In the six years that Extraordinary Charities of Palm Beach County has published the Directory for Charitable Giving, we have focused on culture, education, international issues, nature and environment and human services. Support of each area is key to the success of our community. However, we have evolved into a publication with an emphasis on human services and education.

Given the current social climate in our county, we have seen an increase in the need for homeless shelters, literacy training for adults, job placement of immigrant citizens, as well as integrating others into our community. Support is maintained for underprivileged children who need guidance through elementary and high school, and encouragement as they approach college.

An abandoned baby, a battered spouse, a violent teenager or a family left homeless – these are among the tragic stories that unfold every day in Palm Beach County. The inability to read or write, not only in a second language, but in your own can be frustrating and embarrassing. Limitations on the prospect of a job or just navigating everyday life for many is exasperating. Fortunately, there are many human services nonprofits that do an effective job of combating the causes of these serious social problems.

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 more effective 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.

Unsung heroes in these organizations work to help children, adults and families improve their lives, and they deserve our thanks. Through continued philanthropic support, these extraordinary charities can continue to save lives and change our community for the better.

Joyfully,
Beverlee Miller Raymond & John J. Raymond Jr.
Co-Founders, Extraordinary Charities, Inc.
561-601-9955
On behalf of Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County and the children we so passionately serve, I would like to thank you and Extraordinary Charities for your generous donation of thirty-five $25 gift cards as well as covering the cost of pizza at Glades Central for our students.

Nancy Stellway, Executive Director
Take Stock in Children

We are so excited that you have chosen Grace Notes to be part of the Extraordinary Charities family. We look forward to growing our foundation with your help in order to better serve children in our community who are often overlooked.

Alice & Sandra
Grace Notes Foundation

On behalf of the Homeless Coalition and Rachel, one of our Rapid Re-Housing clients, thank you for selecting us to receive the 2006 Toyota Camry. Thanks to your generosity, Rachel won’t have to walk home from work at night when buses don’t run and the burden of trying to get her grandson to the many doctor appointments has been eased.

Marilyn Munoz, Executive Director
Homeless Coalition Palm Beach County

I don’t know how to thank you for all the ways you’ve made my world a better place and the ways you’ve made the world a better place for so many!

You are a rare visionary who also knows how to get things done. You lead with your heart and let your head fill in the details.

Thank you for being you,
Barbara Abernathy,
Pediatric Oncology Support Team (POST)
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John J. Raymond, Co-Founder, Extraordinary Charities
We have experienced tremendous growth over the past year at Extraordinary Charities and have changed our business goals to include more philanthropic endeavors.

On a personal note, I must mention that I could not have accomplished all that I have without the support and guidance of my husband, John. He has been my confidant, my best friend and the driving force to become more involved in the human services community since we met 10 years ago.

John was at my side last year while building a group home for my brother, Jayme. He kept me focused on my brother’s needs and the ultimate goals for the home. Although some of my ideas may seem a bit “out there” to him, his support is complete and unwavering. He has been inspirational in our latest venture to develop a nonprofit center in West Palm Beach – which is slated to open in 2019.

John is not unlike my father, a man with great vision and determination, working tirelessly for his clients, his family and always in support of my endeavors. His generosity in our community truly defines who he is – a loving man with a heart of gold.

I truly am fortunate to have him as my husband.

Joyfully,
Beverlee Miller Raymond
Co-Founder, Extraordinary Charities, Inc.
CURRENT NEEDS

$100 – Provides funding for free eating disorder community presentation
$500 – Educate 50 medical professionals in the local community
$1,000 – Provides one month of a free, clinician-led support group

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www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com

ALLIANCE FOR EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS

Someone dies every 62 minutes from an eating disorder. The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness is working to bring attention to this devastating mental illness and offers hope to those struggling with its effects. The Alliance, founded in October 2000, is the only national provider of free, clinician-led support groups for eating disorders, including six in Palm Beach County. In 2017, the Alliance opened Psychological Services, the nation’s first low-cost outpatient treatment option for the underinsured and uninsured. The organization also offers the largest referral database for all levels of care. Education is a cornerstone of the Alliance’s efforts in the community, with programs aimed at thousands of medical practitioners and community leaders. Walking in to the brightly colored West Palm Beach office - a safe haven for those struggling with eating disorders - gives people a sense of hope. Recovery becomes not just a dream but a realistic goal. With help, clients learn to overcome fear and embrace change. The Alliance welcomes volunteers and visitors.

