# 2016 ZIEGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND USE REPORT



## THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

#### Adopt a Family of the Palm Beaches

It was a tremendous (and humbling) surprise to be chosen for a \$5,000 grant through your Family Foundation during the Great Charity Challenge. The funds will be a huge help to Adopt-A-Family and our nine core programs that holistically address issues pertaining to family homelessness throughout Palm Beach County. Our programs focus on three core areas:

- A. (Housing stability) We provide housing for families who are literally or imminently homeless.
- B. (Self-sufficiency programming) We operate affordable housing for low-income families and provide short-term assistance to prevent Palm Beach County families from becoming homeless.
- C. (K-5 afterschool programming) We operate an innovative afterschool program, Project Grow, that serves 60 low-income children from our on-site housing programs as well as children from the Lake Worth community. Your funding will support this project and help our kids with supplies, field trips, and tutoring.

The Great Charity Challenge (GCC) was a phenomenal evening. We once again thank you for your support in bettering the lives of Palm Beach County families in need – and for all the agencies you graciously supported through GCC. Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity.

Matt Constantine, LCSW CEO

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach & Martin Counties**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Inc. helps change young lives for the better, forever. This year marks our thirtieth anniversary as the original entity serving Martin County and our sixth in expanding our services to the children of Palm Beach County.

Your donation/grant to our agency will support four children in our program for the next year. These funds could not have come at a more opportune time, as the legislative body in Tallahassee is "zeroing out" Big Brothers Big Sisters and several other vitally important children's mentoring organizations as line item funding. It would appear they wish to reinvent the wheel.

This past calendar year, we set a new record in "children served" of seven hundred and twelve boys and girls ages six to eighteen. Additionally, we have one hundred and eighty-four remaining on our "waiting list" for a mentor.

We are a "soft" charity by many standards because we are not a "first responder" and our one-to-one mentoring programs are more macro in nature and lengthier in scope of time. However, our program impact is without question incredible; they positively affect and effect change in both parties.

Your grant will assist in helping change four young lives; that is significant and greatly appreciated. These children face adversity on a daily basis and the concept of dreaming about a positive future is limited; it's more about surviving the day. A mentor changes that perception and reality. A mentor provides those moments of opportunity, dreaming, talking and creating support. The child starts to build self-confidence, see opportunities and starts to dream about what can become reality.

Incidentally, while I extoll the virtues of our organization, I would be remiss in not applauding your foundation for helping the other worthy organizations that were fortunate to be recipients of your

philanthropy. I am confident, they will all work daily to continue earning your support and confidence; I know we will!

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William P. Bee, Jr.

#### **Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County**

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Ziegler Family Foundation for the generous \$5,000 grant award to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (BGCPBC) is to inspire and assist all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The BGCPBC, founded in 1971, is the county's largest facility-based youth development organization, offering youth ages 6-18 a safe place during out-of-school hours when children are most vulnerable for at-risk behaviors and exposed to threats to their health and well-being.

The grant award you provided will be used to offset the costs of implementing our Teen Employability Program at the BGCPBC's six, teen-serving clubs located in Palm Beach County's most disenfranchised neighborhoods. Job Smart to Job Start was created in direct response to teen's most often repeated concern—the need to earn money to help their families. Given the financial austerity experienced by the majority of families served at our Clubs, many teen members feel obligated to help meet their families' financial commitments. However, for most teens served by BGCPBC, securing meaningful employment is difficult, at best, as they lack the knowledge, skills, or self-confidence to compete for very limited entry level jobs.

The Job Smart to Job Start program utilizes a three-pronged approach—foundational education, career exploration, and managed employment or volunteer assignments at the BGCPBC—to prepare 150 teens ages 12-18, to compete for jobs, succeed in the workplace, and transition into a productive future. Not only does the program foster job readiness knowledge, employability skills, and pro-social behaviors, it serves as a healthy alternative to the gangs and crime that are prevalent in our Clubs locations.

Again, thank you from all of us at The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County!

Jaene Miranda President & CEO

#### **Florence Fuller Child Development Centers**

Every time you give to our children, you give them an opportunity to take the next step in their journeys toward happy, healthy and successful lives. Thank you so much for your generous pledge of \$5,000 which will be given to benefit the children and families of the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

Your gift means that FFCDC will continue providing *affordable childcare*, *quality preschool* to deserving children from low-income families, as we have for well over 40 years. We now proudly serve and educate <u>more than 450 preschool children</u> at two Boca Raton locations, where they are taught, fed, medically screened, and provided with developmental resources. Your gift will support the early childhood education program which will ensure that these children will enter school on-time and kindergarten-ready, prepared for a successful academic future in which they develop to their true potential.

Together, we give disadvantaged children the chance to succeed while giving parents the hand they need to build brighter futures for their families. On behalf of the children and their families, *thank you for being a big* 

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heart helping little ones.

