. As we did last year we intend to ask all the charities to apply for grants for specific projects and select those with the greatest potential to significantly impact the areas aligned with our mission. We are confident that our monitoring and close relationships with the groups selected will assure the funds achieve maximum results for the benefit of the Wellington and the Palm Beach County community.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION:

The Great Charity Challenge grant of \$50,000 will enable us to support worthwhile projects in education, children and adult health programs and our local EMS-fire rescue in Palm Beach County.

9th place: Grandma's Place, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$45,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 100

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 100

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Funds will be used to help the pay cost of hands-on caregivers – including qualified, dedicated, and caring daytime, nighttime, and weekend employees, for the children in our care. It will also be used to help normalize the children's lives by underwriting the cost of field trips to various venues, such as the zoo, science museum, movies, taking them out for breakfast, lunch, dinner or out for ice cream... excursions the many of the children in our care have never experienced.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Your funding is so very important since ChildNet is our only funding source and they barely provide 60% of our operating costs. Without community support, such as yours, Grandma's Place could not continue to provide a safe, secure, nurturing, and loving environment for the 100 abused, neglected, and/or abandoned children that come to our shelter each year.

10th Place: Children's Home Society of Florida

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$40,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 21,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 12

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Nelle Smith is a 12-bed residential group home for girls ages 13 years old and up who are placed in foster care. The Nelle Smith Residence for Girls is a unique program in Palm Beach County. It is a program that strives to provide a natural home environment, encouraging biological family involvement as approved and appropriate, as well as the development of each girl's self-confidence, self-discipline, self-esteem and practical living skills. The program supports the goal of each girl's case by following the terms of the individual case plans. At the time of intake, a normalcy plan is implanted with each girl that ties into the level system of the program. The goal is to allow each girl to have as normal a life experience as possible despite their circumstances. This includes promotion of participation in extracurricular activities, employment, having friends over, going over to visit with friends and to participate in any other activities that other normal teenagers do. The program encourages the girls to participate in therapy services with outside agencies to address the traumas they have experienced previously in life. Each girl collaborates with staff to complete and individual service plan which intends to tie together to program rules, the normalcy plan and the case plan for their stay at Nelle Smith. The Nelle Smith Program Manager or Director of Program Operations transport all girls to their scheduled court hearings, Independent Living Staffings, Permanency Staffings and other required meetings to encourage them to participate in their case and advocate for their wishes. The girls are provided Independent Living Skills classes in though our on-site Career Development Program and Independent Living Program. The Career Development Program provides both group and individual job skills training. The girls are also assigned weekly chores that include things like meal preparation that provide them opportunities to gain independent living skills. Nelle Smith works very hard to promote the importance of education and has a grade incentive



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program that pays girls \$20 for every “A”, \$10 for every “B” and \$5 for every “C” which is paid at the end of each school quarter.

11th place: Nonprofits First

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$37,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 600+

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

20 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funding received from the Great Charity Challenge will support our continuing “101 for 501s” project to provide training courses, technical assistance, and mentorship to nonprofit startups and emerging nonprofits in Palm Beach County. Potential candidates will be chosen through a competitive process based on established criteria related to unmet needs and service demand. A volunteer review committee will evaluate all applications and award scholarships to those candidates with the greatest potential. Candidates will attend a mandatory introductory class followed by intensive coursework based on the following topics:

- Obtaining 501(c)3 status
- Financial management and fiscal controls
- Board governance
- Operating policies and procedures
- Human resource requirements
- Employee handbook guidance
- Fund development
- Legal advisement

This training curriculum is designed to build a successful foundation in creating nonprofit management excellence and is based on Nonprofits First P2E evaluative software. Upon completion of the coursework each participating organization will receive a certification of completion, access to the P2E evaluation tool, a free Nonprofits First membership, and a one-on-one mentoring session with a likeminded community organization.



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12th place: Wellington Cares, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE www.WellingtonCaresOrg.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$32,500.00

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 125

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 175

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Wellington Cares is extremely grateful for the funds received, and they will be utilized to expand our services and offset many of our annual expenses we incur while serving the residents of Wellington. To help with our two largest expenses, \$5,636.50 would go towards liability insurance and \$14,763.50 would help to fund our two part-time employees. We recently started a food pantry and \$5,000 of funds would go to purchase items our participants request. \$3,000 will be used to purchase Publix and Walmart gift cards. These gift cards are for participants to purchase items that can't be purchased with food stamps such as: pet food, soap, paper products, household supplies, vitamins, medicines, hot foods, grooming items or cosmetics. Wellington Cares has a hospitality program that routinely contacts participants and conducts visits throughout the year to let participants know they are thought of. \$3,000 would be used to purchase items for participants such as cookies on Valentine's, flowers on Mother's and Father's Day, cards and flowers on birthdays, etc. Each month we offer trainings to our volunteers so they are up to date on regulations, new programs, trainings; and \$700 would go to cover these trainings as well as background checks for new volunteers. Lastly, each December we hold an annual meeting to highlight Wellington Cares accomplishments, thank our volunteers, and treat our participants to lunch. \$400 would cover participants' meals at the event.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds received will help Wellington Cares continue serving the 65+ residents in Wellington with transportation, food, companionship, and general daily tasks. The funds will also give us the opportunity to grow serving not only more of Wellington, but surrounding areas as well.

13th place: Holy Ground Shelter for Homeless, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$30,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY:

This number has grown each year throughout our five years of operation. Currently, we serve **12 young mothers and 15 children** across our residential and non-residential programs, although this will (once again) increase in the short-term future, as we have new residential candidates now going through our intake process.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:



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These funds will help to support our residential program, and thus will aid the **eight young mothers and eight children** (and soon, more) currently being sheltered and mentored.