AUTISM PROJECT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Increasing opportunities for people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is the primary goal of The Autism Project of Palm Beach County (APPBC). It’s a fundraising arm for several programs, including The Learning Center and The Learning Academy at The Els Center of Excellence — two charter schools for students age 3-21 with ASD. The focus is on an academic schedule with heavy socialization. The Learning Center provides quality education to students and much-needed support to parents. The older students focus on academics, vocational skills, functional life skills, social and communication skills. The APPBC’s newest project is the construction of Palm Beach County’s first group home that will be built exclusively to serve adults with ASD. “Our House” will be located on one acre adjacent to The Els Center of Excellence in Jupiter. The location will give residents convenient access to the educational, vocational, therapeutic and recreational resources available on the growing campus. The construction of Our House will begin in 2019, with completion expected in 2020.

www.autismprojectofpalmbeachcounty.org

www.autismprojectofpalmbeachcounty.org

www.allianceforeatingdisorders.com

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CURRENT NEEDS

$150 – Set of ten therapeutic children’s books
$550 – One portable EMDR device
$2,000 – Six months of Play Therapy for 8 children

Renée Layman, CEO
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Life was painful and chaotic for Sarah, a 7-year-old who was having violent temper tantrums at school. She screamed, pulled her hair, stole food, and threw her body on the floor. An investigation revealed she had been sexually abused by her brother for five years and exposed to domestic violence and substance use by her parents. She was removed from the home and referred to the Center for Child Counseling’s Childhood Trauma Response Program. Using intensive trauma therapy, Sarah was able to process her abuse and talk about how it impacted her. She used artwork to describe the abuse and how it caused her pain. Her temper tantrums and self-harming stopped. Hers is one of the many success stories from the center, which provides prevention activities and therapeutic care for the community’s most vulnerable children. More than 2,500 children are helped each year. The organization offers hope and opportunity for the youngest, most vulnerable children in Palm Beach County impacted by abuse, violence, and other trauma.

www.centerforchildcounseling.org
Encouraging children to learn through the arts has been the focus of the Center for Creative Education (CCE) for 25 years. The in-house C4 Media Arts and Technology Program leverages the arts and technology for third through twelfth graders to enhance student performance in language arts, math and science. It also offers an outlet for self-expression for disadvantaged young people who feel they are not heard or valued in school or at home. C4 students work toward mastering skills in theater, visual arts, sound design, media arts, digital cinema, web design and coding. The majority of students served at the center, in West Palm Beach’s Northwood Village, are economically and socially challenged and are at risk for failure. More than half of C4 students’ families live in poverty. CCE programs promote collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity, vital in today’s technology-driven world. Were it not for the generosity of CCE supporters, most of these children would be unable to afford these unique and highly effective learning opportunities.

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www.cceflorida.org
How do you keep at-risk children busy, safe and active after school and during the summer? Club 100 in Lake Park, Jupiter and Cabana Colony strives to come up with the answers. It adopted the name Club 100 because it operates with at least 100 volunteers, and 100 percent of gifts and grants go directly to student or family activities. A Club 100 facility in Cabana Colony serves 150 youths in North Palm Beach with activities ranging from tennis and softball to life skills training. Club 100 has a homework assistance program in Cabana Colony and Jupiter. The Lake Park Community Outreach program has a garden where children cultivate vegetables. The Club runs a pantry and clothes closet, where food and clothing are distributed weekly to 250 families. Club 100 shares partnerships with El Sol After School Program in Jupiter, Healthy Food Healthy Living and St. George’s Homeless Center in Rivera Beach. Club 100 is blessed with many corporate sponsors including the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office.

