A DIRECTORY FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

EXTRAORDINARY CHARITIES IN PALM BEACH COUNTY 2014
INTRODUCTION

Throughout Palm Beach County, smaller charities are making a big difference in our community. But despite their outstanding efforts in fields like education, culture, human services and the environment, as well as international outreach, many of these extraordinary charities operate “under the radar” and receive little recognition for their efforts.

Extraordinary Charities is dedicated to changing the traditional picture of philanthropy in Palm Beach County and opening the door to new donor opportunities. We have created this directory to be a trusted resource in a time when area philanthropists are being much more strategic with their support.

Our second annual Directory of Extraordinary Charities is designed to connect donors with outstanding and underfunded charities in our community – each with its own unique and inspiring story, as well as a “current needs” for specific donor support.

Recognizing the need for diligent and comprehensive research, we have spent countless hours compiling information on these charities, evaluating them on the factors of sustainability, financial transparency, impact, accomplishment and uniqueness. Through our research, site visits and interviews, we have identified 76 well-deserving organizations for you to consider in your gift-giving plans. There is no cost whatsoever for these charities to be listed in our directory, which is being distributed at no charge throughout the local philanthropic community.

We hope that you enjoy reading our directory and that in the days to come, our charities will hear from you either directly or through us. Together, we can make Palm Beach County a stronger and more cohesive community.

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REFLECTIONS AND IMPACT FOR 2013

Since the inception of Extraordinary Charities in 2012, we have been amazed by the generosity of our supporters and the trust they’ve demonstrated in us by using our Directory as a valued informational resource.

In the past year, our Directory has had a powerful impact on Palm Beach County, raising awareness and contributions for smaller nonprofits, while exemplifying the true meaning of “community” in Palm Beach County.

A perfect example of this came at the pre-publication launch event in late 2012 for representatives from all 51 agencies featured in our initial Directory. A donor learned about the mission of another one of our charities and made a cash contribution right on the spot. Since then, many more “success stories” have followed, including recurring monthly contributions to many of our agencies.

In the past year, we have had the pleasure of interacting with many countywide charitable agencies, large and small and have also been impressed by the kindheartedness and compassion of individual donors, families and companies that have stepped up to support the humanitarian work of these charities that help the less fortunate.

We are also deeply honored that our first Directory won a prestigious Gold Charlie Award from the Florida Magazine Association as the best custom trade/technical publication in the state. It is a tribute to the high standards we uphold in every aspect of our volunteer-driven organization.

Please enjoy this second edition of our Directory for Charitable Giving. Together, through the power of stewardship, we can make Palm Beach County a more caring community.
WELCOME TO EXTRAORDINARY CHARITIES!

A homeless child snuggled up in a warm bed, a sea turtle scrambling ashore to find a safe nesting area, a courageous woman fighting child slavery and a symphony orchestra introducing new audiences to the joys of classical music. These are among the success stories of Palm Beach County's smaller charities, made possible by generous donors.

We invite you to open our second annual Directory of Charitable Giving and explore 76 of these worthy causes, including many nonprofits that may be new to you. We have focused exclusively on Palm Beach County 501(c)(3) charities with annual budgets under $3 million. Our goal is to raise awareness of unrecognized but deserving charities in Palm Beach County, and open the door to new opportunities in local philanthropy.

Extraordinary Charities, Inc. is producing this directory free of charge as a public service to these remarkable charities, helping them connect with our local philanthropic community.

We also want to assure our donors that their gifts to these extraordinary charities will have a significant impact. Our all-volunteer review panel, consisting of diverse local professionals with philanthropic expertise, has spent countless hours compiling information on these charities, evaluating them on the factors of sustainability, financial transparency, impact, accomplishment and uniqueness.

Thank you for considering these Palm Beach County charities in your giving plans. We are available to make in-person presentations, and please feel free to contact us if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Beverlee & John Raymond Jr.
Director, Extraordinary Charities, Inc.

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When you put a dozen “dabs” of cookie dough on your baking pan, each finished cookie will come out a little different. Some might have a few more chocolate chips or raisins, and the textures and flavors will be subtly different.

It’s the same thing in families, where each child is a unique individual, born and nurtured by two very different parents. My father, Ted Miller, was a young man delivering ice to a cookie factory when he met my mother, Rose Marie, who was working there as a bookkeeper. He was smitten with her and called her “Cookie.” A few years later they married, and as my father’s furniture business grew, they decided to start a family.

Their first child, Donna Ghean, contracted polio when she was 5 years old, and was confined to a wheelchair until her death at 62. Their first son, Jayme, came down with encephalitis at 10 months and was developmentally challenged as a result of his illness. A second son, Kenneth, was a troubled child who suffered from mental illness and took his own life at age 20. My own life was not without obstacles, but they were relatively minor in comparison.

Throughout her life, my mother focused on the needs of our family. She organized a Mother’s Club at the “school for cripples” my sister attended, and was always advocating for children with disabilities. She invited the children from my brother’s school to our home for the holidays and they became part of our extended family. Since I could assist in everyday life skills for my siblings, my mother soon began calling me her “right hand man.”

Through it all, my mother was a fashionable lady who never left the house without being perfectly matched. It was a symbol of her strength as she courageously helped us move forward together as a family.

Looking back on our past, I would not change one moment of my family life. I am the person I am today because of the challenges and opportunities life has presented to me. Thank you, Mother, for your guidance and support to all the very special “cookies” in our family. It is a pleasure to dedicate this edition of our Directory to you.

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Beverlee Miller Raymond
Founder of Extraordinary Charities, Inc.
A robust cultural climate is one of Palm Beach County’s greatest assets, contributing to our region’s high quality of life and fostering innovation throughout the region. In addition, many children and adolescents, as well as adults, have been able to transform their lives by unleashing their innate creative talents. Ongoing philanthropic support is essential to nurture and sustain these cultural organizations, which play such a vital role in our community.
Recognizing the expressive value of dance, Boca Ballet Theatre offers a life-affirming creative environment for children and adults. Since 1990, Boca Ballet Theatre has earned a position among the top civic companies in the country while the School of Boca Ballet Theatre is known for quality training and outreach programs. The Company’s unique performance tradition combines the talents of renowned professional dancers with aspiring students. Boca Ballet Theatre also offers outreach programs to introduce children to the joy of movement and the art of dance, assuring that no child is denied training due to financial circumstances. The First Step program provides nurturing and mentoring, dancewear, and transportation to underserved and at-risk children, while the Next Step program provides students with a semester-long scholarship. In addition to enriching the lives of children, a new program, BBT4PD, offers free dance classes for adults living with Parkinson’s Disease. It’s another example of how this unique dance company brings people from many cultures and backgrounds together on an artistic voyage of discovery.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/bocaballet

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $500 – Airfare for guest artists to join a Boca Ballet Theatre production
- $1,000 – Design and construct costumes for upcoming production of “Swan Lake”
- $1,450 – Full scholarship for a student for an entire semester

Dan Guin  
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CORE ENSEMBLE

Both music and theater have the power to touch the heart, stimulate the mind and change a life. With its unique combination of theater narrative and musical performance, the Core Ensemble reaches out to students, adults and underserved communities throughout Palm Beach County. In a typical show, a solo actor or actress portrays multiple characters while interacting with an onstage musical trio performing on cello, piano and percussion. Shows like Tres Vidas and Of Ebony Embers focus on the accomplishments of African-Americans, Hispanics and women, supported by chamber music in classical, jazz, tango, folk and spiritual styles. Since its founding in 1993, the Core Ensemble has been acclaimed nationally for developing a new genre of chamber music theater works, and commissioning and performing contemporary chamber music. While the Core Ensemble has toured nationally and been recorded on major labels, this innovative group remains true to its roots in Palm Beach County, maintaining a deep commitment to serving diverse local audiences through performances, informal lectures and educational residency programs.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/coreensemble

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - New percussion instrument
$1,000 Sponsorship of documentary video “Harvest of Voices” celebrating the lives of Palm Beach County farm workers
$2,000 - Two days of educational after school programs for the underserved

Margot Emery, Managing Director
1320 N. Palmway
Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-582-0603

DELRAY BEACH CHORALE

By blending individual voices together in rich harmonies, the Delray Beach Chorale creates transcendent moments in music, inspiring audiences of all ages. Founded 31 years ago by a group of Delray Beach singers, the Chorale has a tradition of musical excellence, attracting talented amateur and professional vocalists from throughout the region. The Chorale’s mission is to encourage the art of singing and to share the experience of great music with the community. Performing with an experienced classical music orchestral ensemble, the Chorale consistently draws full houses for its concerts. Recently, the Chorale was invited to sing in Eisenstadt, Austria, as choir in residence for an annual classical music festival. The Chorale also operates the state’s only music academy program, where five young artists in residence perform as soloists, act as section leaders, and instruct high school “musical apprentices” who also sing with the Chorale. As Shakespeare once wrote, “If music be the food of love, play on!”

www.extraordinarycharities.org/dbchorale

CURRENT NEEDS

$1,000 - Partial season support for an apprentice
$2,000 - Full season support for an apprentice
$3,000 - Full season support for an artist in residence

Kit Johnson, Fundraising Team Leader
P.O. Box 6699
Delray Beach, FL 33482
800-984-7282

DELRAY STRING QUARTET

With their musical passion, experience and artistry, the Delray String Quartet (DSQ) can transport listeners to another realm. Since its founding in 2004, the DSQ has become one of the world’s top string quartets, winning rave reviews for bringing the beauty of classical music to sold-out audiences throughout South Florida. One of the DSQ’s recordings on Poinciana Records was considered for a Grammy Award, and a 2013 recording session is planned for the DSQ’s world-premiere arrangement of Mahler’s Fifth Symphony. Recently, the DSQ commissioned a fifth string quartet by American composer Kenneth Fuchs and performed the world premiere at the Colony Hotel in Delray Beach. DSQ’s four extraordinary artists are Mei Mei Luo (founding member and first violin), Tomas Cotik (second violin), Richard Fleischman (viola), and Claudio Jaffé (cello), under the sponsorship of Don Thompson, co-producer of the long running off-Broadway hit, The Fantastiks. Performing more than a dozen concerts a year, the DSQ is playing a major role in the renaissance of culture throughout South Florida.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/delaystringquartet

CURRENT NEEDS

$500 - Public relations and advertising, February 2013
$2,500 - Printing and mailing flyers for 2012-13 season
$2,500 - New CD album design and packaging

Don Thompson, General Manager
806 Andrews Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33483
561-213-4138
History can be a powerful force for change. Learning the lessons of the past helps Palm Beach County residents better understand the present and make better decisions about the future. For more than 75 years, the Historical Society of Palm Beach County has been showcasing the region’s rich heritage. Since the 2008 opening of the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum in the historic 1916 Court House in downtown West Palm Beach, more than 50,000 visitors have enjoyed the Society’s vast collection of artifacts and documents representing the cultures, communities and everyday life in Palm Beach County. The Society also reaches thousands of residents each year through collaborations with schools and civic organizations, a speaker’s bureau, traveling exhibit and various research and education programs. For instance, the Historical Society partnered with the School District of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach Post to develop a Florida history curriculum for 4th graders. By sharing the past, the Society is helping to shape the future.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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(Mailing address)
561-832-4164

www.extraordinarycharities.org/historicalsocietypbc

CURRENT NEEDS

$200 - Archival book rebinding and repair (per book)
$1,500 - Collections management computer
$2,500 - MS Office 2011 software for society
PALM BEACH DRAMAWORKS

Through emotionally powerful, award-winning theater performances, Palm Beach Dramaworks is transforming lives and enriching the artistic community. Since its founding in 2000, the professional nonprofit cultural organization has engaged and entertained audiences with provocative and timeless Mainstage productions that consistently receive exceptional reviews and win prestigious Carbonell awards. In addition, Palm Beach Dramaworks’ educational, outreach and emerging artists programs have a deep impact on the community. Working with partners like the Area Agency on Aging, Palm Beach Habilitation Center and Alzheimer’s Community Care, the nonprofit creates memorable and moving experiences for older residents. Artists and audience members can also interact in the creation and interpretation of dramatic works through the Master Playwright Series. With its newly renovated facility and expanded seating capacity, Palm Beach Dramaworks now reaches more than 38,000 people a year, while providing a supportive venue for local playwrights, actors, directors and designers to practice their crafts. By providing theatre to think about, Palm Beach Dramaworks enriches the region’s diverse community one performance at a time.