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This grant of \$30,000 will go toward the support of our families in residence. Specifically, it will help to cover:

- Rental assistance (in our independent housing model, each family has their own modest apartment, toward which the young mother must contribute a part of her income)
- Utilities assistance (the mother must also contribute part of her income toward the cost of utilities)
- Counseling (academic, vocational and psychosocial)
- Supplemental groceries (most of our families currently use food stamps)
- Educational and vocational needs (e.g., textbooks, school supplies, course fees, test fees)
- Baby equipment (e.g., cribs, strollers, car seats) and supplies (e.g., diapers, wipes)
- Childcare and babysitting expenses
- Medications and medical supplies
- Apartment furnishings and supplies (e.g., cleaning equipment)
- Transportation (bus fare and/or car payments and car maintenance)
- Direct client services (e.g., Life Skills sessions, job placement training, storage facilities)

(As our clients progress through our multi-year program, their financial responsibilities increase. Before they are graduated, they assume full responsibility for the upkeep of themselves, their children and their apartments for a period of time, thus demonstrating that they are ready to maintain self-sufficiency. After graduation, they remain part of our After-Care program until we deem that they are fully capable of maintaining themselves.)

Appendix:

Holy Ground spends \$19,450 annually per family. Thus, at \$1620.84 per month, this grant of \$30,000 would cover the support of our eight families currently in residence for slightly longer than two months (approximately 9.25 weeks).

Alternatively, applied toward a single one of our small families, this amount would support one family for 18 months (\$29,175), with \$825 additional, which could be applied toward vocational training and/or school loans.

With the desire of supporting all of our clients now in residence, we will apply this grant toward our entire residential program.

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The sum of \$30,000 will help to further our mission of empowering young women by providing them the skills to be self-sufficient. Equipped with these skills, these young women can model this behavior for their children, which will enable our vision of generational change that breaks the cycle of homelessness, poverty and teen pregnancy.



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14th place: The Light House Café Ministries of the Glades

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$28,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: Approximately 54,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Approximately 54,000 – 75,000

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The Light House Café Ministries of the Glades plans to use the funds received as follows:

- \$10,000 to The Light House Café General Fund allowing us to continue fulfilling our mission to provide sustenance for the body and soul of individuals, as well as offer counseling and a helping hand to those in need.
- \$10,000 to the Necessary Kitchen Repairs and Improvements providing us with the ability to continue fulfilling our mission, as well as have the necessary equipment and supplies for our volunteers to service our current population as well as seek additional outreach efforts.
- \$8,000 to The Light House Café's Family and Child Ministry, Ella's Closet for the use of assisting with a mission to provide the families of young children with life-saving skills such as CPR, educational workshops, mentoring, and basic provisions for their infants and children.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds that The Light House Café Ministries of the Glades will receive from the Great Charity Challenge are truly a blessing that will allow us to continue fulfilling our mission with strength, security, focus, and the necessary provisions to extend our outreach.

15th place: Children's Case Management Organization, Inc. (dba Families First of PB County)

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$26,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 1300 families

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 20 to 25 families with behavioral health services up to 15 therapeutic sessions (individual and/or family).

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Two years ago, Families First was able to come full circle in its provision of services – it became part of The Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative (CBHC) so that it could offer comprehensive and accessible services for families with children at risk in their mental, emotional and behavioral development. The goal is to step in early, when signs and symptoms that a child is exhibiting behaviors that interfere with normal



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functioning at home, at school and in the community first develop. This early intervention can mean the difference between ongoing mental or behavioral health issues that can hinder school, family and life success. This program increases service accessibility, reduces duplication, and maximizes resources, so that timely and appropriate interventions can positively change a child's life trajectory.

The funds from the Great Charity Challenge will pay for up to 15 therapeutic sessions for a child and their family who are underinsured or uninsured and would not be able to get the necessary treatment through their insurance provider. This program ensures that the child and family stabilizes and levels of social and emotional functioning increase. A total of 20 to 25 children and their families will be served through the funds from the Great Charity Challenge.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds received from the Great Charity Challenge will assist the agency in providing services for up to 25 additional children and their families with the needed behavioral health treatment so that families can stabilize and children will improve their functioning at school, home, work and community.

16th: Palm Beach Habilitation Center

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.PBHAB.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$27,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 586

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 586. On average the grant will serve 40 people per day.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Supported Meals Program

Based on the \$27,000 awarded, Palm Beach Habilitation Center will provide a total of 7,714 meals (one breakfast at a cost of \$2.50) and one lunch (at a cost of \$4.50) for an average of 40 clients per day. The funds received pay for the food, kitchen staff, and expenses required to prepare the meals.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION – The funds will assist to provide nutritious meals to men and women with disabilities who cannot afford to pay for their meals while attending programs at the Center.

17th place: Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.goldcoastdownsyndrome.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$24,000



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 400

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 200

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funds will be used for the following education programs for children with Down syndrome:

Exceptional Educators Program, a training program to help teachers of children with Down syndrome understand how children with Down syndrome learn (\$4,000-for training workshops)

The Learning Program, an education program which teaches parents how children with Down syndrome learn and teaches children pre-literacy and pre-math skills; elementary school reading and math skills, middle school life skills and high school skills for transitioning to adulthood. (\$15,000)

Educational Advocacy Program, which provides families with a professional advocate to attend school meetings with a parent to help them to develop the appropriate IEP goals and school placement for a child and also general advocacy in the community, such as at school board meetings. (\$5,000)

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION At the Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization, when we see children with Down syndrome, we see possibilities. The GCC funding for our education programs will help us turn those possibilities into realities.

18th place: THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$23,500.00

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 3,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 650

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The mission of the Junior League of Boca Raton's Community Garden is to cultivate the spirit of community and enhance quality of life by creating and sustaining an organic garden of vegetables, flowers, plants, and trees.

To expand the Wildflower Walk with more native wildflowers and shrubbery with durable signage that identifies the species and importance to the ecological systems. (\$5,000)

To further develop the Food Forest, we require more fruit bearing foliage, trees, herbs and vegetables plants. Permaculture shows us that if we design using observation and bio-mimicry of nature, land can be restored to an abundance that supports all living things. (\$5,000)

To build a hydroponic garden system to serve as a teaching garden to provide instruction for children and adults on how to grow produce and manage a garden using energy and space efficient technology. The hydroponic



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garden produces several times the amount of edible vegetables than a similarly sized soil garden would be able to produce, due to highly efficient delivery of nutrients and space-saving design. (\$13,500)

Please note that these dollar amounts were based upon estimates received last year and may need to be modified with implementation.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The garden fosters environmental sustainability and stewardship, advances horticultural and nutritional education, provides a beautiful and natural retreat, and produces a healthy supplemental food source for its gardeners and the hungry in our community. With this grant, the JLBR will be able to **expand** the pounds donated through the gardener produce donations and food drive events held at the garden from 1,200 pounds towards our long-term target of 2,000 pounds.

