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2016 FUND USE REPORT



GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE

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Palm Beach County**

1st place: George Snow Scholarship Fund (\$150,000)

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Your donation will be used to support the Scholarship Fund and the young people we serve with financial assistance and an array of scholar support services designed to improve our scholars' college experience and maximize their rates of graduation.

The funding from the Great Charity Challenge will provide benefits to the following programs:

Computer Software for Scholars Program — It is important that our scholars have the tools they need to succeed in college.

College Care Packages— For students with little or no support at home, college can be a difficult and daunting journey especially in times of stress such as during midterm and final exams.

College Supply Gift Bags — Each Scholar receives a gift bag containing valuable products they can use during their college career. These are quality products purchased by The George Snow Scholarship Fund.

Emergency Fund — The objective of The George Snow Scholarship Emergency Fund is to provide a resource for our Scholars, whereby they can apply for additional financial assistance which will help them manage unexpected hardships and challenges, such as sudden medical or travel expenses.

High School to College: Tools for a Successful Transition – This innovative program educates our scholarship recipients on the many challenges and changes in lifestyle and environment they will experience entering their first year of college.

Snow Education Endowment- The Snow Education Endowment is extremely important and significant for the Scholarship Fund and our supporters and the young people of Palm Beach County. It is designed to provide a sustainable and perpetual source of funding for scholarships; which will support these most worthy young people. The added benefit here is that the Great Charity Challenge's contribution to the Endowment will put us over a preset benchmark and will trigger an additional \$100,000 contribution from one of our donors who has created a challenge grant to benefit the Snow Education Endowment. **The donation from the Great Charity Challenge will essentially mean a total benefit, to our organization, of \$250,000.**

In 2015 the Scholarship Fund was recognized as the National Scholarship Providers Association's "Scholarship Provider of the Year".

298 scholars will benefit directly from the funds received via the Great Charity Challenge.

<http://www.scholarship.org>

2nd place: Bella's Angels (\$125,000)

Sponsored by Entrust and Wellington Equestrian Realty

Medical Program	\$111,000
Educational Conferences	\$ 4,000
Respite Care Program	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$125,000

***Medical Program** – Bella's Angels mission is to assist and empower families who have children with life-long physical disabilities by providing financial support when other resources are not available and accessible.

During the 2016 budget process, our families submitted medical expense budgets in the amount of \$255,000. This includes a total of \$40,000 allocated for four new prospective families. New families are allocated up to \$10,000 annually for their first year as a Buddy family. Budgeting for sixteen families equates to approximately

\$160,000. The Board just approved the Buddy budgets in the amount of \$194,000, which equates spending approximately \$12,000 per family for the 2016 fiscal year.

Currently, we have several applications being reviewed that are under consideration. **Our goal is to assist sixteen families by year-end.**

<http://www.bellasangels.org>

3rd place: Kids Cancer Foundation (\$112,500)

Sponsored by Hollow Creek and Meralex Farm

Thanks to the funding provided by the Great Charity Challenge the Kids Cancer Foundation will be able to continue to provide the following programs and services.

The Foundation employs two full-time employees; the Pediatric Oncology Patient Care Navigator (POPCN) and the Director of Programs (DOP).

- 1. Pediatric Oncology Patient Care Navigator;** is a certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse who facilitates learning and acts as an advocate for the child and family. They work collaboratively with the family and all members of the healthcare team and community to provide on-going education and research as well as financial and emotional support. This coordination of care has been shown to improve both the patient's chance for survival and overall quality of life.
- 2. Director of Programs;** is a specially trained professional who helps the child and their siblings to deal with the various issues they face while battling cancer. They develop programs and provide medical play and emotional support to the child and siblings throughout their journey battling childhood cancer. They also coordinate, educate and train all Kids Cancer Foundation Volunteers.

In 2011 the Kids Cancer Foundation opened the new Kids Cancer Center, which has allowed the **Foundation to better provide and expand the supportive care services they are providing to over 450 patients and families.** Currently, the Kids Cancer Foundation has over 100 volunteers assisting with the implementation and the expansion of the many programs and services available at the Kids Cancer Center.

<http://http://www.kidscancersf.org>

4th place: Friends of Foster Children (\$100,000 plus \$5,000 costume contest)

Sponsored by the Merhad Family and Diamante Farms

As you know, Friends of Foster Children provides services to foster and adoptive children in Palm Beach County through six comprehensive programs. The money won at the Great Charity Challenge will provide educational tutoring for foster children who struggle to overcome the effects of abuse and neglect. Currently only 30% of foster children graduate from High School in our community and of that number, only 3% go on to college and graduate. **It is anticipated that 150 foster children and their guardians will benefit from Educational Connections this year.**

The winnings from the GCC will also be used for operating costs to sustain the agency. Operating costs are difficult to come by in the nonprofit arena and the ability to utilize these dollars for those costs ensure that

Friends of Foster Children will be in existence another year and able to provide continued services to the over 1,700 children that are in foster care in Palm Beach County.