Sue Ellen Beryl, Managing Director
201 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-514-4042

www.extraordinarycharities.org/palmbeachdramaworks

SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.

A local cultural treasure, the Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches is considered one of South Florida’s finest ensembles, and has won several awards for outstanding performance. Now in its 53rd season, the all-volunteer Band gives a series of ten concerts a year at Palm Beach State College’s Eissey Campus Theatre in Palm Beach Gardens and the Duncan Theatre in Lake Worth, providing quality entertainment to the community. Proceeds from the concerts are used to purchase musical instruments for elementary and middle-school students in lower-income neighborhoods and to offer college scholarships to deserving musicians. As a community partner with the Save the Music initiative, the Band contributed new and restored used instruments to the Palm Beach County School District in cooperation with the Community Fund and the Economic Fund of Palm Beach County. Through that program, the Band gives talented young students who cannot afford their own instruments an exciting opportunity for self-expression, and fosters a greater appreciation for one of the world’s great musical traditions.

Mary Godwin
Board Member
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West Palm Beach, FL 33416
561-478-3191

www.extraordinarycharities.org/symphonicbandpb

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of Palm Beach County’s treasured landmarks is the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, built in 1860 to guide mariners safely home from the sea. Today, the Loxahatchee River Historical Society operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum, providing a unique glimpse of Florida’s past. More than 65,000 visitors a year tour the 120-acre site, which includes the restored 1940 History Museum, 1892 Tindall Pioneer Homestead, 1920s Keeper’s Workshop, Seminole chickee and natural habitats. A partner in the National Landscape Conservation System, the Society offers guided tours, student field trips, trolley excursions, hikes through history, lectures, and the Lighthouse Kids Explorers Club. Formed in 1972 by local pioneer families to protect the lighthouse, now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Society recently uncovered relics dating back 6,500 years from several native American cultures. Looking ahead, the Society will continue to advance its mission of preserving and interpreting the dynamic heritage, cultural history and sensitive natural systems of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the Loxahatchee River region.

Jamie Stuve, President and CEO
500 Captain Armour’s Way
Jupiter, FL 33469
561-747-8380, x102

www.extraordinarycharities.org/jupiterlighthouse

CURRENT NEEDS
$300 - Waterproof digital camera and memory card for staff
$900 - Video camera and tripod for oral history interviews
$2,500 - Museum LED lighting for Native American ornament exhibit

www.extraordinarycharities.org/jupiterlighthouse

CURRENT NEEDS
$500 - Chartering a school bus to bring students to performances
$2,000 – Sponsoring an artist
$2,500 - Underwrite costumes for a production

www.extraordinarycharities.org/palmbeachdramaworks

CURRENT NEEDS
$180 - One flute
$400 - One alto saxophone
$1,995 - One French horn

www.extraordinarycharities.org/symphonicbandpb

www.extraordinarycharities.org/palmdramaworks

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Philanthropic investment in the future of Palm Beach County’s children can deliver a lifetime of positive returns. As any teacher can tell you, it’s much better to reach a struggling child at an early age, rather than try to cure a problem later in life. That’s why many area nonprofits provide invaluable educational resources for young children, while others focus on helping adolescents and adults learn new career skills. By supporting educational nonprofits, area donors help individuals of all ages – and their families – create new opportunities for the future.
The mission of Back to Basics is to raise the self-esteem of underserved children in school so they can focus on learning. To do so, this all-volunteer program provides the “basic” needs of new school uniforms, sneakers, socks, and underwear, enabling these children to go to school with their heads held high, eager to learn. By leveling the playing field, the charity improves student attendance, reduces behavior issues and supports academic achievement. Beverly Perham began the program in 1984 by donating clothes to 30 children who had just arrived on a boat from Haiti. In 2012, Back to Basics helped more than 5,800 children in Palm Beach County through its uniform program, which provides each child with two new school uniforms at the beginning of the school year, and its Christmas Angel program, which includes sneakers, socks, underwear, and a small holiday gift. Thanks to this innovative and effective charity, area children can walk proudly into their classrooms, concentrate on their studies and develop a lifelong love of learning.

BACK TO BASICS, INC.

CURRENT NEEDS

$35 - Christmas Angel “basics” of new sneakers, socks, underwear and a small holiday gift for one child
$100 – 10 new uniforms for ten children
$2,500 – Christmas Angel “basics” for 70 children

Beverly Perham, President
13754 Greentree Trail
Wellington, FL 33414
561-319-4277

www.extraordinarycharities.org/backtobasics
GIRLS II WOMEN

When Pahokee High School student Ann Marie Sorrell joined Girls II Women in 1997, she didn’t realize she was making a life-changing decision. “I was inspired to strive for a better life, beginning with getting a good education,” says Ann Marie, CEO of The Mosaic Group, a marketing firm. For the past 15 years, Girls II Women has been helping girls in underserved neighborhoods achieve their personal and professional potential. By providing middle and high school students with mentors, taking them on college tours, and opening the door to new opportunities, this nonprofit focuses on building self-esteem, knowledge, and social skills. More than 200 students have participated in Girls II Women’s programs in the past three years, and many graduates have been honored for their leadership in business and in the community. As Ann Marie says, “When you see that you can make a real difference in the lives of girls in these small, underserved communities, you don’t hesitate to provide a helping hand.”

www(extraordinarycharities.org/girlsllwomen

CURRENT NEEDS
$85 - Cultural, art or Broadway show experience for one girl
$500 - College tour experience for an eighth grade girl
$2,500 - Annual etiquette luncheon seminar for 50 girls

Tonya Davis Johnson, President
C/O Lewis, Longman & Walker
515 N. Flagler Dr., Suite 1500
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-248-2402

KIDSAFE FOUNDATION

When child abuse occurs, the young victim feels violated, helpless and alone, with no one to trust. That’s why KidSafe Foundation is dedicated to educating and empowering children about how to protect themselves, while teaching adults how to recognize the signs of abuse and respond effectively. The Boca Raton-based nonprofit believes that 95 percent of child abuse – as well as online bullying and pornographic exploitation – is preventable through education. Since its founding in 2009, KidSafe has educated more than 30,000 children and reached thousands of adults, collaborating with public and private schools, foster care facilities, mental health education providers and other community organizations. To help Palm Beach County children, KidSafe co-founders Sally Berenzweig and Cherie Benjoseph developed their in-school program based on years of safety instruction and research, and have written two books, including the 2011 Literary Classics Award Winner “My Body is Special and Belongs to ME!” After all, no child should ever have to endure abuse of any kind.

www(extraordinarycharities.org/kidsafe

CURRENT NEEDS
$275 - 10 sets of KidSafe children’s safety books
$500 - Bring a KidSafe adult seminar to a local school
$1,000 - Sponsor a two-three hour sexual abuse prevention training program

Cherie Benjoseph
Co-Executive Director
20283 S.R. 7, Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33498
561-756-2171

LEADERSHIP PALM BEACH COUNTY

Through the years, Palm Beach County’s foremost leadership training program has provided lasting benefits to individuals, while strengthening nonprofit organizations and the entire region. “Leadership Palm Beach County was instrumental in expanding my knowledge of the community and increased my awareness of the social and economic needs of our residents,” says Bob Bertisch, executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. For more than 20 years, the organization has empowered more than 1,500 public and private sector leaders through training and civic engagement programs. Members gain hands-on learning experiences and a better understanding of pressing community issues. Each year, Leadership Palm Beach County surveys nonprofits to see where they need help and offers opportunities for its participants to provide advice and solutions. In addition, the organization offers an annual youth leadership program that empowers 50 high school juniors as they prepare for college and careers. Recently, Leadership Palm Beach County alumni launched a community-wide ethics initiative that led to more than 100 elected officials signing the “Palm Beach County Ethics Pledge.” Clearly, this nonprofit is playing a vital role in shaping the future of our region.

www(extraordinarycharities.org/leadershippbc

CURRENT NEEDS
$750 - Provide bus transportation for one Youth or Professional Leadership Day
$1,300 - Sponsor one student in Youth Leadership Program
$1,650 - Sponsor one professional in Leadership Program

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A strong Jewish education provides the foundation for a richer life for families throughout Palm Beach County. From “welcome wagon” services to social media, the Lorraine and Jack N. Friedman Commission for Jewish Education of the Palm Beaches brings people together and builds a sense of community. Each year the Commission fosters a deep appreciation of the Jewish heritage by providing support and services to more than 3,200 students and 400 educators who shape the educational experiences of the region’s children. With the support of its partners, the Commission recently launched PJ Library®, a program to provide a free monthly age-appropriate Jewish book or CD to children from 6 months to 6 years old. The Commission also welcomes new families to the county and maintains a robust presence on Facebook to help local families connect with each other and learn more about Jewish programs in the community. Through its powerful educational initiatives, the Commission is building connections and instilling family values in keeping with the Jewish tradition.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $500 - A one year scholarship for a child with special educational needs at the J.N. Somers YAD Hebrew School’s weekly program
- $1,000 – 12 months of PJ Library® books delivered to 10 children and their families
- $2,500 – Support a professional development conference for 200 early childhood educators

Iris Koller, Executive Director
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www.extrarordinarycharities.org/cjepbc
OPPORTUNITY, INC.

Ranked among the best early education programs in Palm Beach County, Opportunity, Inc. has a 75-year tradition of excellence. In giving the children of low-income working families a solid opportunity to improve their futures, this nonprofit delivers a five-star early childhood education and intervention program designed to “break the cycle of poverty.” By working with children before age five, this nonprofit fosters the social, academic and emotional development that leads to improved academic performance and positive educational outcomes that transform both individuals and the community. Opportunity, Inc. is leveling the academic playing field with school-readiness training that promotes learning through enriched play, instills a “can-do” attitude through consistent encouragement and opens the door to new experiences in the arts, recreation, health, nutrition and social development. Through the years, the ability of Opportunity, Inc. to reach deep into the community and touch the lives of young children and their families has provided a solid foundation for hundreds of graduates to build successful professional careers.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/opportunitypbc

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Teaching supplies
$750 - Laptop computer or iPad for online portfolio and assessment
$1,000 - Playground upgrade

Cecilia St. Hilaire
Finance and Development Director
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West Palm Beach, FL 33409
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RESOURCE DEPOT, INC.