19th place: The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$23,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 163,400

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 175

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

We will utilize these funds to continue delivering free meals to homebound seniors and physically challenged residents in the Boynton Beach area. We launched our successful Meals on Wheels program in 2015, now serving over 70 individuals through the efforts of 60 devoted volunteers and one part time staff person. These monies allow us to keep the meals FREE of charge for these low income people. Award dollars will be applied:

- To do community outreach about our Meals on Wheels services to inform both potential meal recipients and volunteers about this program throughout Boynton Beach.
- Toward staff time and materials needed to conduct home visits and enroll homebound individuals into the program.
- To purchase the necessary materials for the hot meal and snack plate that each meal recipient gets five days a week. This includes trays, cellophane, delivery bags, etc.
- Volunteer recruitment, screening and orientation/training activities.
- Toward marketing materials for The Soup Kitchen as a whole, updating our community on the entire scope of our services.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The Meals on Wheels program was initially funded through Impact 100 of Palm Beach County for 18 months; now these funds ensure that there will be no disruption of service to the meal recipients and we can continue to develop this program to needs of the community. This program is a lifeline for many of our meal recipients,



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providing them not only much needed nutrition but also compassionate volunteers who check in on them daily and connect them to the community outside.

20th place: The Arc of The Glades, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 54

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 54

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: The primary function of The Arc of The Glades is to assist its target population, people with developmental disabilities who reside in western Palm Beach County, in moving along a continuum from dependence to greater self-reliance. Critical to that journey is the development of community-integrative skills. The Arc has developed a Community-Inclusion/Employment Simulation Project that uses volunteerism as a device to give individuals with developmental disabilities experience in work environments in a community setting. This entails developing relationships with community Not-For-Profits like Food Banks, Soup Kitchens and Red Cross, having program participants choose where they would like to volunteer their time and providing transportation (vehicle and driver) and on-site staff supervision. Funding for this endeavor is not available from conventional Medicaid Waiver billing and must be generated anew every year. Great Charity Challenge funds will be applied to expenses relating to staffing, transportation costs and coordination of the Employment Simulation Project.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The infusion of these funds ensures continuation of a critical element of The Arc's continuum of services, the Employment Simulation Project. It will also allow other funds to be redirected to improving the retirement benefits of the staff of The Arc, benefits that were reduced during the more difficult financial times of recent years and that can now be restored.

21st place: Step by Step Foundation

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.stepbystepfoundation.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: minimum 3,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 2,200



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PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Donation Distribution:

1,000 Back Packs	1,000x5.00= 5,000.00
3,000 Note Books	3,000x1.00= 3,000.00
1,000 Washable Markers (10pc)	1,000x2.00= 2,000.00
1,000 Color Pencils (12pc)	1,000x2.00= 2,000.00
8,000 Pencils	8,000x0.20= 1,600.00
2,000 Wide Ruled Paper	2,000x1.00= 2,000.00
1,000 Erasers	1,000x0.50= 500.00
1,000 Smiling Faces Pencil Pouches	1,000x0.80= 800.00
1,000 Sharpeners	1,000x0.50= 500.00
1,000 Rulers	1,000x0.75= 750.00
1,000 White Craft Glue	1,000x1.00= 1,000.00
1,000 Glue Sticks	1,000x0.75= 750.00
120 Bandanas	120x2.00= 240.00
240 Baby Shampoo	240x3.00= 720.00
120 Baby Powder	120x1.50= 180.00
1200 Toothbrushes	1,200x0.25= 300.00
250 Toothpaste	250x1.00= 250.00
300 Soap (3pc each)	300x1.50= 450.00
600 Children Underwear	600x1.00= 600.00

TOTAL: 22,640.00

Donation Distribution - Non Profits: *(Please note this is a preliminary list)*

Back to Basics
Estelle's Brilliant Bus
Hanna's Home
Kids Cancer Foundation
Place of Hope
RCMA
YWCA Harmony House

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The funds received will enable Step by Step Foundation to deliver 1,000 school backpacks filled with supplies as well as hygiene products. We will be working directly to support the following organizations: Back to Basics, Estelle's Brilliant Bus, Hanna's Home, Kids Cancer Foundation, Place of Hope, RCMA and YWCA Harmony House



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22nd place: Helping Hands Assistance Program, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$21,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 6,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 4,000

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

PERSONNEL EXPENSES:

Salaries \$ 5,000

NON-PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Consultant \$ 700

Professional Services (annual report, 2016 990) \$1,800

Advertising, website & printing \$ 500

Water \$ 300

Security \$ 310

Liability Ins. \$ 460

Equipment, Equipment Supplies \$ 800

Equipment Maintenance \$ 400

Auto Expense \$1,000

Software, Software & Equipment \$ 900

Utilities (telephone, internet) \$2,860

Electric \$2,080

Rent \$4,390

\$21,500

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To help us achieve our mission, we will use our Great Charity Challenge winnings to cover overhead cost to help sustain day-to-day operations and build organizational capacity. Staff salaries, rent, utilities, vehicle, 990 preparation fundraising and consultant expenses are among our greatest infrastructure needs being met to help our organization.

23rd place: The Glades Initiative, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$26,000 (\$21,000 + \$5,000 costume bonus)



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY:

We serve over 8,000 residents through 5 different programs (3,000- Navigation, 3,000 -Food Bank, 1,200 – Outreach, 2,500- Communications (Eblast and Resource Guide), 100 -Trainings

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

This grant will supplement the work we do through the 5 programs mentioned above. It will enable us to continue providing the valuable services so needed in the Glades community.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Our total agency budget is \$640,200, and the primary use of the \$26,000 of funding from the Great Charity Challenge will be to cover salaries for our program staff, program supplies, operational supplies and expenses for our programs serving the community.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

This funding allow us to serve over 3,000 adults and children through our Connecting the Glades Program which provides access to health care, insurance and access to supplemental nutritional assistance (Food Stamps) and food for low-income residents in the Glades. It will also support our Glades Area Food Bank which provides supplemental food to 12 Glades food pantries/ soup kitchens, ensuring thousands of children and their families have access to healthy and affordable food.