Finally, the funds received will be used to assist relative caregivers through the Kinship Connections program. This program focuses on children that have been placed with a grandmother or aunt / uncle instead of a traditional foster home. Currently there are over 500 relatives that are caring for children under 18 in our community. These caregivers, often older, have not parented or had small children in their homes for many years. The support, education and advocacy that Friends lends to these families often makes the difference in whether the children succeed or fail. The funds will be used to assist in the funding of a case worker to work directly with the population.

<http://www.friendsoffosterchildren.com>

5th place: Twin Palms Center for the Disabled (\$80,000 plus \$3,000 for groom costume)

Sponsored by the Russekoff & Cohen families and Goetzmann

1. Purchase of a 25- Seat Vehicle: Cost approximately \$26,000. All current 21 clients will benefit from the van. In addition, the center will not have the additional cost of paying mileage to a staff member for transporting clients. We use our bus to participate in activities throughout the community. We go bowling, swimming, to the parks, museums and local library. We will now also be able to take a field trip as a group to Lion Country Safari.
2. Operating expenses such as salaries, client lunches, and maintenance and up keep costs of the building, which is 48 years old. The funds will help cover the cost of keeping our 1 to 6 ratio as determined by our licensing. We will be better able to cover substitute salaries and our program coordinator's salary with these funds. Our lunch expense is very high due to our licensing. We have to maintain a contact with a private caterer to bring in lunches 4 days a week to feed all of the attending clients. The cost of lunches and snacks per month is approximately \$1200. With our tuition covering only 39% of our expenses the GCC funds will go a long way to cover our operating expenses.
3. Add funds to our "Rainy Day" fund. (CD Account): Our roof is 32 years old and we plan to put \$10,000 into our CD in order to replace the roof in the next 2-3 years.

<http://www.twinpalmscenter.com>

6th place: HOMELESS COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (\$75,000)

Sponsored by the Crown Family and Rolex

The amount represents exactly – **helping 15 people move back into permanent housing and end their homelessness.** Last year we were able to help 107 families and with this additional funding we will be able to help even more this year.

<http://homelesscoalitionpbc.org>

7th place: YWCA (\$65,000)

Sponsored by EAM Equestrian and Ariana Rockefeller

- Surveillance system at Royal Palm Beach Child Development Center- \$8,000
- Y-Teens and Y-Girls in Glades – starting the Y-Teens program at Glades Central High School next fall if not before - \$5,000
- Racial Justice - \$10,000 – this will include doing the “Just Us Girls” program in the Glades. (This year Stand Against Racism does have a tag line of On a Mission for Girls of Color)
- Matching funds for Rapid re-housing - \$30,000
- Overall supportive services - \$12,000

<http://www.ywcapbc.org>

8th place: Student Aces (\$60,000)

Sponsored by the Wight Family and Anne Caroline, Inc.

Currently, we have over **125 students enrolled in the program and have plans to grow the student enrollment to 200 by September 2016**. Each student is nominated by their school for demonstrating leadership on the athletic fields, in the arts, classroom and in their community.

With this generous grant we have ambitious plans to create a web platform that will provide greater interactive communication between the students and the facilitators. With the current cyber security concerns, it becomes imperative to develop tight security controls to protect the confidentiality of the students. We will also be developing a leadership platform that provides the students access to the teachings of the program.

<http://studentacesforleadership.com>

9th place: Urban League of Palm Beach County (\$50,000)

Sponsored by Equinimity and Equine Tack and Nutritionals

The \$50,000 award from the 2016 Great Charity Challenge will go far in helping us to **rehab our community room which is used at least four times a day by the Urban League as our main meeting space and by the community**. The room is used for community meetings, youth groups, housing workshops and senior groups just to name a few. The community room is the only part of our main facility built in 1980 that has not been renovated. The renovation will include a new layout for the room and bathrooms to make it more functional for the community as well as AV equipment and new furniture. The room is home to our nationally award winning NULITES program which is a community service and leadership program for students 10-18 from low-income and urban communities. The program has a 100% success rate in preparing youth for college, work and life and all students in the past 7 years have graduated high school and gone on to higher education.

<http://www.ulpbc.org>

10th place: Habilitation Center for the Handicapped, Inc. (\$45,000)

Sponsored by Newstead Farm and Carlos Hank

The \$45,000 winnings from the Great Charity Challenge will go toward helping to support the cost of staffing and materials for our critically needed and highly effective social services and behavioral development programming, vocational training and well as our Programs in Art, Education, and Recreation (P.E.A.R.).

www.pbhab.com

11th place: Nonprofits First, Inc. (\$40,000)

Sponsored by JKG Farms and Enterprise Holdings

Funding received from the Great Charity Challenge will support the “Nonprofits 101 for 501s” pilot project to provide training courses, technical assistance, and mentorship to nonprofit startups and emerging nonprofits in Palm Beach County.