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COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS (CILO)

A woman born without arms or legs needs an automatic door opener so she can leave her apartment building, but the condominium board won’t grant permission. A man with a disability needs help appealing a denial of Social Security benefits. These are two examples of deserving clients served by the Coalition for Independent Living Options, an organization that provides emotional support, financial assistance, and other essential resources to residents of Palm Beach County, Martin County and the Treasure Coast. Services range from helping disabled veterans re-enter the workforce to assisting people with disabilities who have been victims of violent crimes. All services are free. Most clients are financially needy. A food pantry has been established, and a seven-week summer camp program has grown to 40 students ages 14-26. They receive breakfast and lunch at camp and a take-home dinner. We also offer a boot camp to teach office skills to high school seniors. CILO opens doors for people who might otherwise find them closed.

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www.cilo.org
Seniors who have trouble getting out to shop for healthy foods have a friend in the Community Caring Center of Greater Boynton Beach. A “Veggie Mobile” delivers fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms, and seniors can come out and shop – for free. It’s part of the center’s signature Senior Caregiving Program that brings services directly to clients. The center strives to address the root causes of poverty – including lack of access to affordable, healthy food and limited mobility. An economic development program serves budding entrepreneurs through Culinary Business Incubator, an urban farming project tied to the center’s Secret Garden Cafe. It has generated more than $1 million in gross sales, taking people from unemployment to self-employment. Through its Homeless Outreach, the center serves more than 2,500 families a year with emergency food, shelter and financial assistance. The need for food, economic support and training continues to grow, but finding enough space to service clients and run the programs remains the Community Caring Center’s biggest challenge.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

- $150 – Stock the VeggieMobile with locally grown, fresh produce for one day
- $1,080 – Three entrees delivered to 40 people for one week
- $1,500 – One day of hot meals to 115 seniors

Sherry Johnson, Executive Director
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www.cccgbb.org
The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community of Palm Beach County rely on the Compass Community Center for help at home, work or school as they navigate their way toward empowered, healthy, productive lives. Among the crucial services offered by the newly renovated, 14,000-square-foot Lake Worth facility is The Youth Program, a safe, non-judgmental environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth between 6 and 17. Another is the new LGBTQ Elders program. Compass also offers services for LGBTQ Homeless Youth, and has onsite medical services and counseling. Compass has evolved into a leader in HIV prevention and care efforts. It is a safe space for individuals and families, partnering with more than 250 organizations to ensure social and economic justice. Fundraisers include Cocktails for Compass, a winter gala that supports activities and programs while recognizing donors and supporters. Other events include PrideFest of the Palm Beaches, World AIDS Day and the Stonewall Black and White Ball.
DEPORRES ADULT LITERARY CENTER

Literacy is one of the foundations of society, and the DePorres Adult Literary Center is providing the building blocks with one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction. The West Palm Beach-based program, staffed with retired professionals and former teachers, is free for adults 18 and older who want to learn basic reading skills or master spoken English. Participants pay a minimal cost for textbooks. DePorres started in 1997 with nine students and three volunteer tutors. Three hundred students were tutored this year with 90 volunteers. Students attend class two times a week and can use computers to study or work on a resume. DePorres has one full-time staff member and three part-timers. Programs address the needs of those who speak English as a first language, but who read below a fifth-grade level. Some students advance to read literary classics. A spring luncheon is an important source of funding, but many needs remain. Space is a major problem for DePorres, located in West Palm Beach’s Northwood neighborhood.

www.deporresplace.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - gives a student access to online learning software
$500 - provides 100 bus rides for students to attend classes
$1,000 - provides instruction to one student for an entire year