24th place: The Rotary Club of Wellington Foundation, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$20,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: It is difficult to obtain this number. We have over 60 active members.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Hundreds

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

We plan on using the money to increase our programs and expand on existing ones. We will use the funds in the following categories:

- 1) Literacy- We currently have programs which promote literacy in the Wellington schools.
- 2) Scholarships- We currently give several high school students scholarships for attending a college of their choice. The criteria for the scholarships include community service and academic performance.



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- 3) School lunch program- We are currently exploring implementing a school lunch program for students in Wellington schools who do not otherwise receive government assistance but are still in need of nutritional meals.
- 4) Outreach- We currently provide meals, gatherings and fellowship for the sick, poor, and homeless in Palm Beach County. We will expand on this existing program.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Rotary's motto is service above self. We plan on using the funds to improve the lives of the sick and poor in our community and encourage others in our community to pay it forward.

25th place: Equestrian Aid Foundation

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$20,000.00

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: approximately 25

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 6+

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Our winning grant from the 2017 Great Charity Challenge will assist the following current recipients of Palm Beach County:

- \$550.00 per month – para-equestrian – helps pay rent and expenses for durable medical goods
- \$650.00 per month – former trainer with catastrophic brain disease – helps pay for multiple therapies
- \$850.00 per month – former farrier with paralysis – helps pay his mortgage
- \$900.00 per month – former trainer suffering with cancer and recuperating from multiple strokes – helps pay nursing care and medications
- \$1100.00 per month – trainer with cancer recuperating from stem cell and chemo – helps pay living expenses
- \$1100.00 per month – former barn manager/groom suffering from multiple complications from surgery – helps her pay her medical insurance so she can keep her doctors and assists toward rent
- \$5150.00 per month x 4 months = \$20,600.00

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION - The \$20,000.00 in funds received from the Great Challenge will directly assist all of our current Palm Beach County recipients for 4 months. This will allow for funds in our general



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fund to be used toward Palm Beach County residents who apply in the future and for our other recipients spread out across the country.

26th place: JARC Florida

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$19,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 250

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 50-100

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

According to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, there are currently 63,000 persons in Palm Beach County who are living with a disability. While the unemployment rate is 5.4% in Florida, the Bureau of Labor statistic estimates that only 17.1% of persons with disabilities are employed. That would indicate that over 52,000 persons with disabilities in Palm Beach County are unemployed. The economic implications of these statistics are staggering.

JARC Florida has been providing pre-employment training to adults with intellectual disabilities and Autism for over 15 years. It is the ultimate goal of the program to see each individual who desires to transition into community employment. While JARC has helped over 50 persons with disabilities to obtain and maintain community employment, there are still many obstacles preventing us from increasing that number. With employers seeking to hire individuals who can cross train and multi task, they often dismiss persons with disabilities as a viable option to fulfill their staffing needs.

At JARC, we have been working to change this preconceived notion and show employers that a person with a disability may be their best asset. We have found success by setting up community based training locations in our local community. This is a win-win for all involved. JARC staff accompanies a small group of participants from our pre-employment training program to the employer's location. Our trainees work with JARC staff to fulfill the needs of the employer. They gain practical experience and the employer gets the job done. This program allows the employer to recognize the talents of persons with disabilities at no expense. We have grown this program in just a short time to 4 community partnerships and 37 participants. To date, 4 participants have been employed by the community partner, and we anticipate many more being hired in the next 6 months.

We would like to grow the program from 4 community training sites to 10 community training sites with continued participation of 50 persons with intellectual disabilities and Autism and Community based employment for 10 participants. These funds will go towards paying participants salaries.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

JARC Florida provides programs and services to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program we are going to enhance funding to is "Community Works" which brings community based employment opportunities for all persons with intellectual disabilities and Autism.



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27th place: Horses Healing Hearts, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$21,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY:

60-65 children in our currently enrolled program.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

Our goal is to increase our participation numbers to 100 children by July 1st. We expect to assist 100 children with the funds from the grant.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funds received will go to our program costs to cover the expenses for the children we serve. Horses Healing Hearts provides all riding clothes, boots, and equipment for our children. Each child cost us \$3,370 annually.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Since these funds go directly to covering expenses, based on a Rand Statistic, every dollar spent on Prevention Programs, such as HHH, saves that community between \$8.00 and \$12.00, as compared to the cost of interdiction. According to this statistic the \$21,000 donated to HHH from GCC will save Palm Beach County approximately \$210,000 in one year.

28th place: Palm Beach County Motorcyclists Toys For Tots, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.pbtoyrun.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$18,500.00

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: We serve over 10,000 Children yearly with a toy distribute through U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program. All toys are distributed in Palm Beach County through the Program.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

This grant will enable us to do an advance toy buy prior to the start of the holiday Season and should enable us to distribute to an additional 1,000 children.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

As noted above, we can to an advance toy purchase in advance of the holiday season.



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Walgreens, our corporate sponsor has in the past matched toy purchases up to a certain dollar amount each year. We have never been able to participate in an advance buy due to the fact that our treasury has to fund the cost of our annual Bills Bikes Toy Run which is our only event to collect toy for distribution by the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program. These funds will make a big difference in the number of children served in our community.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Our organization is assisted by this grant is assuring that we have a cushion to continue to fund our annual toy run toy drive for years to come.

29th place: Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: 18,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 28,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 175

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funds will be used to provide instruction at our Village Readers Family Education program in Delray Beach. The adults learn to read, write and speak English while their elementary school age children receive tutoring in reading and participate in reading enrichment activities. Family members come together for interactive literacy activities that promote making education a core family value.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION:

The funds will help the Literacy Coalition teach adults in our Village Readers Family Education program how to read and speak English. It will also help their elementary school age children read on grade level.