Nonprofits First is specifically targeting nonprofit startups and emerging nonprofits in Palm Beach County and will initially target 50 organizations for the introductory training and vetting process. **We ultimately expect to provide training to approximately 15 organizations with 1-2 attendees each.**

<http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org>

12th place: Center for Child Counseling (\$35,000)

Sponsored by Deerfield Farm and Two Swans Farm

The \$35,000 earned through the Great Charity Challenge will be used to support two mental health counselor salaries, at \$17,500 each through our Childcare and Community Social-Emotional Wellness (CCSEW) Program. Each therapist’s total salary is \$40,000 annually, plus benefits.

Each therapist provides an array of therapeutic services (Individual Play Therapy, Small Group Play Therapy, and Family Therapy) to an average of **25 children and families each week, for roughly 80-100 per year**. The number of sessions varies depending on presenting issues and needs, but typically ranges from 1-3 times per week, provided in our offices, schools, or homes throughout Palm Beach County.

<http://www.centerforchildcounseling.org>

13th place: The Children’s Healing Institute (\$30,000)

Sponsored by Lothlorien and East Coast Lightning Equipment

We were fortunate to have won \$30,000 at the event and will utilize the funding to **support our TEACUP Premie Program**.

About TEACUP Premie Program: One in seven infants born in Palm Beach County is premature (less than 37 completed weeks of gestation.) Babies born too soon, often face serious health and medical complications putting families under enormous emotional worry and financial stress.

The Children's Healing Institute collaborates with St. Mary's Medical Center, Bethesda Hospital East, and Wellington Regional Medical Center, serving as a support system to low-income families of preemies in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Units. The agency provides services in the hospital and the home to **more than 60 families a year through its Teacup Premie Program for no fee.**

<http://www.ChildrensHealingInstitute.org>

14th place: Junior League of the Palm Beaches (\$28,000)

Sponsored by the Patten Family and Rosenbaum Mollengarden PLLC

For the past decade, the League focused on programming promoting children's health and wellness. Two years ago, we embarked upon a thorough community needs analysis to narrow the focus of our community impact. After interviewing dozens of community agencies, analyzing data and trends, presenting research to our membership, and hosting meaningful discussion, we voted to dedicate our time and resources to improving the lives of children and young adults in the foster care system.

Community partners for long-term programming around this issue include the Nelle Smith Residence, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Vita Nova. Independently operated League programs include the newly developed Junior Mints program and DIAD. These programs are described in detail below.

Not a single cent of the grant received through the Great Charity Challenge will go towards salaries, office space or other traditional operating costs. 100% of our fundraising dollars go directly toward our programs, all traditional non-profit costs are covered by membership dues.

<http://www.JLPB.org>

15th place: BIG DOG RANCH (\$26,000 plus \$1,000 kids costume grant)

Sponsored by Visse Wedell and Lugano Diamonds

Big Dog Ranch Rescue is building a new campus, and we just broke ground last week, so the funds received from the Great Charity Challenge will be used toward our capital campaign. **This new campus will allow us to save even more dogs and puppies and find forever homes for them.**

[Please click here for a full overview of the new campus](#) or visit: <https://www.bdr.org/capital-campaign>

<http://www.bdr.org/>

16th place: Gulfstream Goodwill Academies (\$25,500)

Sponsored by the Sulzberger & Green Family and Chronicle of the Horse

The Culinary Program would like to expand the sales area to a walk up window to accommodate employees in our building to purchase items for breakfast such coffee, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, and fruit. Sandwiches, soup, and salads will be sold for lunch. Equipment is needed for the walk up window area such as a sandwich press, ice machine, soup warmer, toasters, dishwasher, refrigeration and a walkie-talkie system for communication with the kitchen. Approximate cost: **\$7,000.00**

Sexuality issues are common with the population of individuals we serve. We will be purchasing a curriculum that teaches the different types and boundaries of relationships that everyone experiences. It covers appropriate and inappropriate conversation topics, personal space, touching, and safety along with all other expected behaviors. Approximate Cost: **\$2,500.00**

The Great Charity Challenge could not have come at a better time for The Transition to Life Academy as funding is needed to continue the current level of our work experience programs. The work experience programs are extremely expensive to operate due to the need of a low instructor/staff to student ratio. The students are paid a small daily stipend of \$10.00 per day so that they get a full understanding of the meaning of work and the reward of being compensated. This adds to the cost of the program. Approximate Cost: **\$16,000.00**

<http://gulfstreamgoodwill.com/charter>

17th place: Club 100 Charities (\$25,000)