Resource Depot provides a true win-win-win situation for Palm Beach County students, educators and the entire community. By promoting the classroom use of recycled materials, Resource Depot helps children learn to use their imagination and problem-solving skills. At the same time, teachers, daycare and afterschool instructors can stretch their limited budget by obtaining free classroom supplies. Meanwhile, the entire county benefits from a highly effective recycling program. Last year, more than 614,000 local residents took advantage of Resource Depot’s initiatives like Choose2Reuse, Create2Educate, and This2That. Through shopping memberships, student field trips, community events and public workshops, Resource Depot was able to distribute about 214,000 pounds of the 226,000 pounds of clean, safe and reusable donated materials that would usually end up in the landfill. Founded in 1999, Resource Depot is a powerful collaboration with the county’s Solid Waste Authority, Children’s Services Council, SunFest, FPL, Palm Beach County School District and United Way that helps to preserve the region’s environment and high quality of life.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/resourcedepot

CURRENT NEEDS

$125 - Provide a school or organizational membership for instructional support and supplies
$250 - Give Choose2Reuse or Create2Educate workshops to a school group
$1000 - To help furnish our reuse ronderland with additional shelving

Jennifer O’Brien, Executive Director
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Riviera Beach, FL 33404
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S.B. IDEA, INC.

What if someone created a family literacy academy where young children and their parents could learn to read together? Wouldn’t that be a simply brilliant idea? Thanks to S.B. Idea, low-income families throughout Palm Beach County can now build their reading and writing skills together. Founded in 2008 by the mother-daughter team of Patricia and Kelly Rowland, S.B. Idea coordinates National Family Literacy Day and offers highly regarded educational programs free of charge through three family literacy academies. At S.B. Idea’s academies, children can learn to read while their parents take ESOL (English as a second language) and adult basic education classes, or prepare to take the general educational development (GED) test. In addition, the S.B. Idea academies strengthen parenting skills and promote positive parent-child experiences like reading books together, empowering the entire family. By fostering the English and literacy skills needed for Palm Beach County residents to be strong, self-sufficient members of the community, S.B. Idea is carrying out a simply brilliant idea!

www.extraordinarycharities.org/sbidea

CURRENT NEEDS

$300 - School supplies for 10 families for one year
$1,000 - Administrative computer and printer
$2,500 - Literacy testing materials

Patricia Rowland, President/CEO
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Delray Beach, FL 33445
561-350-0786
When it comes to inspiring young minds, the performing arts can’t be beat. For many so-so students, playing a trumpet, learning to dance or performing on stage can uncover hidden talents and create a positive new attitude toward life. Founded in 1997 by a middle-school band director, Street Beat, Inc. has been transforming lives in Palm Beach County’s western communities by offering out-of-school arts programming to students 5 to 12 years old. The wide-ranging Street Beat enrichment program includes music, drama, dance and movement studios, as well as a life skills center offering individual counseling, practical training and mentoring. Talented young people can learn from professional artists and audition to join the Street Beat, Inc. Performance Troupe, which tours locally, nationally and internationally to wide acclaim. By focusing on the performing arts, Street Beat, Inc. provides students with a positive sense of belonging while helping them develop personal discipline, responsibility and commitment – qualities that will carry them a long way on their journey through life.

**STREET BEAT, INC.**

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $250 - Help maintain program bus
- $720 - Sponsor a participating child for one year
- $2,500 - Support activities of SBI Performance Troupe

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P.O. Box 972, South Bay, FL 33493
(Mailing Address)
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/streetbeatincorporated
TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN
Palm Beach County

A teenager drowning in a sea of troubles needs a helping hand to stay afloat. Through counseling, tutoring, parental engagement and other services, Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County helps low-income, at-risk children turn their lives around. Founded in 1996, the public-private partnership brings together state government, businesses, schools, social service agencies, and other organizations in a coordinated dropout prevention program. Take Stock focuses on 7th to 9th grade students, who sign a pledge to make school a priority in their lives, and stay drug- and crime-free. In return, they receive personal attention and support, including assistance with academic skills, career planning and other issues, as well as opportunities for Florida Prepaid college or vocational scholarships. Now serving 325 students referred through the Palm Beach County public school district, Take Stock has a remarkable record of success: a 100 percent graduation rate for last year’s seniors. By promoting self-worth, responsibility and academic success, Take Stock helps at-risk youngsters break the cycle of crime, poverty and failure.

CURRENT NEEDS
$600 - Projector and screen
$900 - 15 Stackable conference chairs
$1,300 - Support for one student for one year

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/TakeStockPalmBeach

THE ARMORY ARTS CENTER, INC.

A two-year-old putting paint to paper, a teenager carving her first sculpture and a wounded Iraqi veteran expressing his feelings through art are among the diverse students at the Armory Arts Center, Inc. in West Palm Beach. Since opening in 1987, the Center has provided high-quality arts instruction to students of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Through the years, the Center has supported more than 30 promising young artists in residence, presented special classes by visiting master artists, and exhibited student works in more than 400 shows. Recent artistic accomplishments include a student mural for the pediatric wing at St. Mary’s Medical Center, an outreach program with the Wounded Warriors Project, and the Homeless & Hunger Bowl Project, where students create and sell ceramic bowls to support local food banks. With a wide range of classes in different media, as well as spring break and holiday camps, the Center touches the lives of more than 3,000 students a year, instilling the creative spirit throughout the community.

CURRENT NEEDS
$300 - Scanner for digital arts program
$1,200 - Pottery wheel
$2,500 - Gallery exhibition lighting (partial)

Sandra Coombs, CEO
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/armoryarts

TOMORROW’S PROMISE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

When talking about Tomorrow’s Promise Community School, former high school dropouts break out into big cheerful smiles. They know the Delray Beach nonprofit school is playing a pivotal role in turning their lives around. Under the leadership of Principal Marjorie Waldo, the School is breaking through the barriers that keep more than 100 at-risk students from learning the skills needed to graduate, and helps them discover the lifelong value of education. As she says, “We provide education wrapped in love.” Launched in the 1990s by two police officers seeking to help troubled youth, the School “recovers” 16- to 21-year-old dropouts using a “whole kid” model that includes classes in math, reading and science, as well as counseling, tutoring and employability skills. About 20 students annually graduate from the School, and last year six received college scholarships as well. The School has received excellent reports from the Palm Beach County School District as it successfully unleashes the potential of bright children who would otherwise be forgotten by the community.

CURRENT NEEDS
$100 - Adopt a classroom.
$360 - Copy paper for a school year
$1,250 - Digital lab instruction per student

Marjorie Waldo, Principal
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/tpcs
In West Jupiter's low-income Limestone Creek corridor, many parents struggle to make ends meet, and their children are at high risk of dropping out of school. Since 1986, the nonprofit West Jupiter Community Group has offered a safe and nurturing environment for local students, so they may pursue academic and personal excellence. At its Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center, 105 at-risk children in grades K-8 receive homework assistance, individual tutoring, computer access for research, health education, life management skills, enrichment programs like arts and crafts, singing and music lessons, conflict-resolution and self-esteem building sessions, and motivational presentations by area professionals. The nonprofit recently expanded its campus to include a covered arena, a playground and a basketball court, providing improved facilities for its afterschool sessions, summer camps, and winter and spring break programs. By offering an educational and nurturing environment, the Group is making a positive difference in the lives of West Jupiter children.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/wjcg
A Directory For Charitable Giving

WEST PALM BEACH
LIBRARY FOUNDATION

CURRENT NEEDS
$1,000 – “Kids Can Cook” - 50 children expand their reading, math and science skills through lessons in healthy food preparation.
$5,000 – “Dog Tales” – 1,260 children improve their reading and comprehension skills by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs.

Andrew Carnegie called public libraries the best agencies for improving the masses of the people, because they give nothing for nothing. They only help those who help themselves. In that spirit, the Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach serves more than 540,000 patrons a year, offering programs that contribute to a sense of community. When West Palm Beach took first place in the 2012 City Livability Awards, its library services played a key role in that accomplishment. Formed in 2000, the West Palm Beach Library Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the library’s services, and strengthening its book and media collections to empower residents of all ages. For example, the Foundation supports a computer-based preschool learning initiative, an after-school homework center and adult education offerings, as well as children’s programs like Kids Can Cook, special Polar Express holiday events and Dog Tales, where trained therapy dogs help young children learn to read. Thanks to the Foundation, West Palm Beach is reaping the community benefits of having an outstanding public library.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/wpblibraryfound

YOUNG SINGERS
OF THE PALM BEACHES

CURRENT NEEDS
$660 - Tuition for one child
$1,000 - One program for community audiences offered free of charge. Productions tailored to celebrate Black History, Women's History, and Hispanic Heritage
$2,500 - Two days of educational programming for underserved afterschool programs in Palm Beach County (Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach).

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Breaking down social barriers, developing life skills, providing an outlet for creativity and fostering good citizenship – these are among the ways that Young Singers of the Palm Beaches is building a stronger community. An award-winning, multi-cultural arts education organization, Young Singers provides a positive, nurturing, and safe environment where children from all backgrounds can participate in many different kinds of choral music. Thanks to donor support, including a partnership with the Honda Classic, Young Singers never turns a child away due to financial need. Based at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Young Singers provides music education and unique performance opportunities to about 350 students in grades 3 through 12, supporting personal growth, individual self esteem and a collaborative spirit. In addition, Young Singers fosters civic pride in representing Palm Beach County on national and international tours. As one parent said, “Thank you so much to all of you for all that you do each day to make a difference in the lives of these children.”

www.extraordinarycharities.org/youngsingers

YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

CURRENT NEEDS
$100 - Healthy snacks for one month for four children
$1,000 - Arts enrichment program
$2,500 - Positive child development programs

No child should be left home alone. That’s the guiding mission of the Youth Activity Center (YAC) in Boca Raton, which provides innovative after-school and summer programs for low-income families. Since 1993, the Center has enriched the lives of children ages 5 to 12 by providing a safe and nurturing environment, a stimulating academic enrichment program and a host of fun-filled recreational opportunities. At the YAC, children can get help with their homework, take computer, art, yoga, acting and sports lessons, and enjoy field trips to museums, libraries and other cultural institutions. In addition, the YAC team focuses on developing life-long social skills through initiatives like conflict resolution classes, and the importance of becoming involved in the local community. To ensure that no child is left behind without the basics, the YAC provides food, toys, clothes and school supplies. The nonprofit also connects parents with community resources like healthcare and social service providers. With its effective, integrated approach, YAC helps children reach their highest potential.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/yac
Hannah's Home of South Florida
An abandoned baby, a battered spouse, a violent teenager or a family left homeless – these are among the tragic stories that unfold day after day in Palm Beach County. Fortunately, there are many human service nonprofits that do an effective job of combating the causes of these serious social problems. Working to help children, adults and families improve their lives, they are “unsung heroes,” who deserve our thanks. Through continued philanthropic support, these extraordinary charities can continue to save lives, and change our community for the better.
A teenage victim of school bullies, a disoriented senior citizen alone in her home, and a distraught banker who just lost his job – these are a handful of the Palm Beach County residents whose lives have been saved by 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast. A lifeline in a time of crisis, 211 provides a carefully coordinated array of services to anyone who needs help, regardless of income, without any red tape. Since its founding in 1972, this nonprofit organization has been steadily expanding the scope of its services, which now include a directory of resources for school children, a Teen Hotline, an Elder Helpline and a Resource Center that connects individuals with agencies that can help them find food, shelter, counseling or other services. Through 211’s Sunshine Telephone Reassurance program, volunteers make daily calls to isolated, homebound and disabled adults, helping to ensure their safety and well-being. Last year, 211 handled more than 150,000 calls and made 155,000 referrals to more than 5,000 community agencies, continuing its indispensable service to Palm Beach County.