30th place: Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: WWW.CAHH.ORG

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$17,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 15



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PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The primary focus of the Cancer Alliance is to financially assist cancer patients, who live in Palm Beach County, with their ordinary living expenses such as rent and mortgage, utilities, auto and health insurance, car payments, and other basic necessities. 100 percent of the funds received will be utilized to assist cancer patients with their living expenses.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Funds Received from the Great Charity will help increase the number of local cancer patients who receive financial assistance from Cancer Alliance. In addition, it will help bring awareness to Cancer Alliance and the great work that we do.

31st place: Wellington PTO/PTA/PTSA

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$17,000 to be split between the 12 schools

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 15,000 students plus teaching staff

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 15,000 students plus teaching staff

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The middle and elementary school students have benefitted each year with classroom support and upgrades to technology. Our two high schools have used the funds to supplement Project Graduation, a lockdown event free of alcohol and drugs to keep our seniors safe on graduation night.

This year is no different. Our middle and elementary schools will be using the funds to support the teachers with classroom supplies and help upgrade school technology. The high schools will use the money for Project Graduation.

32nd place: Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 6

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 2



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PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: We raise, train, and place assistance dogs. It takes at least two years to properly train one of our dogs. We then have an ongoing relationship, with the dog and its partner, to insure our high standards are maintained. The cost of training the dog, during the first two years, is \$20,000 to \$25,000. This cost is not passed on to the client, but absorbed by Genesis. All future training costs are also paid for by Genesis. The money received will be used to offset the training cost of our current puppy in training, Lake.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION This money will help us to continue our mission of providing highly trained assistance dogs to improve the lives of those in need.

33rd place: Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 831 families representing 2,389 Individuals

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 500 Families

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: Half of the funds (\$8,000) will be used to cover some of our operational cost such as occupancy cost, utilities, phones, insurance, office supplies, etc. The other \$8,000 will be used to provide specific assistance to individuals such as purchasing food, toiletries, diapers, emergency rental or utility assistance, etc.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION: Funds received will help the agency cover for some of the expenses that are not covered by grants. This will allow us to be more consistent when providing direct services to our clients.

34th place: Take Stock in Children

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$15,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 1,131

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 1,131

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funds received will be used towards our college retention department. Students participating in the Take Stock in Children program that are college attending receive ongoing college guidance, educational planning, and assistance throughout their college experience. Our College Retention Coaches aim to increase college retention



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rates and foster a more structured and “hands on” approach that help gear college students towards postsecondary success.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

We are overjoyed with our 2017 GCC prize money, as a result of our program using the GCC funds towards our college retention department the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust will match the prize money dollar for dollar, in turn doubling our award to \$31,000! These funds are crucial in helping our current at-risk students receive the life changing support services they need to enable them in achieving their educational dreams and place them on the road to success!

35th place: Jeff Industries, Inc

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$15,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 250

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 50

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The \$15,000 will be used for training wages/stipends for our clients allowing them to increase their income and self-sufficiency. The award will enable us to continue our Mission.



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ADDITIONAL GRANTS:

CHARITY NAME: Place of Hope, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.placeofhope.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$25,000 "Outstanding Charity Award"

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: Place of Hope proudly served over 1,000 children and families in 2016, and nearly 10,000 in the past 16 years! We currently serve over 300 children and youth on a daily basis in all of our programs.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We expect to serve at least 1,000 children and families in 2017.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: Place of Hope was selected to receive a \$25,000 "Outstanding Charity Award" by the Great Charity Challenge, and we will use the money to support our various programs and efforts at Place of Hope. As a growing non-profit organization in a challenging economy, our programs are increasing in response to the need for comprehensive child welfare programs in Palm Beach County; however, there are still many children who are being placed out of county because the local child welfare system is over-capacity as well as many youth who are transitioning out of foster care, have been emancipated from foster care, or are homeless. In order to continue to meet this growing need, we need help with our general operating support. While we rely on community donations to run all of our programs, we hope to continue to partner with initiatives like yours in order to meet the desperate needs in our community by sharing God's love and placing hope in their lives - one child and family at a time!

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION: In addition to the \$25,000, receiving the "Outstanding Charity Award" from the Great Charity Challenge will help to raise both awareness and support of our organization!

CHARITY NAME: Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

WEBSITE: www.legalaidpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$10,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 8,000



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 25

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funds donated will be utilized to provide free legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Annually, this project provides services to over 1,000 survivors of abuse and their families regardless of income.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

These funds will assist in funding a staff attorney position in our Domestic Violence Project. This attorney will provide representation to survivors of domestic violence at restraining order hearings.

CHARITY NAME: YMCA of South Palm Beach County

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$7,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 40,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 40 Teens and their families

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The grant funding will provide additional support to our existing Y Leaders Club to attend Blue Ridge Leader's School and launch the Y Leaders Club at our Boynton Beach branch.

Held year round, the Y's Leaders Club is designed to introduce teens 13 to 18 years of age service to others, volunteerism, social interaction and appreciation for diversity through the philosophy of the Y. Teens become leaders through service-learning. Growth is fostered by allowing teens to identify values and understand how they connect with society as a whole through service opportunities that allow them to give back to the community. This engages teens' minds in critical problem-solving skills encouraging them to develop creativity



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and learn more about their neighbors and community issues. In addition, teens who participate in service-learning have access to a range of valuable experiences that help them determine a life course for themselves, investigate issues they feel passionate about, explore potential careers, and cultivate their commitment to giving. Annually, exemplary teen leaders earn a spot at the YMCA Blue Ridge Teen Assembly in Black Mountain, NC but not every teen can afford the cost to attend. Now, due to this grant this year they can!

Blue Ridge Teen Assembly is not just a camp but instead the oldest, largest, and best leadership school in the nation. It is a physical education leadership development school with high standards of behavior, participation and performance. The school follows a curriculum that includes classes in leadership, working with children, and character development while meeting teens from throughout the country. Friendships for life are formed and values so vital for socially responsible adults are developed.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The grant funding will enable Y Teen Leaders to attend Blue Ridge Teen Assembly who otherwise would not be able to attend and launch the Y Leaders Club at our YMCA in Boynton Beach.