Sponsored by Horseware and Donna Nives for Adopt a Dog

1. \$10,500 to LPCOC After School Program Staffing Salaries, Administration and Program Cost
2. \$3,500 to Food Pantry Operation (Supplemental Food and Sundry Products Replacement)
3. \$2,000 Fundraising Promotional and Administrative Cost (Annual Golf Tournament Cost)
4. \$3,000 General Operating Fund (Phone services, website maintenance, office supplies, Licenses, Insurance, incidental admin cost etc.)
5. \$1,500 Annual Volunteer Recognition and Celebration Event
6. \$2,000 Food Pantry Emergency Fund
7. \$2,000 Upgrading office equipment and warehouse facilities.
8. \$500 for participation cost of GCC event

<http://www.club100usa.org>

18th place: Vinceremos (\$24,500 plus \$7,500 costume contest)

Sponsored by Goshen Hill and the Bainbridge Companies

The programs at Vinceremos continue to grow. It has become apparent in our community the number of young people at risk continues to grow. Economic challenges and familial challenges add to the pressures of growing up. Vinceremos has built a program called "Taking the Reins" using the horse to demonstrate visually some of their issues. Many children in care have trouble adapting to their new surroundings, they either run away or they are very belligerent, they share the same reactions that are inherent in the horse, fight or flight! This program approaches it in a way that helps these children understand that it is a normal reaction, demonstrates it through the horse and then demonstrates a more effective way for them to handle that situation when it arises.

The demand for this type of program in our community is strong and growing. **The funding made possible by the Great Charity Challenge will allow us to hire an additional instructor to meet those needs. Our hope is that these funds will allow us to impact the lives of many more with a positive result.**

<http://www.vinceremos.org>

19th place: Animal Rescue Force of South Florida (\$24,000 plus \$1,000 kids costume grant)

Sponsored by the Sunny And Abe Rosenberg Foundation (Starwyn) and Gold Coast Feed and Supply

- Make structural improvements at our adoption center to accommodate more animals. We would like to extend the existing wall out in order to make our cat area larger. This will give us the capability for housing kittens and healthy cats, pregnant and nursing mother cats, cats with upper respiratory colds and other health issues who need isolation from the general population. Last year A.R.F. lost five of our six pet stores that allowed us to house and display cats for adoption to Peggy Adams. This greatly impacted our adoptions rate. By making improvements to our adoption center we are hoping to keep our average annual adoption rate plus increase by another 100 animals. We will be obtaining estimates from several contractors for the expansion. We are estimating that this cost will be in the \$10,000 range.
- Make improvements to our animal transportation van to include repainting and replacement of the advertisement logo. A new animal transportation van is what is needed but it is not within our budget.
- Increase our public advertisement to include flyers, feather flags, car magnets for adopters and any other items that will let individuals know who we are, what our needs are, how to volunteer and or adopt.
- Currently we would like to rescue more dogs but we do not have enough individuals willing to foster them. Housing at our adoption center is not possible because we do not have the volunteers to man it 24/7. Hopefully with advertisement improvements we can increase this number. Currently Animal Care and Control has A.R.F. as a “last resort” for their dogs (meaning their time is up) and we arrange lives to accommodate these animals.

A significant portion of the funds we receive will go to pay for animal medical care that includes, but is not limited to emergency care and surgeries, special medically necessary diets, medicines, vaccinations, spay or neutering, microchips and blood profiles to include rabies, heartworm, leukemia and aids testing.

<http://www.animalrescueforce.org>

20th place: Place of Hope (\$23,500)

Sponsored by Riverview Farm and Equestrian Sport Productions

As a growing non-profit organization in a challenging economy, our programs are increasing in response to the need for quality foster care 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. **In order to continue to meet this growing need, the \$23,500 from the Great Charity Challenge will be used toward our general operating support. While we rely on community donations to run all of our programs, we are thankful to be able to partner with organizations 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!**

<https://www.placeofhope.com>

21st place: FoundCare (\$23,000)

Sponsored by Stateside Farm and Jennifer Wood Media, Inc.