Judy Ireland, Executive Director
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401
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DIGITAL VIBEZ

Many kids are out of shape and stressed out, according to Digital Vibez, an organization that aims to change that through dance fitness, wellness workshops and technology programs for underserved communities. Executive Director Wil Romelus founded the Greenacres-based nonprofit eight years ago. It has three core programs: focused dance fitness, technology and the arts. Romelus and staff work with Title I schools and he calls himself a “Proud Afterschool Enrichment Provider.” Fitness Fiesta incorporates hip-hop, Spanish and Island moves and rhythms. Wellness workshops deal with health and nutrition. Each child receives a pedometer and a journal to track their experience. Digital Expressions runs eight weeks, with two weeks of hip-hop, audio production, video production and an offering called Literacy Thru Lyrics. An annual KidsFit Jamarthon serves 3,000 youth with health and fitness information, goody bags and dancing. Digital Vibez allows all children to achieve and maintain physical fitness. It’s a positive approach to moving and learning.

www.digitalvibez.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$400 - 4 Office Suite software packages
$3,000 - 2 MacBook Pro computers
$4,500 - 15 iPads

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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. El Sol is a labor center that matches day laborers – primarily immigrants from Guatemala and Southern Mexico – with employers, such as contractors and homeowners. Through El Sol, laborers can improve their Spanish skills, take English classes and learn about vocational topics like landscaping, painting, housekeeping and computer skills. Since its founding in 2006, El Sol has expanded services to include language classes, literacy instruction, counseling, and health education. Its new strategic plan is focused on labor, adult education, health, community life, and child development. The labor program promotes job opportunities through vocational training. A School for Parents and summer camp for children of workers was added. El Sol is also a social center, where participants learn from each other and volunteer their time to support community projects.

Suzanne Cordero, Executive Director
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www.friendsofelsol.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 - Sponsor one child to participate in El Sol’s 6-week summer camp
$500 - Supports the hot meal program
$1000 - Sponsor an adolescent girls Book Club for one year

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FAMILY PROMISE OF NORTH/CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

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CURRENT NEEDS

$ 100 - Gift cards for fuel
$ 500 - Child Care Co-Pay
$1,000 - Funds for camps when school is closed

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www.familypromisencpbc.org
FARMWORKER COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.

Current Needs

Hardworking migrants who harvest vegetables in Palm Beach County often need a helping hand. The Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. has been a trusted source for community services for these laborers since 1978. Its mission is to promote self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life through education, advocacy and access to services. It connects families with essentials such as healthcare, housing and social services. The Council gives farm families a boost through several programs. The Family Preservation & Economic Stabilization (FPES) program provides support to families going through an economic crisis. Education Programs help farmworkers and their children achieve higher education levels. Families can access healthcare through the Community Health Access Teams (CHAT) program. People In Need (PIN) aims to help those who don’t qualify for services but have unmet needs through rental assistance, food, clothing and transportation. The Council helps thousands of families look to the future with hope.

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FAULK CENTER FOR COUNSELING

Current Needs

People who suffer from depression, anxiety and other crippling mental illnesses can lose hope if they can’t afford therapy. But no one is ever turned away at the Faulk Center for Counseling. The center has been providing free and low-cost mental health programs to uninsured, underserved and at-risk individuals of all ages for 45 years. Clinical services are offered to 2,000 clients every year by doctoral interns, masters level practicum students and volunteer mental health professionals under the close supervision of licensed clinical psychologists. Clients and groups are seen at the center’s Boca Raton facility and at schools and senior centers. Services include individual counseling, couples and family counseling; counseling groups for adults, teens and children; and support groups for widows, divorcées, and LGBTQ adults and teens. Therapy sessions are $45 with a sliding scale for those who need it. Support groups are $5 per session, while most counseling groups are $25 per month. At the Faulk Center, people learn to think differently, feel healthier and live happier.