CHARITY NAME: Feed the Hungry Pantry

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.feedthehungryvillagebaptist.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 15,000+ directly

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 1,500

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: We will use the funds to acquire, transport, store and give away healthy food to hungry neighbors.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION. Your gift will mean that we don't have to turn away hungry families who want to register for our pantry or have to limit the amount of frozen meat or fresh vegetables we will give away.

CHARITY NAME: KidSafe Foundation

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



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FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: over 10,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 450 Families

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Each year KidSafe has the privilege of participating in the Community Back to School Bash – Health and Safety Fair in Delray Beach. This grant will provide us with the opportunity to bring our resources and materials to another back to school event in our community. Although we do not have the dates as of yet (the events aren't planned yet by the Children's Services Council) – we will aim to use these funds at either the Pahokee/Belle Glade Event or in Lake Worth/Palm Beach. At this event we will send a team of KidSafe staff and volunteers to meet and greet children and families at the Back to School Health and Safety Resource Fair. This gives us the opportunity to speak directly with families about tips to keep children safe. We will engage the children with personal safety activities while simultaneously introduce the parents to the two award winning KidSafe children's books – *My Body is Special and Belongs to Me* and *Jack Teaches His Friends To be KidSafe*. The books will be offered in English, Spanish and Creole. The books are 32 page full color bound children's books which are geared to support families having the important conversations with their children about making safe and smart choices, general personal safety rules, and where to go to access help. Each book has a section for adults answering questions such as – when do I start teaching my child about their personal safety, when do I teach my child the proper name for their body parts, who are the types of people that harm children and how can I better protect my children from becoming a victim.

We are excited to have this opportunity through the GCC Grant to provide these resources to yet another group of children and caregivers in our community.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds received from the Great Charity Challenge Grant will allow KidSafe to expand our geographical and educational reach into the community by giving us the opportunity to participate and provide KidSafe's 2 award winning children's books to 450 families at a Community Back to School Bash in August 2017.

CHARITY NAME: Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,500.00



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 260 through evidence based workshops sponsored by the Healthy Living Center of Excellence (HLCOE)

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 130 caregivers who will be able to attend a Powerful Tools for Caregiver Workshop

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

It is well documented that Family caregivers live five years less than the loved one they care for due to the stress, financial struggles and physical demand of caring for their family member. The Powerful Tool for Caregiver workshop intervention assists the family caregivers in addressing the lack of local resources, planning for the future, making the difficult decisions that they will be required to make, dealing with the stress and depression they suffer, as well as the difficult emotions they encounter such as frustration, anger, resentment, aggressive behavior, all of which could result in diminished self-esteem.

One of the impediments to attending a PTC workshop is the fact that many family caregivers have no respite care available for their loved ones, putting the caregiver in the situation of having to choose between their own wellbeing and the well-being of the care recipient.

\$2000 of this grant will be used to subsidize or scholarship volunteer respite care either on an individual or group setting basis depending on the situation. These volunteers will engage the care receivers in a meaningful socialization activity while the caregiver is attending the PTC workshops, making it possible for the family caregiver to attend the workshop thereby maintaining their own wellbeing and equipping them to be a better caregiver to their loved one.

The remaining \$500 will be used to provide a polo style shirt to our PTC volunteer coaches and volunteer respite providers to identify them as Agency volunteers as they serve out in the community.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION:

More than helping our organization, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve more individuals in our community.

This grant will allow us to expand the number of individuals served and reach those caregivers who, without respite services, would not have the ability to attend a workshop thereby missing valuable information on how to better care for themselves and their loved one.



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CHARITY NAME: Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,500

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 18,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 125 Students

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Junior Achievement's curriculum provides extensive financial, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurial education. Programming is age appropriate and covers such topics as: the role people play in an economy; how jobs and businesses contribute to the well-being of the community; entrepreneurship; building strong personal finances; exploring career options based on skills, interests, and values; spending money within a budget; saving and investing wisely; and using credit cautiously, among others. JA's elementary school classroom programs are the foundation of its K-12 curricula. Six sequential themes (K-5), each with five hands-on activities work to change students' lives by helping them understand business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace. The sequential activities build on studies from each preceding grade and prepare students for secondary school and lifelong learning.

JA recruits and trains volunteers from all areas of the business world to present its programs, and provides a program "kit" for each class that includes a step-by-step guidebook. The kit is complete with all materials required for program implementation; many kits have workbooks for students to keep, bright posters, and other items that promote hands-on learning. Partner volunteers present the project, and partner classroom teachers coordinate project times, review each program curriculum, provide a supportive environment in their classrooms, and participate in project activities. Students are directly exposed to a variety of career opportunities, and they learn about their societal commitment by seeing others fulfilling their civic duty. The Great Charity Challenge financial contribution will allow us to purchase program material for 125 students at Equestrian Trails Elementary School.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Funds awarded will help to purchase program material for approximately 125 students at Equestrian Trails Elementary school.



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CHARITY NAME: Delray Students First

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$1,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 68 students

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 25

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

These funds will be utilized to take a group of high school kids from low income backgrounds on a college tour to the University of Central Florida in May. These students are in our ACT and SAT tutoring classes and are high achieving, highly motivated and ambitious young people who deserve more opportunities in life. For the most part, none of them have left their neighborhoods, much less seen a college campus. In our experience, we have found that the students who are exposed to college tours, field trips and other enrichment activities develop a strong interest in pursuing a higher education and ultimately a rewarding career in life. Our college tours typically involve taking 25 high school sophomores and juniors to a college campus, in this case UCF, for a day tour. We will rent a bus and provide the kids with lunch on campus while we are there. The cost of the bus is roughly \$800 with a nonprofit discount and lunch costs about \$300 total for 30 persons (students and chaperones). We are fully insured and all of our volunteers and chaperones have had a full background check. I am including a photo of our last college tour, which took place in November, of 31 students at Florida Gulf Coast University. It was a tremendous success.