CURRENT NEEDS

$50 - Connect six Palm Beach County callers with services
$200 – Two hours of personalized navigation services by our Special Needs Manager for a family with a Special Needs child.
$2,500 - Cover a full day’s operational costs for the Palm Beach County Resource Center

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When a talented Palm Beach County high school athlete and scholar tragically lost her life in 2008, her family and friends sought a fitting way to honor her memory. Today, the Amanda J. Buckley Give a Smile to a Child Foundation helps families facing hardship and supports young girls striving to achieve their potential. The volunteer-run organization has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments, providing meals for the homeless, clothing for babies, classroom supplies for children and annual scholarships to girls who have demonstrated their desire to be leaders both on and off the playing field. The Foundation’s contributions to the Palm Beach Gardens Police and Fire Department’s Holiday Joy Drives have touched the lives of thousands of families. Another key achievement is the “Field of Dreams” Memorial Stadium and training facility in Palm Beach Gardens, which provides a safe and nurturing environment for sports activities. Now, the Foundation stands ready to assist other Palm Beach County children and families in distress.

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - School clothing and supplies for three needy children at Grove Park Elementary
$1,000 - Help for five-plus families through Christmas Joy Drive
$3,000 - Provide three college scholarships

Tim Frohling  
Vice President/Director  
4454 Daffodil Circle South  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410  
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“Helping my mom is more important than going to school,” says a Palm Beach County teenager with tears in her eyes. Like more than 1.3 million other young caregivers in the U.S., she feels isolated and overwhelmed by her family responsibilities. Led by founder and president Connie Siskowski, the American Association of Caregiving Youth® (AACY) strives to provide emotional and educational support to Palm Beach County youngsters who have lost some of their childhood to care for an ill, disabled or hospitalized family member. Recently, Siskowski was nominated for a CNN Heroes award for her leadership in making the nation aware of this hidden problem. Locally, the AACY works with The School District of Palm Beach County to serve more than 550 middle and high school students in the Caregiving Youth Project of Palm Beach County. Through counseling, tutoring, support groups, and special events like overnight Camp Treasure, AACY is helping these youth caregivers stay in school and succeed in life. “I’m now getting As and Bs,” says the teen caregiver, “and I have hope for my future.”

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 - One child to attend Camp Treasure
$1,500 - 25 hours of in-home tutoring
$2,500 - Caregiving Youth Scholarship

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/211palmbeach

www.extraordinarycharities.org/giveasmiletocchild

www.extraordinarycharities.org/aacy
BOCA HELPING HANDS

A hungry child, a disabled senior and an unemployed family all need a helping hand in life. For the past 15 years, Boca Helping Hands has been an invaluable source of compassionate support for the needy, serving nutritious hot lunches and a Thursday family dinner, distributing 5,000 bags of groceries monthly to qualified individuals, and delivering meals to the homebound. Boca Helping Hands’ Children’s Assistance Program helps qualified families with aftercare and summer camps, and BHH Backpacks provides 1,400 students in seven elementary schools with weekend meals and snacks during the school year. The Job Mentoring Program helps build skills and create employment opportunities; Café Esperanza focuses on training entry-level skills to launch careers in the hospitality field; and the Resource Center helps qualified Boca residents in crisis situations. With its hot meals, outreach programs and integrated services for low-income families, Boca Helping Hands provides food and emergency assistance to meet basic human needs and long-term solutions to break the cycle of dependence.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/bocahelpinghands

CURRENT NEEDS

$300 - Supply 1,500 lbs. of food for the Pantry Program
$500 - Sponsor BHH Backpacks for two children during a school year.
$1,000 - Assist two families in crisis situations

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CANCER ALLIANCE OF HELP AND HOPE, INC.

What if you had to choose between paying for cancer treatment or making your car or mortgage payments? Would those financial stresses affect your struggle for better health? The Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope, Inc. was launched a decade ago by Palm Beach County banker Charles Fischer, who recognized that the high cost of cancer treatment can take a serious toll on patients, both financially and emotionally. Since then, this grassroots nonprofit organization has provided basic financial assistance to more than 1,000 cancer patients and families, so they can concentrate on fighting the disease rather than worrying about their bills. Through the years, the Alliance has assisted patients ranging in age from newborns to age 92, including many families with young children. The Alliance also organized the Community Cancer Council to improve communication and collaboration among caregivers throughout Florida. Today, the Alliance continues to play a vital role “behind the scenes” in supporting cancer patients and their families.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/cahh

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 - Help a patient with car payments or car insurance premiums
$500 - Help a patient with health insurance premiums
$2,500 - A week at Boggy Creek camp for a child with cancer

Jean Fischer, Executive Director
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Tequesta, FL 33469
561-748-7227
A young girl walks into a childcare center, goes to the corner and cries. Across the room, a boy starts punching his neighbor, while a third child cowers under his desk. The Center for Child Counseling is dedicated to providing invaluable professional help for young children at risk for future social, emotional and behavioral problems. Without effective, early intervention, a child’s destructive behavior can spiral out of control, leading to school failure and problems later in life. That’s why the Center offers play therapy, individual counseling, support groups, and family therapy at local childcare centers, shelters for victims of domestic violence, and a Child & Family Center in Palm Beach Gardens. Since 1999, the Center has provided parent-child relationship therapy, parenting workshops, and hands-on professional training and support to childcare center staff, volunteers, and professionals working with young children. By helping to heal severe emotional traumas, the Center paves the way for young children – and their caregivers – to become productive and resilient members of the community.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $200 - Replacement toys for six playrooms
- $1,000 - 10 weekly sessions of play therapy for a traumatized or abused child
- $2,500 - 3 hour workshop for 20 teachers and 3 months of play therapy for 5 at-risk children

Renée Layman
Chief Executive Officer
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/cfcc

A newborn baby with a fractured skull, a little boy found starving in a bedroom and a teenage girl sexually assaulted by her father are among the ghastly cases that the Child Protection Team of Palm Beach (CPT) sees every day. When a child is removed from a dangerous home situation for suspected abuse or neglect, the CPT team provides immediate assistance, and takes the first steps in the complex process of finding a solution. Available on a 24/7 basis, the multidisciplinary CPT team provides the necessary medical, psychological, social, and legal consultants to assist the state’s Department of Children and Families in finding a temporary shelter or long-term home for an abused child. In some cases, the CPT team will also work with the child’s parents or guardians in order to address the underlying causes of abuse or neglect. Thanks to the CPT team, many of these children are able to recover from their injuries, regain their childhood and grow into happy and healthy adults.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $100 - Medical examination for one child
  (Approximately 1,300 done per year)
- $1,500 - Supplies for babies and children
- $2,000 - Toys, books, DVD movies for children

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/cptpb
For many Palm Beach County families, hunger is a chronic problem. It undermines good health, saps the energy of parents, and makes it more difficult for children to succeed in school. That’s why Christians Reaching Out to Society, Inc. (CROS Ministries) has built a broad coalition of faith-based organizations, community groups and private individuals that reaches thousands of people every week. CROS Ministries’ five food pantries serve the entire county, and a “Caring Kitchen” is housed in the charity’s Delray Beach administrative center, where families can also get help with applying for food stamps and other social services. Other important initiatives include a Summer Camp, a Gleaning Program where volunteers pick fresh fruits and vegetables, and Nutrition in a Knapsack, where a child takes home a weekend package of food for the entire family. While it may be impossible to eradicate hunger from Palm Beach County, CROS Ministries understands that a well-run program can make a big difference for families in need.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/crosministries

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 - Sponsor transportation for campers to CROS camps
$500 - Purchase boxes to transport gleaned produce from farmers’ fields
$1,500 - Feed six families of four for at least four days

Gibbie Nauman, Director of Development
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COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

A caring adult makes a huge difference in the life of a child. That’s why Communities in Schools of Palm Beach County (CISPBC) delivers truly astonishing results in helping at-risk students. After providing tightly integrated support services to 244 middle and high school students last year, 85 percent improved their academic performance, 81 percent improved their classroom behavior, 85 percent of seniors graduated and there were zero dropouts. With these kinds of impressive results, school principals throughout Palm Beach County are clamoring to join CISPBC’s Students Achieving Success program, which provides various levels of support to nearly 9,000 students a year. Since its founding in 1984, CIS has focused on providing five basics for academic success: a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start and a healthy future, a marketable skill to use upon graduation, and a chance to give back to peers and community. It’s a proven formula for enabling students to achieve success in life.

CURRENT NEEDS

$50 - Student uniform (polo shirt, trousers, undergarments, shoes and belt to meet dress code
$500 - One year of mobile Internet service for site coordinator
$1,000 - Laptop and software for site coordinator

Margaret Bagley
Executive Director/President
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/cispbc

COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH, INC.

Every year more than 12,000 children from low-income Palm Beach County families look forward to starting school on an equal footing with their peers – thanks to Community Back to School Bash (BASH). In a countywide collaborative initiative with more than 70 Palm Beach County agencies and municipalities, BASH makes sure that disadvantaged students in grades pre-K through 12 get the supplies, backpacks, information and resources they need to begin the school year with confidence. At the annual event, a personal shopper guides each child through a store of new school supplies, helping them select backpacks, pens, pencils and other items. For children who may be homeless, living in shelters or foster homes, it’s a rare treat to be able to shop for themselves. In 2012, the all-volunteer nonprofit organized back-to-school bashes at four convenient locations that included free school physicals, immunizations, health screenings, as well as gently used clothing, new and used school uniforms, and haircuts. Collecting donations is a year-round effort whose reward is big smiles from children and parents alike.

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - One new backpack with grade-appropriate school supplies
$425 - One new backpack with grade-appropriate school supplies, clothing, uniform, shoes, haircut, school physical and immunizations
$2,000 - One new school uniform for 200 children

Stephanie M. Saraco, President
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/backtoshcoolbashpbc

CLINICS CAN HELP

What would you do if a family member needed a wheelchair, respirator, hospital bed or other medical equipment, and you had no insurance or money? In Palm Beach County, you could turn to Clinics Can Help, a unique community resource that provides children and adults with donated and refurbished durable medical equipment (DME). Founder and Executive Director, Owen O’Neill, believes that every person has the right to quality medical care, including access to the best possible equipment for patient care, comfort and rehabilitation. For example, the charity’s KINDER Project (Kids In Need of Durable Equipment Right Now) helps families of children with brain or spinal cord injuries or congenital defects, while The Lending Closet serves children and adults in need throughout Palm Beach County. Clinics Can Help also provides new cribs and sleep safety education to parents in order to reduce deaths and injuries among infants sharing beds. By helping individuals, families and caregivers of all ages, Clinics Can Help makes a lasting difference in people’s lives.