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#### Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, let me take this opportunity to thank the Ziegler Family Foundation for their recent grant of \$5,000. Due to their generosity, this affiliate will be able to continue expanding its building efforts to build safe, decent, affordable homes in our community. We were thrilled to participate in the 2016 Great Charity Challenge and are appreciative of all of the support being provided to drive change in Palm Beach County.

Since our inception in 1986, we have assisted over 200 families in achieving the dream of homeownership. Jessica and her eight year old son Alexavier can't wait to move into their Habitat home. This home represents the stability Jessica needs to pursue her plans of returning to school and further developing her career. When asked about the realization of her dream, Jessica stated, "I want to inspire my siblings and friends that with determination and discipline any dream is possible."

In partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, The Zeigler Family Foundation is changing the lives of deserving families in our community. Your foundation's generosity has helped transform lives, and strengthen communities. We are most grateful to you for reaching out to us with your gift and your heart and for helping us put God's love into action.

Bernard J. Godek Chief Executive Officer

#### **Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation**

Thank you so much to the Grand Prix Society and Ziegler Family Foundation for your support of the 2016 Great Charity Challenge! You should be so proud of the impact you have on so many organizations and members of the Palm Beach County community. We here at Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation are tremendously grateful to be counted among the many charities you supported.

Since 2014, Hospice of Palm Beach County and Hospice by the Sea, operating under the parent company TrustBridge, Inc., have strengthened the hospice services offered to our community, building upon decades of experience and innovation. Our staff continues to further the shared mission of each organization – compassionate care that puts the comfort of patients and families first.

Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Hospice of Palm Beach County and Hospice by the Sea, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community by supporting services that go above and beyond what Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance provide under the normal hospice benefit.

The generosity of donors like you helps us provide outstanding care for our patients and family members during such a difficult time.

On behalf of our dedicated team of caregivers and employees, we thank you for your heartfelt support of our mission.

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Lauryn Barry Director of Special Events

## **Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County**

I would like to thank the Ziegler Family Foundation and everyone involved with the Great Charity Challenge for providing a grant of \$5,000 to Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. We are truly grateful that we were selected to be part of this wonderful event.

This grant will assist the Coalition as we work with adults, children and families to increase their reading and English skills. Please also extend our thanks to the equestrian community for their help in building a legacy of literacy for our neighbors. We sincerely appreciate having their support as we introduce the wonderful world of books and reading to the residents of our county.

If any member of the Ziegler Family Foundation would like to visit one of our programs, we would be honored to make the arrangements. Our students are always happy to meet the generous supporters who make their learning possible.

Diane Pacheco Chief Development and Compliance Officer

## Palm Beach County Food Bank

This letter serves to detail the expenditure of funds provided to The Palm Beach County Food Bank as a result of the 2016 Great Charity Challenge on February 6, 2016. The \$5,000 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 Food Bank also manages three additional programs:

*Weekend Nutrition* - every Friday afternoon during the summer, children participating in summer camp programs are provided with food to take home for their families. The program served more than 2,300 children and their families in 2015 which equates to 150,000 meals.

*Nutrition Driven* – a mobile food pantry with a core nutrition education curriculum that provides healthier food and education more directly into underserved areas. A key partner for this program is the University of Florida/Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

*Benefits Outreach* –We assist a minimum of 900 families per year and secure approximately \$1 million in benefits for families. Since the program inception, the Food Bank has provided a \$6 million economic impact to Palm Beach County.

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.

Perry Borman Executive Director

#### The Arc of Palm Beach County

We are deeply grateful for your tremendous generosity. It was a wonderful surprise to be selected by your family's foundation to receive a grant during the Great Charity Challenge and it was all the better to have met you in person at the event.

Please know that your donation will be used to help Palm Beach County's most vulnerable and will go towards our eleven programs throughout Palm Beach County that deliver services directly to developmentally challenged individuals from infancy through adulthood, as well as to families in need of support.

Our offices, including our Potentials Charter School for children 3-10 years and our adult day programs for Career Transition and Art d'Arc Artisan Program, are located in Riviera Beach and we would be honored to give you a tour so that you can see what a difference your support makes. Please reach us at 561-842-3213 at your convenience.

Jennifer Jones Director of Communications

## YMCA of Palm Beach County

The YMCA of the Palm Beaches would like to thank the Ziegler Family Foundation for their generous gift of \$5,000 to our mission. We believe at the Y everyone should have the opportunity to participate in programs and membership. We see the greatest need in our young families' especially childcare and early education. Our Open Doors financial assistance program makes that possible. But we can't do it alone it is those like The Ziegler Family that help us serve our community.

If not for the Open Doors program many of our children would go home to an empty house while their parents are at work. Or, in the summer they would be left alone for many hours a day. During the school year these children receive homework help and fun in a safe environment. In the summer they are active, safe and most of all happy.

2015 we saw our totals awarded to these families and children climb over \$100,000. Thank you for helping us continue this in 2016.

Lisa M. Fisher Executive Director