CHARITY NAME: The Arc of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.arcpsc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$1,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: More than 2,300 each year

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 72 clients in The Arc's Career Transition Program

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:



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Funding from this grant will support The Arc's Career Transition Program (CTP). This program is a day program for more than 72 adults with developmental disabilities. The program teaches clients daily living skills, occupational skills and job readiness. The Arc's skilled program instructors create a learning environment that is tailored to each person's individual need. The primary focus is to ensure that every client has the opportunity to live as independently as possible, through skills learned, job placement, or selling artwork at our Art d' Arc gallery, located in the Courim Center. Two tracks of the Career Transition Program include: Enclave Employment and Artisan.

Through Enclave Employment, The Arc partners with various companies in Palm Beach County to create job opportunities for clients to earn minimum wage. Clients have the opportunity to gain employment skills in an inclusive setting, with a staff member of The Arc present to assist with any questions or skills training. Some current partnerships include, Otis Elevators, Pratt & Whitney and the Gehring Group.

Clients also have the opportunity to participate in the Artisan program that teaches those that are interested in advancing their artistic skills, how to create beautiful mosaic artwork. Every artisan that works on a piece, signs the back and once it sells, they receive a commission. Earning a paycheck is a tremendous accomplishment for our clients in their journey to becoming independent contributors in the community. Funds from The Great Charity Challenge will be used for the Career Transition Program. This funding will offset expenses and enable The Arc to provide additional art supplies and mosaic tiles for the Artisan program.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

With additional funding for artisan supplies, more clients will have the opportunity to earn a paycheck through the incredible artwork they create. This effort will help advance The Arc's mission to ensure that every client is living the most independent life possible.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

We are thrilled that with this grant, we will be able to offer low income students in our tutoring classes a tour of University of Central Florida in Orlando in May. The funds received will cover \$1000 of the approximately \$1100 cost of the trip.

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GRAND PRIX SOCIETY: ZIEGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANTS

CHARITY NAME: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 2100

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT:

The grant will enable Adopt-A-Family to serve 60 elementary school-aged children.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The entirety of the grant award will be used to support Project Grow, Adopt-A-Family's afterschool and summer program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade from homeless and impoverished households. Project Grow aims to address and reverse the debilitating effects of homelessness and poverty through a holistic curriculum that includes engaging academic lessons, one-on-one tutoring, mental health services, life-enriching experiences, recreation on a state-of-the-art turf field and playground, access to a computer lab, academic advising services for the parents, and a safe and supportive environment for a vulnerable population of students.

The award from the Zeigler Family Foundation will be used to provide vital support for the day-to-day operations of Project Grow which include the provision of classroom supplies for academic lessons and art projects, the daily provision of nutritious snacks, enriching field trips to places like the Norton Art Museum and the Museum of Discovery and Science, maintenance of the agency school bus that transports the children on field trips as well as to Project Grow in inclement weather, building maintenance, and the coverage of staff salaries and benefits, especially during summer camp when funding is less abundant and costs are greater due to the expanded staff and operational hours.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds generously awarded to Adopt-A-Family by the Zeigler Family Foundation will increase the agency's ability to accomplish its mission of strengthening families with children in their efforts to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services. Adopt-A-Family must fundraise over half of Project Grow's annual operating budget, and this grant award will be a significant contribution to a program that is a crucial support service and safety net for some of Palm Beach County's most vulnerable students.



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CHARITY NAME: Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000.00

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 260 through evidence based workshops sponsored by the Healthy Living Center of Excellence (HLCOE)

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 130 caregivers who will be able to attend a Powerful Tools for Caregiver Workshop

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

It is well documented that Family caregivers live five years less than the loved one they care for due to the stress, financial struggles and physical demand of caring for their family member. The Powerful Tool for Caregiver workshop intervention assists the family caregivers in addressing the lack of local resources, planning for the future, making the difficult decisions that they will be required to make, dealing with the stress and depression they suffer, as well as the difficult emotions they encounter such as frustration, anger, resentment, aggressive behavior, all of which could result in diminished self-esteem.

The program was initiated by the HLCOE in 2016 with a group of four instructors. The workshops require two instructors per class for the length of the program (6 weeks). Due to our limited resources, the HLCOE has a waiting list of family caregivers wanting to receive this intervention. From September to December of 2016, we were able to provide these workshops throughout the five County areas we serve on limited basis, leaving countless other caregivers without the support they need.

The \$5000 we receive from the Great Charity Challenge and the Ziegler Family Foundation will allow us to devote \$3000 to train ten new instructors for the Powerful Tools for Caregivers, making it possible to multiply greatly the number of people that we could serve. \$2000 would be invested in purchasing manuals for the caregivers that they use throughout the class and which become an ongoing resource for the duration of their caregiver responsibilities. The cost of each manual/resource workbook is \$25.00 per unit. This intervention/workshop and the manual are provided to the family caregivers at no cost in an effort to ease the burden of their caregiving responsibilities.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

This grant will allow us to increase the number of family caregivers served as well as providing us the opportunity to train more facilitators who will be able to continue delivering these much needed workshops. In the words of one caregiver who completed the workshop, "After taking this class I am a more confident



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caregiver! Having tools to resolve problems is a definite advantage in becoming a better caregiver and a happier, wiser, and healthier me... and a healthier us!"

CHARITY NAME: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 600 "matches"

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: Approximately 50

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

We have an extensive "waiting list" of children wishing to be matched with a Big Brothers or Big Sister. Sadly, we already have a plethora of "unfunded matches" in our classic community based one-to-one mentoring program, meaning a specific grant or funder does not support them. We anticipate stretching this generous award to help support several of the "unfunded matches." Unfunded matches place a great strain on our staff, our operational capacity and the resources we can provide to the child and family. Children, their families, and the volunteer mentors do not pay for our services.

These funds will be used to alleviate some of the pressure on our team, but mostly will be directed to approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ unfunded matches. Each match costs roughly \$1,250 to make and support.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

These funds will be utilized to bring resources to unfunded matches in the form of: match support, event opportunities, necessities, and to help the families. I would add, reimburse the agency for extensive Level II FBI background screening completed every 2 years, and the in-depth interview process.