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Hospital bed for convalescing patient
$500 - Wheelchair, hospital bed and lift for patient with traumatic brain injury
$1,200 - One year of fuel for organization’s van

Owen O’Neill, Executive Director
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/clinicscanhelp

www.extraordinarycharities.org/cispbc

www.extraordinarycharities.org/backtoshcoolbashpbc
EL SOL, JUPITER’S NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

A helping hand for laborers, a model for immigrant integration and a catalyst for community change – that’s what El Sol brings to northern Palm Beach County. As Jupiter’s neighborhood resource center, El Sol is a labor center that matches day laborers – primarily Mayan immigrants from Guatemala and Southern Mexico – with employers, such as contractors and homeowners, and provides hot meals to needy workers. Since its founding in 2006, El Sol has expanded its services to include language classes, literacy instruction, counseling, health education and other services. Through El Sol, day laborers can improve their Spanish skills, take English classes and learn about vocational topics like landscaping, painting, housekeeping and computer skills. El Sol is also a social center, where participants learn from each other, gain a greater sense of self-worth, and volunteer their time to support community projects. Today, El Sol is well on its way to achieving its vision of empowering immigrant workers, promoting a strong local economy and building a well-integrated, ethnically diverse community.

CURRENT NEEDS

$500 - One Hire-a-Worker campaign to attract new employers and more jobs
$1,500 - Contribute to one month of kitchen services (1,800 meals served on average)
$2,500 - Help cover six months of computer classes for 20 students

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/friendsofelsol
FAMILY PROMISE OF NORTH/CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

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When a mother loses her job, a father is seriously injured or a fire destroys a home, a Palm Beach County family may be left homeless. Today, one out of every four homeless people is a child who must face challenges that would overwhelm most adults. Responding to this community crisis, Family Promise brings the region’s faith community together to help families regain their housing, independence and dignity. Along with a partnership of local congregations from Lake Worth to Tequesta, Family Promise of North/Central Palm Beach County has built a volunteer network of 13 congregations that provide temporary shelter and meals, while staff provides transportation and case management services for families facing homelessness. Each week, a different congregation hosts a family, providing food, hospitality and accommodations. Meanwhile, the Family Promise Day Center serves as a home base as parents seek permanent housing and employment, supported by volunteers who share skills like resume writing, financial planning and parenting. In this way, Family Promise provides children of all ages with a safe and secure home, while helping families achieve lasting independence.

Rhonda B. Clinton, Executive Director
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West Palm Beach, FL 33405
561-318-8864

www.extraordinarycharities.org/familypromisencpbc

FARMWORKER COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH, INC.

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Building a better future for those who harvest America is the mission of the Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach. Through education, advocacy, and access to community services, this grassroots agency addresses the basic needs of 30,000 migrant and seasonal farm workers who contribute to the region’s economy. Since 1978, the Council has been a trusted resource for families in need of healthcare, housing or social services. With offices in Lake Worth and Belle Glade, the Council promotes self-sufficiency through programs like Assistance for Housing Opportunities to Promote Employment (A-HOPE), which provides emergency housing assistance and other services, and Bringing Resources and Information to Develop Gains in Education and Health (BRIDGE), which helps children of farm workers succeed in school. The agency’s Comprehensive Health Initiative Program (CHIP) assists families who need access to local health services, such as prenatal care, while the Family Preservation program provides support to parents and children. With its dynamic programs, the Council is helping thousands of farm-worker families look to the future with hope.

Sergio Palacio, Executive Director
1313 Central Terrace
Lake Worth, FL 33460
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/farmworkercouncil

FEED THE HUNGRY PANTRY AT VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Back in 1987, Dan and Jacquie Shorter began a small Christian ministry feeding 40 families in their first year. Guided by the mission of ending hunger in Palm Beach County, the all-volunteer organization grew steadily. Today, Feed the Hungry provides more than 1 million nutritious meals a year for less than 25 cents each. The Pantry buys food directly from vendors, boxes the meals and gives them to those who need it most, including single mothers and grandparents raising their grandchildren. Each month, Feed the Hungry serves more than 3,500 people, mainly from Lake Worth through Riviera Beach to Belle Glade. During the holidays, more than 8,000 children and adults benefit from this remarkable charity, whose volunteers coordinate assistance with other agencies, stay in touch with deserving families and also mentor dozens of smaller churches, including many that serve the Haitian and Hispanic communities. Operating largely “under the radar,” Feed the Hungry is a powerful countywide force for better nutrition and better health.

Dan Shorter, Volunteer Director
3600 Village Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
561-398-2828

www.extraordinarycharities.org/fthvbc
FRIENDS OF ABUSED CHILDREN, INC.

With more than 32 victims per 1,000 children, Florida has one of the nation’s highest rates of child abuse. In Palm Beach County, Friends of Abused Children, Inc. improves the lives of hundreds of abused, neglected and abandoned children each year. Since 1985, this volunteer-led nonprofit has provided compassionate care and support to heal the physical and emotional wounds of abuse. Today, it is still the only program in Palm Beach County dedicated exclusively to the needs of children who have been removed from their families by the courts. Thanks to Friends of Abused Children, these young people receive tutoring from area school teachers, helping them improve their academic skills, and attain college and vocational scholarships after graduation. In addition, the nonprofit’s after-school enrichment and summer camp programs provide a variety of fun-filled learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment. By helping these victims recover their self-esteem and well-being, Friends of Abused Children helps them succeed in school while putting joy back in their lives.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $450 - Summer day camp for one child
- $1,500 - Tutoring one child for six months
- $2,000 - One year scholarship for one child

Cory Rubal, Executive Director
222 Lakeview Ave., Suites 160-209
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-659-5005, x102

www.extraordinarycharities.org/friendspbc
**GRANDMA’S PLACE**

When a young child is removed from an abusive or neglectful parent, Grandma's Place provides a safe and welcoming home. This bright and cheerful emergency foster shelter is a vital component in the Florida Department of Children and Families’ safety net, annually serving about 110 Palm Beach County children from birth to age 12, including those with serious disabilities like autism or Down's syndrome. Many have been abandoned by their parents or guardians, while others have been removed from dangerous family situations. For these physically and emotionally battered children, Grandma's Place provides a starting point for recovery in a family-like setting until the young residents can be reunited with their families or placed with a suitable foster or adoptive home. At Grandma’s Place, each child enjoys a private bedroom with kid-friendly decor, a spacious living room, a library filled with children's books and communal meals on a farmhouse-style kitchen table. It's a comfortable, nurturing setting for children to begin their journey to becoming successful, healthy adults.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $300 - Window air-conditioning unit
- $750 - Enclosure for children's bicycles
- $1,000 - Playground equipment

Jackie Alvarez, House Manager/CEO
184 Sparrow Drive
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
561-753-2226

www.extraordinarycharities.org/grandmasplacepb

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**GRATITUDE HOUSE, INC.**

Back in 1968, eleven women founded Gratitude House to offer housing, meals and rehabilitation services to homeless alcoholic women as an alternative to jail. Today, Gratitude House provides a comprehensive array of services to women with substance abuse and mental health issues, using innovative, evidence-based treatments and support services to help troubled women become self-sufficient, healthy and productive citizens. Gratitude House offers a nurturing, safe and caring environment with 29 residential treatment beds, day treatment, outpatient and aftercare programs for pregnant women, Mothers and Infants in Treatment Together and women with HIV/AIDS. “We believe that all women deserve to live with dignity and in safety,” says the charity’s vision statement. “We believe that people can change and that the battle against active addiction can be won.” By offering effective treatment, while teaching positive parenting beliefs and reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect, Gratitude House has a powerful impact on Palm Beach County, reducing crime, family violence and healthcare costs.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $400 - Infant crib for new nursery
- $700 - One week of residential treatment
- $3,000 - Air-conditioner for residential building (three needed)

Linda J. Kane, Executive Director
1700 N. Dixie Hwy.
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
561-833-6826

www.extraordinarycharities.org/gratitudehouse

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**HANNAH’S HOME OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

Hannah's Home of South Florida transforms the lives of single pregnant young women, offering hope, counseling and the skills needed for self-sufficiency. By providing a safe and loving Christian environment with room, board and childcare services, Hannah's Home supports spiritual, physical, emotional and educational growth. Through parenting courses, character-building classes, mentorships and educational and vocational training, this innovative residential program helps young women break the destructive cycle of poverty and build better lives for themselves and their babies. In 2011, Hannah’s Home received more than 250 calls from pregnant young women looking for help. Some were homeless, living in cars or forced to stay with abusers due to lack of resources. Responding to this growing community need, Hannah's Home plans to expand its residential program to help more young women and their babies. Recently, the nonprofit purchased three acres of land for a child care center and additional residential cottages with a clear goal: transform more lives, restore hope and strengthen the bonds between mothers, babies, families and communities.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $100 - Towels, twin sheets and blankets
- $500 - Baby clothes and supplies for 18 months
- $2,500+ - Vehicle donation

Angela Finnegan, Executive Director
4390 S. Countyline Road
Tequesta, FL 33469
561-277-9823

www.extraordinarycharities.org/hannahshomesf
For Palm Beach County teenagers struggling with the difficult challenges of pregnancy, parenting and poverty, Holy Ground Shelter for the Homeless provides a strong and secure foundation for a better life. The Riviera Beach charity founded in 2009 takes a long-term approach toward breaking the cycle of poverty, by providing each young woman with professional support on her journey to adulthood. Pregnant teens and new mothers live in modest, fully furnished apartments, where they do their own cleaning, cooking and childcare. Holy Ground also helps these teenagers connect with prenatal and postnatal healthcare services, and provides food, clothing, baby equipment, education, parenting and independent living skills. A team of female mentors serves as role models and offer guidance as new mothers progress toward self-sufficiency. Since 80 percent of the 1,000+ Palm Beach County teenagers who give birth every year require state and federal assistance, Holy Ground is effectively addressing an important community need while changing the lives of young mothers and their children.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $100 - Diapers and baby wipes for one baby for one month
- $750 - Utilities for ten clients for one month
- $2,500 - Rent and utilities for a client for three months

Phyllis Turner Jepson  
Executive Director  
200 W. 20th Street  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404  
561-355-5040

Although everyone deserves a place to call home, thousands of men, women and children in Palm Beach County are forced to seek shelter living without a roof over their heads. For more than 25 years, the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County has been an effective voice for the homeless, providing safe housing and long-term support toward self-sufficiency. As a powerful advocate for the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Palm Beach County, the nonprofit Coalition works closely with public and private organizations to implement strategies that produce results. Since opening the Senator Philip D. Lewis Center last July, the Coalition has provided client need assessments, personalized support services and safe interim shelter to homeless adults and children, including a Rapid Rehousing program that delivers job skills training as well as permanent housing and financial assistance. A “bridge-building” organization within the community, the Coalition is marshalling the resources needed to end homelessness in Palm Beach County – one family at a time.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $39 - Overnight necessities for one homeless baby and mother
- $250 - A set of 25 books to educate a classroom of homeless children
- $2,700 - A home for one family (first and last month’s rent plus deposit)