FoundCare, Inc. will use the \$23,000 to support medical, dental, x-ray, lab, and medication services to children and families who are uninsured and living at or below 200% of federal poverty level who access services at FoundCare Health Center. As patient needs fluctuate throughout the year, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact dollar amounts for each category. The following rough breakdown will serve as a guideline for the expenditure of the funds:

- Medical services: \$10,000
- Dental services: \$8,000
- X-ray services: \$1,000
- Lab services: \$2,000
- Medications: \$2,000

While funds may shift between these categories, 100% of the funds will be spent only in these areas.

www.foundcare.org

22nd place: Blue Sky Foundation (\$22,500)

Sponsored by the Dammerman & Little Memorial Team and Strauss

The funds that we receive from the event will help us cover the expenses of several tennis clinics that we are planning to hold for Veterans and Wounded Warriors right here in Palm Beach County. We are also branching out from the military a little bit as we are also organizing events that introduce tennis to autistic children in our community; the program is called ACEing Autism. Many thanks to the Great Charity Challenge for helping give us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all these folks. A list of upcoming events will be posted via our website.

www.theblueskyfoundation.com

23rd place: Danny & Ron's Rescue (\$22,000)

Sponsored by the Kerkorian & Couch Families and Sexton Engineering

Danny & Ron's Rescue has taken on the challenge of covering the cost to treat shelter dogs with heartworm disease, so that they may find loving homes. Dogs that find their way to a shelter (via animal control or owner surrender) will normally be euthanized if they are diagnosed with heartworm disease. However, with an early diagnosis, heartworm is very treatable; without treatment, a painful death is the only end result.

With the \$22,000 prize money received from the Great Charity Challenge, Danny & Ron's Rescue will be able to save the lives of many dogs and fill the hearts of the people who adopt!

<http://www.DannyAndRonsRescue.org>

24th place: The Glades Initiative (\$21,500 and recipient of \$25,000 grant)

Sponsored by the Creel Family and Christopher Cahill

We are so excited about the \$46,500 of funding that we will receive from The Great Charity Challenge. **This funding will be used to support the services we provide in the community, specifically salary for program staff and operational supplies and expenses for our services.**

The Glades Initiative serves hundreds of children and their families 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. Our Community Resource Educators are bi-lingual in Spanish & Creole and assist families with limited English, low literacy, and limited or no access to computers with enrollment in programs such as Medicaid/Medicare, SNAP, and Kidcare.

We also run the 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 health and affordable food. Over 3,000 clients a year receive assistance with access to vital health and human services. We also provide trainings, host collaboration meetings, and connect residents to services. Our Glades Area Resource Guide is a compilation of services provided in our local community, and the Glades Community Updates is a weekly email with the most comprehensive information about events, activities, and programs in the Glades Area sent to over 2,000 individuals. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity.

<http://www.gladesinitiative.org>

25th place: Caridad (\$21,000)

Sponsored by Ashland Stables and Wrenwood Farm

Caridad is the largest comprehensive clinic of its kind in Florida. Every year, more than 5000 poor uninsured Palm Beach County residents receive healthcare services during 26,000 visits to our clinic, valued modestly at \$3.2 million.

Funds from this request will cover approximately 525 visits (average visit is \$40) to the Caridad Clinic. The gift will directly increase access to medical, dental and vision care to our community's most vulnerable.

<http://www.caridad.org/>

26th place: Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc. (\$20,500)

Sponsored by Trelawny Farm and Bank of America

These funds will be allocated to provide the services of a Family Nurse Consultant (FNC) to Alzheimer's families living in the Wellington/Royal Palm Beach community. Our Family Nurse Consultants are registered nurses who are specialists in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

We expect to serve at least 150 individuals with dementia-specific resources and support, thanks in part to this gift.

FNC services are provided without cost to patients and caregivers thanks to generous support from individuals and initiatives such as the Great Charity Challenge. Our services ensure that families can continue to live with dignity, safety, and care throughout the disease progression.

<http://www.alzcare.org>

27th place: CROS MINISTRIES (\$20,000)

Sponsored by the Mershad Family and Victory Equestrian

Some of the funds will be used to purchase a truck for our pantry program.

Our Community Food Pantry Program consists of six food pantries in Palm Beach County: Delray Beach, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Belle Glade, and Jupiter and one food pantry in Martin County in Indiantown. In 2015, our food pantries distributed food to 51,810 individuals, 37% of whom were children.

Purchasing a truck for our Community Food Pantry program would enhance our ability to pick up food from two food banks, local food outlets, and our food storage units and deliver that food to each of our food pantries, ensuring our pantry shelves stay fully stocked with food to distribute to our clients. Our Board of Directors believes that owning a truck for pick-up and distribution is very important to the efficiency of our food pantry operations. They have set aside some funds for a truck purchase, however, more funds are needed. Some of our Great Charity Challenge winnings will help us to make up the difference.

<http://crosministries.org/>

28th place: Villages of Hope (\$19,500)

Sponsored by the Pritzker Family and Dever Golf Cars

This year, the Great Charity Challenge generously awarded us with \$19,500 toward our **Transitional Independent Living Program at Villages of Hope, which will be matched by The MacArthur Foundation Housing Initiative of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties for a total of \$39,000!** With your kind support, we will be able to continue to develop successful programs in order to meet the ever-changing needs of the youth in our care, and as a result, they will beat the odds, defeat the statistics, and become successful young adults who contribute to society.