CHARITY NAME: Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 5,600 Registered Members and 2,600 additional youth through outreach programs.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 167

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County waives the membership fees for families that cannot afford to pay. In 2015-2016 we waived the fees for 40% of 5,600 members. This grant of \$5,000 will cover 167 memberships this year.

CHARITY NAME: Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 700 children and over 500 families.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: We plan to serve 700 children and over 500 families annually in conjunction with funding from other sources.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: FFCDC will utilize these toward our general operating to provide early education, afterschool, and family support services to over 700 children annually and 500 low-to-moderate income families. Without your support these vital services would be unavailable to these families.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

This generous grant provided us with funding to continue to support low-to-moderate income children and their families in Palm Beach County. These services include: early education, afterschool, and family support services to over 500 families and 700 children annually.

CHARITY NAME: Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.habitatpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000



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HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 175

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: One family of four

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funding will offset the cost of masonry to construct a decent, affordable home for a deserving low to very low income family. The total home construction of one of our homes is roughly \$150,000.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

Donations such as that from the Ziegler Family Foundation helps Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. This gift assists deserving low income families throughout our County in need of affordable housing.

CHARITY NAME: Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 28,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 100

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED: The funds will be used to provide instruction at our Glades Family Education program in Belle Glade. Adults learn to read, write and speak English while their preschool children participate in an early childhood education class. Family members come together for interactive literacy activities that promote making education a core family value.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION The funds will help the Literacy Coalition teach adults in our Glades Family Education program how to read and speak English. It will also help their young children develop school readiness skills.



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CHARITY NAME: Palm Beach County Food Bank

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.pbcfoodbank.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 100,000+

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 100,000

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funding would support the Palm Beach County Food Bank's food distribution programs.

On any given day 200,000+ Palm Beach County residents do not know where their next meal will come from. In the 11th largest U.S. school district, more than 60% of public school children qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

In October 2015, the United Way of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners released a Strategic Hunger Relief Plan. Goal #4 from the plan: All Palm Beach County Children will have access to nutritious food they need to build healthy bodies and strong minds. As the Director of Palm Beach County School Food Service stated: "One area of service that we believe is in need of improvement is providing meals to students when they are not in school."

Since 2013, the PBC Food Bank has provided children enrolled in summer camp programs that serve low-income families with a backpack of healthy food to take home to their families on Friday afternoons during the summer. The program has grown by more than 900% since it started.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION:

These funds will be used to offset the program costs associated with collecting, storing and distributing food for 100+ agencies that operate food pantries and soup kitchens in the Palm Beach County community. Thank you very much.



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CHARITY NAME: The Arc of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.arcpb.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: More than 2,300 families every year.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: This grant will support The Arc's Career Transition Program that serves more than 72 clients.

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

Funding from this grant will support The Arc's Career Transition Program (CTP). This program is a day program for more than 72 adults with developmental disabilities. The program teaches clients daily living skills, occupational skills and job readiness. The Arc's skilled program instructors create a learning environment that is tailored to each person's individual need. The primary focus is to ensure that every client has the opportunity to live as independently as possible, through skills learned, job placement, or selling artwork at our Art d' Arc gallery, located in the Courim Center. Two tracks of the Career Transition Program include: Enclave Employment and Artisan.

Through Enclave Employment, The Arc partners with various companies in Palm Beach County to create job opportunities for clients to earn minimum wage. Clients have the opportunity to gain employment skills in an inclusive setting, with a staff member of The Arc present to assist with any questions or skills training. Some current partnerships include, Otis Elevators, Pratt & Whitney and the Gehring Group.

Clients also have the opportunity to participate in the Artisan program that teaches those that are interested in advancing their artistic skills, how to create beautiful mosaic artwork. Every artisan that works on a piece, signs the back and once it sells, they receive a commission. Earning a paycheck is a tremendous accomplishment for our clients in their journey to becoming independent contributors in the community. Funds from The Ziegler Family Foundation will be used for specific program support for CTP. This funding will offset expenses for the program and enable The Arc to provide the following for our clients:

Artisan Materials (mosaic tiles and art supplies) \$2,500
Curriculum, Classroom supplies and artist classes \$2,500

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The Arc's mission is to improve the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. This funding will increase support for the Career Transition Program enabling us to create more opportunities for inclusion, independence and greater educational experiences for our clients.



GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE

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CHARITY NAME: YMCA of South Palm Beach County

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

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 50,000

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU EXPECT TO ASSIST WITH THIS GRANT: 180 children and 180 caregivers

PLEASE GIVE US A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE UTILIZED:

The funds received from the Ziegler Family Foundation grant will be providing swim instruction and water education to at risk populations in South Palm Beach County.

Globally, three children die every day from drowning; this represents 10% of global mortality. 60% are within 10 feet of safety and 88% are under adult supervision. Florida ranks first and Palm Beach County ranks as one of the highest in the nation for drownings.

The youth drowning rate in Palm Beach County is two to three times higher than the national average. Twenty-two children were victims of drownings in South Palm Beach County in 2014.

Though drowning is preventable, our reality is that low-income minority families tend to have a fear of water and limited access to water safety programs. This, correlating with generations that are unable to swim, are at a higher likelihood of tragedy as family members are often helpless to assist or drown along with a child trying to save him/her.

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. It is devastating to hear of a drowning knowing that eight half-hour lessons will have saved a life. Through the funding of the Ziegler Family Foundation 180 children will receive direct in pool instruction and 180 of their caregivers will learn the skills and information needed to be safer and wiser in our water rich environment.

You will be joining the Y's promise of 10,000 swim lessons to our community. With trained instructors teaching simple skills our children will be safer and our community wiser.

IN NO MORE THAN 2 SENTENCES, PLEASE TELL US HOW THE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION

The funds received will be providing 360 at-risk youth and caregivers swim instruction and water safety education in South Palm Beach County. The YMCA and the Ziegler Family Foundation are providing a solution to the reality that Florida is first in drowning rates in the nation by teaching simple skills that save lives.