Marilyn Munoz, Executive Director  
810 Datura Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
561-355-4663

www.extraordinarycharities.org/holygroundpbc

www.extraordinarycharities.org/homelesscoalitionpbc
After toiling all day in the Florida sun and rain, there’s nothing like coming home to a relaxing shower and a warm meal with the family in a safe and comfortable environment. For more than 30 years, In the Pines (ITP) has been supporting low-income farm workers in Palm Beach County with attractive and affordable housing combined with social services and career advancement programs. In the past decade, ITP has rebuilt and expanded its two rental apartment communities, Pines North, a 30-family community in Boynton Beach, and Pines South, which has housing for 40 families in Delray Beach. Now, ITP is focusing on providing education, training and social welfare programs that build self sufficiency. Children and teens benefit from a Homework Help program at the facilities’ new Learning & Community Centers, which offer language literacy and financial literacy courses for adults. Residents can also take part in workforce training and civic engagement programs that provide volunteering opportunities. Through its well-integrated housing and educational programs, ITP is helping our local Palm Beach County farm workers build a brighter future for themselves and their children.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $1,000 - Playground equipment for pre-kindergartners
- $1,500 - Projector for student and adult workshops
- $2,000 - Rosetta Stone English-language software program for five Spanish speakers

Jerry Goray, President
16101 Half Mile Road, Building G
Delray Beach, FL 33446
561-495-0089

It’s heartbreaking to see children suffering from terminal cancer, recovering from major surgery or living in an emergency shelter. That’s why Little Smiles tries to brighten their day, and allow children and teenagers to take a break from their problems and to be a kid again, even if just for a short time. Working closely with local pediatric hospitals, hospices and shelters, Little Smiles provides toys, games, DVDs, computers, VIP outings, celebrity meetings, and tickets to concerts, sporting events and theme parks. The nonprofit also hosts an Annual Stars Ball for terminally ill children who, in all likelihood, will not be attending a school prom. In addition to fulfilling individual wishes, Little Smiles organizes toy drives, fun food runs, and pizza parties for children and families. As one young boy said, “If it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t have a smile.” Since its founding in 1998, the Palm Beach County program has grown dramatically and now touches the lives of children in three states – a clear indication of the lasting value of a little smile.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $550 - Laptop or iPad for child in hospital
- $1,000 - Food run at local children’s hospital
- $1,500 - One week at Disney World for a family of four

George “Chip” Lubeck, Board President
1325 N. Congress Ave., Suite 205
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-899-4700

www.extraordinarycharities.org/inthepines

www.extraordinarycharities.org/littlesmiles
Known for its compassionate and caring services, the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center is meeting the complex needs of persons with memory disorders, such as Alzheimer’s disease, while providing support and education to families and caregivers. As part of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, the Center’s programs include memory evaluation and testing, group activities, counseling services, and caregiver training and support. The state-designated Memory Disorder Clinic also conducts research in areas such as best practices in caring for persons with memory disorders, and provides training experiences for FAU students in nursing, medicine, social work and other disciplines. After opening in 2001, the Center moved to its current facility in 2004 and recently broke ground on an expansion of its adult day facilities. Thanks to the Center’s comprehensive, state-of-the-art program, Palm Beach County individuals with memory disorders can maintain their independence, delay decline and enjoy a higher quality of life.

CURRENT NEEDS

$50 - Half-day fee for an adult day center participant
$100 - Caregiver consultation for family members
$1,200 - Comprehensive memory evaluation

Dr. Maria de los Angeles Ordoñez
Director
777 Glades Road, Building AZ-79
Boca Raton, FL 33431
561-297-0502

www.extraordinarycharities.org/memorywellnesscenter
MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE PALM BEACHES

Maintaining a healthy diet is challenging for many low-income seniors who can’t leave home to go shopping or have difficulty cooking their meals. To help them maintain good nutrition and preserve their independence, volunteers from Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches come to their homes five days a week to deliver delicious hot meals planned by registered dieticians and prepared at Good Samaritan Medical Center. For homebound individuals in West Palm Beach – including seniors, disabled persons, expectant mothers and post-surgical patients – Meals on Wheels’ volunteers also deliver emotional support and provide a daily lifeline. This nonprofit organization is one of 5,000 Meals on Wheels Association of America programs that are helping to end senior hunger in local communities. Founded in 2010 by Charles B. Ring, Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches delivered more than 4,000 meals in its first year and will provide an estimated 13,000 meals in 2013. Thanks to this warm and compassionate outreach program, our seniors know they are cared for and not forgotten.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/mealsonwheels

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM, INC.

Building a stronger community, battling crime and blight and providing new economic opportunities – this is the mission of the Northwest Community Consortium, Inc. (NCCI). Created by a group of West Palm Beach neighborhood churches, nonprofits and civic organizations with similar goals, visions, and missions, the Consortium seeks to revitalize one of the county’s neglected neighborhoods by implementing an integrated array of people-oriented programs and services. Through its affiliate members, NCCI provides life-changing programs for young people, seniors, families and job-seekers in areas like housing, education, health and employment. For instance, one NCCI initiative helped unemployed residents find jobs providing security services in city parking lots. Originally known as the Church Leadership Council, NCCI brings a powerful integrated approach to sharing resources, raising awareness and bringing local leaders together in pursuit of their common goals. An effective advocate and catalyst for change, NCCI is focused on unlocking the full potential of the diverse residents living in the city’s northwest community.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/ncciwpb

OASIS COMPASSION AGENCY

After Deborah lost her job, she and her husband found themselves homeless. But thanks to career counseling and support from Oasis Compassion Agency, a faith-based nonprofit in Greenacres, she was able to find new employment. Founded in 2000, Oasis now helps about 800 Palm Beach County families annually reach new heights, spiritually, physically and intellectually. The nonprofit helps poverty-stricken clients identify roadblocks to success, devise plans to overcome those obstacles and take action to move forward. In many cases, Oasis provides for a family’s basic needs through its clothing ministry, mental health counseling program and a Food Pantry that gives out 5,000 pounds of nonperishable foods each month. As clients achieve greater stability, Oasis focuses on restoring individual dignity and self-worth through training at its Career Center for adults, and its Women’s Center, which offers mentorship, coaching, counseling, life skills training, job shadowing and other programs aimed at helping women to become self-sufficient and empowered. It’s an effective strategy for breaking the vicious cycle of poverty.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/oasiscompassion
**PAWS 4 LIBERTY**

Paws 4 Liberty (P4L) is changing lives – one dog at a time. For disabled veterans and others in need, a trained service dog increases independence in daily activities and enriches their lives with a loyal companion. Since 2006, this nonprofit has been raising, training and placing service dogs whose skills include pulling a wheelchair, retrieving a telephone, providing physical support for balance and alerting deaf individuals. Says P4L founder Heidi Spirazza, “There is no modern, high-tech piece of equipment that can replicate all these amazing animals do for our recipients.” P4L now graduates eight to 10 service dogs per year, primarily Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers. The nonprofit works closely with veterans organizations and civic groups to identify suitable candidates among the hundreds of Palm Beach County residents who could benefit from the training and powerful 24/7 emotional connection provided by a service dog. As Spirazza says, “It is a truly wonderful experience to be part of helping make others lives better, especially those who have given so much for our freedom.”

www.extraordinarycharities.org/paws4liberty

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**QUANTUM HOUSE**

When Christina’s two-month-old daughter Raelleigh needed open-heart surgery, she faced a difficult dilemma – driving 120 miles a day with her young son or leaving her alone in the hospital while she recovered. Fortunately, Quantum House was there to offer a home and hope. The West Palm Beach nonprofit provides temporary housing and basic needs for up to 10 families with children at Good Samaritan or St. Mary’s Medical Center. Quantum House opened its doors in 2001, and now serves more than 500 families a year, offering supportive housing, a business center, a “family pantry” program with basic groceries and household staples, a fully prepared meal each day and a crisis fund for financial emergencies. Quantum House also offers tutoring, and arts and crafts to siblings, and provides outreach support for families staying elsewhere who are facing a child’s medical crisis. Quantum House recently launched a capital campaign to expand its facility to serve up to 20 families at a time and meet the growing needs of our community.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/quantumhouse

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**SPEAK UP! FOR KIDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC**

If you were a child who has been abused, neglected or abandoned by your parents, wouldn’t you want to have a caring adult speak up for you before a judge decides your fate? Speak Up! For Kids of Palm Beach County, Inc., is an all-volunteer nonprofit that provides financial support to the state-funded Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program of the 15th Judicial District. In Florida, volunteer GALs serve as the eyes, ears and arms of the courts, making independent recommendations based on the individual needs of each child. While there are more than 1,300 abused and neglected children in Palm Beach County, many more volunteer GALs are needed to serve as their advocates. Since 2008, Speak Up! has recruited, trained, and provided support to the county’s GALs, enabling these needy children to have a voice in their future. As one volunteer says, “I became a GAL because I wanted to help children. I wanted to give them hope.” The gift of GAL is making the difference in children’s lives.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/speakupforkidspbc
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SALVAGE STORE
OF WEST PALM BEACH

For Palm Beach County residents in need of help, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides a lifeline of hope. An international Catholic lay organization, the Society focuses on serving the poor, providing direct assistance without regard to religious affiliation. Volunteers handle more than 700 calls a month for assistance, and visit individuals in their homes, hospitals, prisons and eldercare facilities. Through one-on-one conversations that respect the dignity of the poor, the Society's volunteers listen, offer advice and use their best judgment in providing assistance such as food, furniture or clothing. The Society distributes more than 800 cases of food a month to local churches, soup kitchens and food pantries, and supports anti-poverty projects in Pahokee, Indiantown, Haiti and Latin America. Now, the Society is planning to renovate the St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Store of West Palm Beach to become a better resource for clients and a more productive source of funding. As the Society's patron, St. Vincent de Paul, once said: “Charity is infinitely inventive.”

www.extraordinarycharities.org/stvdpsswpb

THE GLADES INITIATIVE, INC.

Overcoming the challenges of poverty, illiteracy, healthcare and education in western Palm Beach County is a daunting task. The Glades Initiative, Inc. serves to improve the coordination of service delivery to families and individuals at a time when most agencies are being called on to do more with less. For thousands of Haitian, Hispanic and other low-income residents west of the 20-mile bend, The Glades Initiative provides a convenient access point for application assistance for SNAP, Medicaid, and other healthcare benefits and food assistance. In addition to offering a lifeline for families in need of immediate assistance, The Glades Initiative provides hope for a better future through education and training, such as a Language Access Program that provided medical interpreter training to 75 bilingual residents last year. Along with facilitating the delivery of services, The Glades Initiative conducts research into community needs, and serves as a forceful advocate for change, making a lasting difference in the lives of individuals in the western communities.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/gladesinitiative

CURRENT NEEDS

St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Store

CURRENT NEEDS

$150 - One day of emergency housing for a homeless family
$255 - “Bridges Out of Poverty” training materials for 15 members
$2,100 - “Bridges Out of Poverty” introductory training session for members

Richard Persek, President
P.O. Box 19665
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
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www.extraordinarycharities.org/gladesinitiative

CURRENT NEEDS

$200 - 10 bags of food for families through Food Bank
$400 - Medical interpreter training for one individual
$2,500 - Printing 400 Glades Area Resource Guides

Karis Engle, Executive Director
141 S.E. Avenue C
Belle Glade, FL 33430
561-996-3310

www.extraordinarycharities.org/gladesinitiative

THE GLADES INITIATIVE, INC.
THE GUATEMALAN-MAYA CENTER

Guatemalan Mayans are Palm Beach County's invisible people with a unique set of family, education and social needs. Often living in isolation to avoid attention from authorities, these immigrants rely on the Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth for a variety of help. Nearly 18,000 people a year come to the Center for immigration assistance, immunizations and social services, as well as donated clothing, furniture and household goods. The Center's family-centered approach is designed to preserve native languages and cultures, while promoting stability and resiliency, particularly among young mothers and fathers raising children in an urban society. For instance, the Center's Parent Child Home program, funded by the Literacy Coalition for young children, teaches parents about how to relate to their children, while promoting new language skills. There are also pre-kindergarten, after-school and summer camp programs, as well as counselors who help with spousal abuse issues. For these hidden immigrant families, support and advocacy services from the Guatemalan-Maya Center hold the key to a better future.