<http://www.villagesofhope.net>

29th place: Palm Beach County Food Bank (\$19,000 plus \$5,000 Ziegler Foundation Grant)

Sponsored by the Schaufeld Family Foundation and Palm Beach Equine Clinic

The \$19,000 of funding will go toward general operating support and support of our programs.

Since our inception in 2012, the Palm Beach County Food Bank has quickly grown in order to help strengthen the local hunger relief system. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, we distributed more than **5 million pounds** of food (at no cost) to front-line hunger relief agencies in Palm Beach County. A least **80,000** individuals in tens of thousands of families from Tequesta to Boca Raton and west to Belle Glade and Pahokee, receive the food.

The Palm Beach County Food Bank is local, is solely focused on the needs of Palm Beach County, distributes all food at no cost, and is connected to the broader health and human service agenda in Palm Beach County. Funding from **Great Charity Challenge** will help to support our programs and outreach to residents of Palm Beach County.

<http://www.pbcfoodbank.org>

30th place: Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County (\$18,500)

Sponsored by the Van Kampen Foundation and La Victoria Farm

With housing becoming cost prohibitive the donation from the great charity challenge will allow us to finish construction of a new home for a family who lives in such standards that they tie the door shut at night to keep other people out. A child will have a new kitchen so that he doesn't have to get up in the morning and chase cockroaches out of the kitchen so mom can prepare breakfast. An elderly veteran who has been lost in the system and does not have the resources to fix a leaky roof, broken window or have a ramp outside his home so that he can get out of the house in a wheel chair.

That's right these are just a few of the projects that will be addressed with your donation and the gift of sweat equity from volunteers throughout south Palm Beach County, a gift to make a difference.

Prices of some of the materials that are needed:

\$10 = Box of Nails, \$35 = Roof Shingles, \$75 = Window, \$400 = Kitchen Sink

\$150 = Front Door, \$500 = Siding, \$1000 = Wallboard, \$2000 = Flooring

\$1,000= Exterior Paint, \$1500 = Weatherization to an existing home

The total dollars used will help provide Two Families in new homes, two families in Revitalized homes, and matching funds to the State Farm Youth grant that will serve more than 60 youth in positive mentoring programs.

<http://www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org>

31st place: JDRF (\$18,000 plus \$2,500 team costume contest)

Sponsored by Peacock Ridge and Stone Hill Farm

Distribution of proceeds from Great Charity Challenge to JDRF will assist with its 2016 Outreach program to families impacted by T1D. Among the most prominent:

- **Type 1 Diabetes Family Day at Rapids Water Park** – Slated for June 4 or June 11 (To be confirmed). This is available to children with T1D up to age 18 and their immediate family members. Included in the day are...Park Passes, Lunch and Interactive Program at Lunch with Diabetes Educators. This offers seasoned families and those new to T1D to meet in a supportive and educational atmosphere. Participants will wear JDRF Blue Bracelets to identify each other.
- **Distribution of the Bag of Hope and Teen Kit to newly diagnosed children, teens and adults.** Bags and kits are provided by JDRF to area hospitals and diabetes centers including...Jupiter Medical Center, Palms West Hospital, Palm Healthcare Foundation Diabetes Education Pavilion, St. Mary's Medical Center, West Boca Medical Center and social service agencies.
- **JDRF Annual Meeting**
- **Type 1 Diabetes Support Group Activities**

<http://Greaterpalmbeach.jdrf.org>

32nd place: Back to Basics (\$17,500)

Sponsored by Fair Play Farm and the Kamine Family

The \$17,500 grant won for Back to Basics will be used for our Uniform Program.

\$17,500 will provide 2,500 new school uniforms for underprivileged children in Palm Beach County.

A new uniform gives a child the confidence to show up on the first day of school, ready to learn!

<http://www.backtobasicsinc.org>

33rd place: Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County (\$16,750)

Sponsored by the Bellissimo Family and Artemis Farm

Funds received from the Great Charity Challenge will be used to help underwrite operating cost at the Pat Reeves Emergency Shelter for homeless families with dependent children. When children experience homelessness, they are ripped from their home, friends and support system that they have come to know. In many cases, they have been moving around from relative to friend to hotel. Many have been sleeping in cars. We will use the funds to help with the general cost of maintaining 19 furnished apartments to house and provide wrap around services to the families. **The electric bill alone for all 19 apartments is approximately \$ 25,000.00 per year. Your generous gift of \$16,500 to the organization will be used to provide electricity for all 19 apartments.**

<http://www.ctrfam.org>

33rd place: WELLINGTON PTA/PTO (\$16,750)

Sponsored by Pine Hollow Farm (Dvorkin Family) and Louisburg Farm

The elementary and middle schools will be using their funds for curriculum support (including the purchase of white boards for the teachers, after school tutoring and specific programs to support learning) and the high schools will be using their funds towards Project Graduation, a drug and alcohol free celebration to keep seniors safe on graduation night.