CURRENT NEEDS

$150 - Three sets of shelves for donation room
$300 - Three digital cameras
$750 - Two laptop computers

Father Frank O'Loughlin
Interim Executive Director
430 North G Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-547-0085

www.extraordinarycharities.org/guatemalanmaya

THE SOUP KITCHEN OF BOYNTON BEACH

With no Federal, state or county funding, The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach is a remarkable example of how the volunteer spirit can change our community for the better. Since 1983, The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach has been serving meals to the hungry and distributing bags of food to individuals and families in keeping with its mission: “To feed people in need regardless of their circumstances.” Open 365 days a year, The Soup Kitchen serves nearly 700 meals daily and distributes approximately 120 grocery bags daily containing meat, rice, canned goods and other items. Thanks to the efforts of 200 dedicated volunteers and one full-time staffer, The Soup Kitchen operates extremely efficiently, providing a complete hot meal for an average cost of just $1.16. In addition, a special program Taking Care of Our Babies, provides about 120 Creole and Spanish-speaking mothers each week with food, baby supplies and advice on proper nutrition, helping these Palm Beach County children get a better start in life.

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 - Commercial-grade coffee machine
$500 - Commercial-grade soup cooker and warmer
$2,200 - 32 folding chairs with cart

Enrique Zuanetto, Executive Director
8645 W. Boynton Beach Blvd.
Boynton Beach, FL 33472
561-732-7595

www.extraordinarycharities.org/thesoupkitchen
Autism is one of the most challenging childhood disorders. It can be hard to diagnose and even more difficult to treat, making it imperative for parents and physicians to recognize the early warning signs of a child’s neurodevelopmental disorder. Mark Rosenbloom, MD, established the Unicorn Children’s Foundation in 1994 after his 3-year-old son was found to have a severe communication disorder following many months of conflicting diagnoses. Since then, the Foundation has focused on raising awareness of neurological problems like autism, attention deficit disorder, dyslexia and other learning disorders so that effective treatment can begin as quickly as possible. Through mobile community clinics, operated in partnership with the University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University, the Foundation provides free screenings and parent consultations to area families. In 2013, the Foundation plans to open the Unicorn Village Academy, a specialized high school for disabled young adults. Hopefully, one day there will be a cure for autism. Until then, the Unicorn Children’s Foundation offers hope to Palm Beach County families.

CURRENT NEEDS

$20 - Parent road map for child newly diagnosed with neurodevelopmental disorder
$100 - Best practices guidelines for pediatric healthcare provider
$1,000 – Meeting to coordinate systems of care within the community

Sharon Alexander, Executive Director
21100 Ruth & Baron Coleman Blvd., Suite 250
Boca Raton, FL 33428
561-620-9377

www.extraordinarycharities.org/UnicornChildrensFoundation
VILLAGES OF HOPE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

CURRENT NEEDS
$300 - 10 comforters for beds in domestic violence shelter
$1,000 - 50 cases of diapers for infants in the shelter and transitional housing
$2,400 - 34 infant strollers

When Palm Beach County foster children turn 18, they face a turning point in their lives. Whether they are still in high school, planning for college or taking their first steps into the working world, these young adults lose state aid and must move out of their current residences. At this time of personal turmoil, Villages of Hope provides a vital helping hand through its independent residential living and skill development programs. This is a vital support service for young men and women age 18 to 25 – as well as the entire community – since national studies show that children leaving foster care have extremely high rates of unemployment, homelessness, pregnancy, alcoholism, drug dependency and other serious problems. Fortunately, the faith-oriented Villages of Hope program strives to combat feelings of despair and heal lingering emotional scars. By focusing on individual strengths, and providing mentoring, counseling and practical advice on education and career skills, Villages of Hope allows these young adults to look forward with confidence toward a brighter future.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/villagesofhope

Ilsa Ortega DeMoore, Grant Liaison
9078 Isaiah Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
561-775-7195

WOMEN’S CIRCLE, INC

CURRENT NEEDS
$100 - Restroom supplies for one month
$200 - Materials for sewing, crochet and knitting classes
$5,000 - Towards classroom expansion project

Cleaning toilets, making beds or serving meals are among the very limited job opportunities in Palm Beach County for low-income women with poor English skills. That’s why Women’s Circle, Inc. offers a dynamic empowerment program that is changing the lives of women from ethnically diverse backgrounds. Located in the heart of Boynton Beach, Women’s Circle’s three-part program begins with classes in English, Creole literacy, sewing, crochet and computer skills. Next, the nonprofit prepares women to seek out new jobs by creating resumes, developing interview skills and wearing donated career apparel for job appointments. Career mentoring and coaching services provide each woman with personalized guidance toward her goals. To help women continue their progress, the nonprofit hosts monthly support groups that provide participants with opportunities to share their personal challenges, get advice from their friends and learn about important topics like health, nutrition and domestic violence. Through one-on-one counseling and the ongoing support from group sessions, Women’s Circle promotes personal confidence and the skills to achieve success in life.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/guatemalanmaya

Sr. Lorraine Ryan, Executive Director
912 S.E. 4th St.
Boynton Beach, FL 33435
561-244-7627

YOUNG WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY (YWCA)

CURRENT NEEDS
$300 - 10 comforters for beds in domestic violence shelter
$1,000 - 50 cases of diapers for infants in the shelter and transitional housing
$2,400 - 34 infant strollers

“Eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all,” is the powerful mission of the Young Women’s Christian Association of Palm Beach County (YWCA). Since 1917, the YWCA has been meeting the changing needs of women, children and families, improving thousands of lives through the decades. Today, the YWCA provides safe places for women and girls, builds strong women leaders, and serves as a staunch advocate for civil rights. Women in crisis find refuge at Harmony House, a 63-bed domestic violence shelter in West Palm Beach, and transitional housing in the western Glades area for homeless mothers and their children. The YWCA offers daycare programs for working parents, violence education programs for school-age children, and health and fitness activities for all ages. Its weekly Y-Girls afterschool program provides support for 8- to 15-year-old girls in the Glades communities. While women come to the YMCA for many reasons, they leave with a renewed spirit, new skills, and better lives.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/ywca

Suzanne Turner, CEO
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West Palm Beach, FL 33409
561-640-0050
A Directory For Charitable Giving
In today’s interconnected world, human suffering knows no boundaries. A child in Haiti, Guatemala, Kenya or Nepal, for instance, may face a life of constant toil – or even worse – with no hope for tomorrow. Fortunately, Palm Beach County-based international humanitarian charities are reaching out to children, families, and local communities, and making the world a better place for everyone.
When Haitian immigrants come to Palm Beach County, they face an overwhelming set of challenges—language, culture, healthcare, job skills, and more. Fortunately, Hands Together of the Palm Beaches, Inc. offers trusted advice and assistance to area residents who need help with almost every aspect of their lives. This all-volunteer organization empowers Haitians of all ages, through counseling, education, and leadership development. Adults can learn computer skills and take literacy classes, while children participate in Saturday enrichment programs. Health awareness presentations are offered to Haitian immigrants of all ages, and individual counseling services provide emotional and psychological support from professionals who understand the unique Haitian culture. In recent years, Hands Together has expanded its outreach program to Haiti, advancing the education of university students and improving the rural village of Jeandenis with infrastructure projects like a new bridge, generator, community center, and mobile medical clinic. In both South Florida and Haiti, Hands Together strives to overcome the obstacles and gives hope to the Haitian community.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/handstogetherpb

ISRAEL CANCER ASSOCIATION USA

Leading-edge cancer research can be done in Israel at a fraction of the cost of comparable research in the United States with fewer restrictions. The scientific work is stellar and the research value, dollar for dollar, is unrivaled. Since 1994, Israel Cancer Association USA has been raising funds to support cancer research in Israel, which has more doctors and scientists per capita than any other country in the world. The Palm Beach-based national nonprofit provides fellowship grants through the privately funded Israel Cancer Association to cancer researchers like Professor Ronit Satchi-Fainaro. Her work with nanomedicine at Tel Aviv University may one day allow doctors to send highly personalized medications directly to a tumor site. Because 100 percent of the fellowship dollars raised in the U.S. go directly to the Israel scientists, not their institutions, their progress has been remarkable. Today, Israeli researchers continue to develop new treatments, diagnostic tools, and cancer prevention techniques that advance the global struggle against this deadly disease.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/icausa

KIJANA EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

Like many young Kenyans, John Mulima was born in a poor rural village with little hope for a better life. But with support from the Kijana Educational Empowerment Initiative, John enrolled at the University of Nairobi and plans to become a journalist. “Kijana has influenced the schools and students in this region in so many amazing ways,” he says. “It certainly transformed my life.” Founded in 2002, Kijana has assisted 25 primary and secondary schools in western Kenya, helping more than 17,000 students gain access to educational resources. For instance, the international nonprofit spurred the redevelopment of Mwituha Secondary School in Bunyore, whose 380 students recently held the first Kijana Music and Drama Festival. In addition, Kijana developed a pilot Global Student Summit in which young people from schools in Kenya connected with South Florida students via Skype to address global water issues. Now, Kijana is committed to investing in the creative young minds that will help shape the future of Africa—and the entire world.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/kijana

CURRENT NEEDS

$200 - Purchase 50 books for a school in Kenya
$1,500 - Support for one teacher in Kenya for a year
$2,000 - Develop rainwater collection system for a secondary or primary school

James P. Cummings, President
321 Northlake Blvd., Suite 202
North Palm Beach, FL 33408
561-337-7893

CURRENT NEEDS

$430 – Funding for cancer patients or survivors to participate in support groups
$1,000 – Computer for a needy child with cancer
$2,500 – Support for a cancer research fellowship grant for a distinguished scientist

Jill Cooper, Executive Director
525 S. Flagler Drive, Suite 202
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561-832-9277

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Materials for one student in a local academic class or one adult student in computer or literacy class
$500 - Will provide 100 families with a clean water filter (BS filter)
$2,500 - Year’s salary for 10 teachers at a school in Haiti

Nancy Anderson, President and CEO
25 South H Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460
12415 Indian Road
North Palm Beach, FL 33408
[Mailing address]
561-676-5822

HANDS TOGETHER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
THE GUATEMALAN TOMORROW FUND

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/puravida

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Emergency “salvation” packs
$800 - Refrigerator
$2,500 - Sponsor seven children for a year

Albert Rossodivita, Executive Director
536 Driftwood Road
North Palm Beach, FL 33408
561-889-2241

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PURESAA HUMANITARIAN, CORP.

Last year, Giselle Meza stood guard on Nepal’s border, leading a humanitarian team that rescued 20 young girls from being smuggled into India for a life in slavery. A former model and survivor, Meza has dedicated her life to stopping the brutal criminals who send 15,000 Nepali children into slavery each year. Driven by her courage and compassion, Meza founded Puresa Humanitarian in 2006 to fight the global epidemic of trafficking in human lives. Since then, the Boca Raton nonprofit has provided nurturing after-care services for more than 50 girls and children rescued from sexual slavery, including safe shelter, food, counseling, education and skills training for rescued women. By launching an eco-friendly product skills training program, Puresa has provided employment to many rescued women, giving them the skills to break the cycle of poverty. Puresa’s team educates local village families about protecting their children from human traffickers and is currently fundraising to build a safe home for rescued children in India. In all these ways, Puresa brings healing and hope to victims of sexual slavery. After all, a human life should never be for sale.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/puresa

CURRENT NEEDS

$278 - Sponsor a child for one month (housing, food, counseling, medicine, clothing, education)
$1,500 - Funding toward rescue mission costs for one month
$2,500 - Food for 15 children for one month

Giselle Meza, Founder/President
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THE GUATEMALAN TOMORROW FUND

In rural Guatemala, a little Mayan girl might leave school in first grade to help her family pick crops, while her older brother pulls a plow through the field. Without the ability to read and write, these children are condemned to a life of toil and poverty. In an effort to combat the harsh realities of rural life, South Florida businessman Steve Dudenhofer founded Asociación Ak’ Tenamit (AAT) in 1992 to create a new village in Guatemala’s eastern rain forest with the help of local Q’eqchi Maya leaders. Today, the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund raises funds in the United States and provides logistical support for ATT’s internationally recognized boarding school which offers a practical curriculum and work-study programs for more than 500 middle and high school students. AAT also runs a walk-in medical and dental clinic that serves students and patients from surrounding villages. By driving change in a region where only 5 percent of Mayan girls finish high school and one-fifth of adults are illiterate, the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund is changing young lives for the better.

www.extraordinarycharities.org/guattfund

CURRENT NEEDS

$50 - Helps defer the cost of providing health and dental care for one student over the course of the year.
$100 - Will help cover the costs of transportation, room and board for a senior student’s 3 month internship.
$360 - Annual Student Sponsorship. Helps defray the costs of tuition, room and board for a student at the Boarding School

Suzanne Cordero, Executive Director
759 Parkway St., #101
Jupiter, FL 33469
561-747-9790

www.extraordinarycharities.org/puravida

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www.extraordinarycharities.org/puresa
From the ocean dunes to the Everglades, Palm Beach County’s natural environment faces a host of threats. Philanthropic support plays a vital role in helping area nonprofits defend the fragile ecosystem and educate the community about the importance of preserving these irreplaceable resources. Other nonprofits focus on sustaining the special bonds between humans and animals that mean so much to individuals and families. For all these charities, donor support is essential for their efforts to ensure that Palm Beach County enjoys a strong and sustainable future.
One of the world’s most fragile environments is in grave danger – right in our backyard. That’s why the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades is leading an education and advocacy campaign to preserve the Everglades, and ensure that both children and adults understand the true value of this priceless natural resource. Nancy and John Marshall launched the Foundation in 1998 to sustain the legacy of their uncle, scientist and conservationist Arthur Marshall, whose blueprint for restoring the Everglades through the slow movement of surface water remains viable today. As the only South Florida nonprofit focused on Everglades education, the Foundation touches 25,000 lives a year with a unique hands-on approach that includes classroom presentations, summer camps, student photography projects and more. The Foundation also works closely with regional partners such as the South Florida Water Management District, University of Florida and Florida Atlantic University to plant native trees and conduct environmental research. Through its invaluable work, the Foundation is addressing the nature deficit in children and adults, while leading the fight to preserve our regional heritage.

Dottie Carson, Executive Director
1028 N. Federal Hwy.
Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-233-9004

Big Dog Ranch Rescue believes in the lasting value of a wagging tail, a welcoming bark or a pair of big puppy-dog eyes. For young children, growing families and senior citizens, those are all happy signs of a loyal canine companion. Since its founding in 2008, Big Dog Ranch Rescue in rural Wellington has quickly grown to become the largest no kill shelter in Florida. It provides a warm home and affectionate professional care to homeless and unwanted dogs of all breeds, while promoting adoption by loving area residents. Offering services like vaccines, spaying/neutering, microchip insertion and medical care, the nonprofit seeks to find the right home for each rescued dog. Volunteers even make personal home visits to potential adoptees. Big Dog Ranch Rescue also celebrates that special bond between dogs and people through education, awareness and community outreach, as well as a partnership with South Florida Wildlife Center. At Big Dog Ranch Rescue, little miracles occur every day.

Meg Weinberger, Vice President
10948 Acme Road
Wellington, FL 33414
561-310-6591

Located on an Atlantic Ocean barrier island, John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is a 438-acre natural preserve, whose environmental treasures include nesting grounds for endangered sea turtles. Thanks largely to the nonprofit Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, more than 4,000 Palm Beach County students tour the Park annually, including many children from urban neighborhoods who had never seen the ocean or explored the outdoors. With summer camps for different ages and science programs for students from first to 12th grade, the Park truly serves as “nature’s classroom.” A business partner with the Palm Beach County School District, the Friends was also a 2012 nominee for “Environmental Education Program of the Year” at the Pine Jog Environmental Education Green Gala. Through the efforts of more than 2,000 volunteer members, the Friends has also helped raise money for the Park’s nature and welcome center, science education center, gift shop, and other facilities, helping to preserve the unspoiled beauty of the Park for future generations.

Cheryl Houghtelin, Executive Director
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North Palm Beach, FL 33408
561-776-7446

www.extraordinarycharities.org/artmarshall

www.extraordinarycharities.org/bdrr

www.extraordinarycharities.org/fombsp
As one of the world’s most important sea turtle research, rehabilitation and education facilities, Loggerhead Marinelife Center plays a vital role in protecting Florida’s fragile coastal ecosystem. Nearly 30 years ago, Eleanor Fletcher recognized that Juno Beach was a favored nesting habitat for Loggerhead, Green and Leatherback sea turtles and began studying their behavior. Known as The Turtle Lady, Fletcher saw that man’s encroachment on the shoreline threatened these marine species and began teaching Palm Beach County children about the importance of conservation. Today, the Marinelife Center continues her legacy, hosting 215,000 visitors each year, including numerous student groups. The Center’s researchers use sophisticated technology to monitor sea turtles’ nesting habits and movements in the ocean. In addition, the Center operates the only sea turtle veterinary hospital in the region. Injured turtles can recover on site until they are cleared for release back to the ocean or transferred to a permanent facility – an important step in supporting the future of these endangered species.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $1,500 - 15 handheld GPS navigators
- $2,000 - Two GPS data loggers
- $2,500 - Surgical ventilator

Jack Lighton, President & CEO
14200 US Highway One
Juno Beach, FL 33408
561-627-8280 ext. 100

www.extraordinarycharities.org/marinelife

With its unique combination of educational exhibits and programs, the Sandoway House Nature Center in Delray Beach brings South Florida’s fragile marine and freshwater environments to life. Located in a historic 1936 beachfront home that is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Center’s highlights include a 15,000-gallon saltwater pool with live sharks, a coral reef environment, a world-class shell collection and plenty of native plants and animals. It’s the only nature center in Palm Beach County that focuses on shark conservation, and visitors watch daily feedings and learn about these endangered marine predators. Each year, the Center reaches more than 5,000 youths, including at-risk children, and provides them with a wide range of educational programs that include astronomy nights, beach walks and talks, historical tours, photography classes, summer camps and beach cleanups. The two-story, wood-framed Sandoway House also provides visitors with a glimpse of the historical, political, economic, and social trends of the late 1930s. After all, both preservation and conservation are crucial to building a sustainable future for our region.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $100 - Food for the Center’s animals
- $500 - Filters for the Center’s freshwater turtle tank
- $2,500 – Touch tank for children

Danica Sanborn, Executive Director
142 S. Ocean Blvd.
Delray Beach, FL 33483
561-274-7263

www.extraordinarycharities.org/sandowayhouse

To understand dolphins, researchers need to meet them in their world, on their terms. Since 1985, that vision has guided Denise Herzing, founder of the Wild Dolphin Project, in studying a pod of free-ranging Atlantic spotted dolphins each summer in the crystal clear summer waters of The Bahamas. Working with college interns and graduate students from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Dr. Herzing has guided the nonprofit scientific organization in studying the real lives of wild dolphins, learning about their social structure and trying to crack their code of communication. A team from National Geographic accompanied the Palm Beach County scientists this summer to document the work of the longest running underwater dolphin research project in the world. In addition to tracking the pod’s annual migration from Florida to The Bahamas through three generations, the Wild Dolphin Project surveys whale and other dolphin migration patterns, providing important baseline information for marine regulatory and environmental organizations, and fostering a greater appreciation for the biodiversity of the oceans.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $Any value - Unused airline miles for student/researcher conference travel
- $1,600 - GPS unit with weather by Sirius/XM radio service
- $2,500 - New underwater housing for video camera

Dr. Denise L. Herzing
Research Director and CEO
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Jupiter, FL 33458
561-575-5660

www.extraordinarycharities.org/wilddolphin
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Nancy Anderson, President

“I don’t have the words to tell you how honored and humbled we are to have been choosen among the 51 non-profits to be show-cased in your exquisite ‘Directory for Charitable Giving Guide.’ All of us at HTPB would like to thank you for your unrelenting time and efforts to bring to fruition this superb piece of art. It is truly a beauty to read and share.”

IN THE PINES
Jerry Goray, President

“I saw the Extraordinary Charities book last night and I must tell you, it’s extremely well done. Super work. A real service for our community. Thank you for including In The Pines”

ARTHUR R. MARSHALL FOUNDATION
FOR THE EVERGLADES

Nancy Marshall, President


“On behalf of all the smaller charities in Palm Beach County who are working to make a difference in our community, thank you to Extraordinary Charities for paving the way for greater recognition and support.”

CLINICS CAN HELP
Sherry Eastwood
Board Member

“Often, a small endowment can mean the difference between a charity achieving the critical mass necessary to succeed and thrive, versus languish in frustration. Many thanks to you and your staff for a job well done and I look forward to the bright future of Extraordinary Charities.”

GRANDMA’S PLACE
Karen Vaughan, President

“I would like to thank you and Extraordinary Charities, Inc. for the wonderful work you are doing to help smaller charities in our community to continue helping those in need.”

S.B. IDEA, INC.
Kelly Rowland, E.D.

“It means so much to us,” said Kelly Rowland, executive director of S.B. Idea, Inc., one of the organizations featured. “We are so far in the trenches actually doing the work that it’s nice to have another organization to spearhead something of this caliber.” She also expressed how impressed she was with the catalog’s presentation of her mission. “They put it together in such a beautiful way that it brought me to tears.”

EL SOL, JUPITER’S NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
Ed Ricci, President

“On behalf of El Sol I would like to thank you sincerely for the generous awards for El Sol’s Sun Protection Campaign. All of this would not be possible without the kind support of our volunteers and donors. We are grateful for the continuous support we have received from you and look forward to continue building our relationship.”
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