37th place: Christopher Aguirre Memorial Foundation (\$15,500)

Sponsored by the Gierkink Family and the Elizabeth B. Julian Charitable Trust (Havensafe Farm)

CAMF will grow the programs that we started with the 2015 GCC sponsorship. These programs are the “Shoes for Kids in Need” with a goal of **donating 350 pair of shoes to Wellington school children**. We will increase the number of Wellington children that we send to 2 weeks of summer camp to 20. We again will help sponsor the Neighborhood Picnic held at Tiger Shark Cove this summer. Feeding the homeless families in Wellington was a new project last year and with the help of The Village of Wellington, Publix and the Palm Beach School Board (they contacted the families) we are planning on doubling the number of families that we reach. We did not realize the number of homeless and displaced families that are in our community. Our Toy drive has always been successful in West Palm Beach serving more than 150 children every year. This year we will expand the program into Wellington.

CAMF also will continue to support our current charities Four year \$10,000 scholarship to Florida State university (we have given 4 to date) Miracle League, Children's Arthritis Foundation, Compassionate Friends of Wellington Chapter, American Legion Port 12 Baseball League, U12 Palm Beach Shockers Travel Baseball, Make a Wish Foundation, St. Baldrick's Foundation, Toys of Tots, and children of Palm Beach County. **We would like to reinforce that 100 % of the funds will be donated back into the community. All of the operating expenses of the foundation are covered by other fundraising activities.**

<http://www.christophermemorial.org>

37th place: Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County (\$15,500 plus \$5,000 Ziegler Family Foundation Grant)

Sponsored by the Pritzker Family and Eastern Hay

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 \$125,000. **Your donation will underwrite the masonry expenditure for two newly constructed homes.**

Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County does much more than build homes for low to very low income families in Palm Beach County, with your support; we are changing the face of this community. As we appreciate our 30th Anniversary this upcoming year, we strive to continue serving more low-income families in our service area. Thank you for becoming a partner in our effort, we can't express our appreciation enough to the Zeigler Family Foundation and The Great Charity Challenge for your generosity.

<http://www.habitatpbc.org/>

37th place: Wycliffe Charities Foundation (\$15,500)

Sponsored by Green River Farms and Salamander Farm

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.

The money we will be receiving will enhance our ability to continue our support of exceptional local charitable causes.

This year we identified 17 worthwhile groups as recipients of our grants:

Mental Health Association of PBC, Caridad, Hospice of PBC, Speak Up for Kids, HomeSafe, Children's Home Society of PBC, Albert Jewish and Family Services, Palm Beach Habilitation Center, Sari Asher Center for Integrative Cancer Care, Quantum House, Grandma's Place, Kids Cancer Foundation, Clinics Can Help, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Families First, Faith Hope Love Charity, Inc., Local EMS/Fire.

www.wycliffecharities.com

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

Legal Aid Society (\$10,000)

The \$10,000 grant will be used for Legal Aid Society's Domestic Violence Project (DVP) which provides free representation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, repeat violence, dating violence and stalking in Palm Beach County. In 2015, alone, Legal Aid's Domestic Violence Project with a staff of four, provided services for 1,107 individuals. Our DVP Project has been recognized as the critical legal stepping stone that helps to separate victims from their abusers. The \$10,000 grant from Mr. Bellissimo will help us serve 27 victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking from the western communities.

We started this Project 25 years ago and the need for our services, unfortunately, continues to grow. This grant is deeply appreciated.

Harreen Bertisch
Director of Development

Women's Circle (\$10,000)

Our mission is to empower low-income women to realize their full potential to become all they can be and to gain financial stability by providing assistance with education and career development.

Last year through education and career coaching we found jobs for 83 women. We helped 3 women to become US Citizens and improved the language and literacy skills for many more. With the help of your funds we will be able to continue serving over 300 low-income women each year, offering 35 weekly classes in ESOL, Computing, Typing and Citizenship, along with individualized tutoring and job coaching.

Your gift of \$10,000 will allow us to provide English, Literacy, Computer and Job skills education to 10 women for a whole year.

Helena Wallis
Associate Director Management

YMCA of South Palm Beach County (\$10,000)

The YMCA of South Palm Beach will be using the funds for our Financial Assistance Program. This fund enables us to turn no one away due to the inability to pay. From camp, to childcare, to preschool, to senior programs, Adaptive Swim lessons for Special Needs children or even our Parkinson's Rehabilitation we are able to further our reach into the community and into the lives of local families in need of our services.

The Y raised and provided approximately \$950,000 in financial assistance in 2015. Without these partners and the caring staff, volunteers and dynamic programs, many local children would not receive health, safety and educational services benefiting their families and their future. **Out of our 39,000 individuals served by the Y 13,000 individuals were subsidized in 2015.**

One example of assistance each year is what the Y raises to enable over 80 youth and teens from the Caridad Center to come to Y Camp. These youth are 200% or more below the federal poverty line but are welcome with open arms at the Y. Their time is spent being enriched and preventing learning loss during the summer months. For 10 weeks they attend Y camp receiving swim lessons, art enrichment, bike safety, education field trips and quality time spent with caring role models instead of being in the fields with their parents or home alone.

By working together with funders like you, other nonprofits and family strengthening organizations we can make our communities stronger and healthier! I really appreciate your hard work in organizing and leading such an amazing event. The Y is able to serve our community due to caring and socially responsible individuals such as yourself!

Megan Keenan Clemmons
Executive Director

Best Foot Forward (\$7,500)

Best Foot Forward is extremely grateful for the support from The Great Charity Challenge. **This contribution will allow for the expansion and development of our elementary school program for children in foster care. With a focus on reading fluently by 3rd grade, our Foundations program will serve more than 50 students in Palm Beach County!**

Children in foster care can succeed in school, and in life, when they are empowered through support and encouragement.

Donna Biase

Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County (\$7,500)

Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County serves over 880 low-income, at-risk students. Each student in the program receives a full-tuition college scholarship, one-on-one mentorship, college readiness services, post-secondary retention and hope for a better life.

Thanks to your contribution, we can help ensure that all students, no matter their background, have access to post-secondary opportunities; those opportunities are vital to their success and critical to our nation's prosperity.

30 Students in the Wellington area will directly benefit from this grant for the 2015/2016 school year.

Jamie Lynn Comrie

Communities in Schools of Palm Beach County (\$5,000)

Communities In School will use the \$5000.00 to assist with a Graduation Coach's salary. Our Graduation Coaches provide integrated student services to 250 students each year. The Graduation Coach we are using the funds for serves 50 students. Our goal is to keep students in school, reducing the dropout rate and helping them become college or career ready by graduation.

We are very appreciative of the funding.

Margaret Bagley
Executive Director

HACER (\$5,000)

Winnings from the Great Charity Challenge will be used to support our ever-expanding food pantry program. Expenses may include staff time, food purchases from Feeding South Florida and others, and fuel/regular service costs for our delivery van.

A dedicated team of volunteers puts in many hours to pick up, stock, inventory, and distribute purchased and donated food during distribution events twice per month; however, a Program Coordinator was recently hired to manage the program more effectively as it increases its scope to meet community need.

Seniors, children, people with disabilities and veterans are among the groups hardest hit by recent cuts to the SNAP program because they are the groups most reliant on food stamps. With this growing demand, it has become essential for us to expand our warehouse space for dry & nonperishable goods as well as refrigerated, fresh and frozen items. A new warehouse is being added to increase our storage space, and we have partnered with the Palm Beach County Food Bank (in addition to current partners Feeding South Florida) to ensure a steady supply of nutritious food for our community's in-need families and individuals. Nutrition education, shopping basics, and free health screenings are also provided throughout the year in collaboration with volunteers from the Mission Medical Center, Caridad Clinic and the Health Care District.

Rosanne Sanchez

Dress for Success of Palm Beach County (\$2,500)

First of all, we are a unique nonprofit, in that we serve other nonprofits. Our clients must be referred to us by another PBC nonprofit that has registered with us. We now have a list of over 70 agencies. The women are first sent to us when they are actively seeking employment, and are met by a personal shopper at our boutique where they choose an entire career/interview appropriate outfit. When they are hired, they are sent back to us for an entire week's worth of clothing. We witness an immediate boost in self-esteem when these women see themselves dressed for the job they want!

In addition, we have 2 job readiness courses; Next Step for young women ages 18--25, and New Directions, for women over 25. These both have a 65% rate of hire either prior to, or within 60 days of course completion. We served 562 women in 2015, and 179 of them were for employment suitings. Over 75 women completed our job readiness courses.

Our services are free to the agencies and our clients, so we rely on fundraising and grants to support the great work we are doing.

Thank you!

Diane S Wilde, CEO / Founder

Quantum House (\$2,500)

Being close to a beloved child is an invaluable gift families never forget. Your support of Quantum House and the Family Care Program is that gift. The House is home for more than 500 family members as they grapple with frightening and unfamiliar realities of caring for a severely ill or compromised child. Your partnership makes sure families never cope alone. Individual Quantum House families become one big family and form bonds that will span a lifetime, and we're so grateful for all you do!

ADDITIONAL GRANTS INCLUDE:

Western Communities Football League, Colts Travel Baseball, Wolves Basketball, Wellington Wizards, Ziegler Family Foundation Grants (\$50,000 benefiting 10 local non profit organizations) and School costume contests (Binks Forest and Diamond View)

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