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www.faulkcenterforcounseling.org
To donors and sponsors for the CILO Alert Summer Camp 2018:

Thank you for providing this opportunity for my son to attend this inclusive, informative, and fun camp. My son is a teenager with autism and needs to be in a camp that will give him that support. This camp gave him multiple experiences in a variety of settings to show him different types of jobs that he could do to earn a living. They went to Publix, Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill and more. It also gave him some tools to acquire the potential jobs. He visited two different colleges and worked on his résumé and more. I’m very grateful for this aspect of the camp. However, this camp went above and beyond and provided two and a half meals (food he really enjoyed eating) throughout the duration of the camp and sent home groceries for the weekend. They also enjoyed trips to the science museum, movies, bowling, and more. He met new friends and happily participated in a talent show! It was so well-tailored to what he needs at this time in his life. I’m am truly grateful he was able to attend.

-- Monica Eads

I just want to take a moment to express my gratitude. I am grateful that Kenny was able to attend the program this summer at no expense to me. We didn't send him to camp in the last few years because we couldn't afford the expense. When I heard that Kenny could attend for free this year, I was glad. Kenny really enjoyed going on the field trips, especially going to Lion Country Safari. His favorite part was feeding the giraffes. Also, I was grateful for the bags of food that were sent home over the weekends. It was a big help. I also want to take a moment to thank the generosity of the donors who made this possible. Thanks again.

-- Mrs. Pearl Smith

I just wanted to thank you and your staff for making these past seven weeks so enjoyable for Damion and myself. He has been so excited about camp every day. I see a big improvement with his social skills. I would also like to say thank you for all that the sponsors and donors have done to make this such a wonderful experience for us. The talent show was awesome. Keep up all the good work you guys do. Hopefully we can do this again next year.

-- Nela Smith

I want to thank you and your staff so much for the summer camp experience my nephew Michael Pinkoff enjoyed. He had a wonderful seven weeks! He made great friends and came home happy every day. When I picked him up the counselors always had kind words to say about his day – they are so talented and caring, and see the best in all the kids! I could never have afforded to send him to camp and can't believe the amazing activities everyone at CILO made possible. I wish I could personally thank each donor personally for their generosity. It truly made a difference in the life of Michael and myself!

Your fan,

-- Karen Abbott

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by mailing a check directly to the charities you wish to support. Write “Extraordinary Charities” in the memo line of your check, so the recipients are aware you found them in this Directory.

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Single mothers and seniors who are raising abandoned grandchildren are often so strapped they find it hard to put food on the table. Volunteers for Feed the Hungry – even the CEO is a volunteer – offer them and others nutritious meats, vegetables, bread and canned goods for less than 17 cents a meal. More than 2 million meals a year are served. The organization delivers food three times a week to 398-plus shut-ins at senior residences where there is no bus to the grocery store and no money. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, the program expands to feed more than 5,000 families. Sandwiches and snacks are handed out in local parks with a partner agency. The program connects families to free medical and legal services, and tax preparation services. Volunteers give away beds for those sleeping on the floor, and dishes, sheets, stoves, microwaves, couches and chairs for those with no furniture. Homeless veterans, disadvantaged students and migrant families are also among those who benefit from Feed the Hungry.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

$1,500 – 8,824 meals for hungry children, disabled veterans & shut-ins

$6,000 – 3,000 bags of potatoes for hearty meals

$60,000 – NEW refrigerated van to deliver to seniors & the disabled

Dan Shorter, Volunteer CEO
8306 155th Place North
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
561-398-2828

www.feedthehungrypbc.org
CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Cost of consumable supplies including pull-ups, deodorant, feminine products, etc.

$250 - Registration for the ACT, SAT, and college admission fee for one high school graduate

$75,000 - To replace a 15-year-old 24-passenger bus

www.forthechildrenfirst.org

Keeping children motivated and passionate about their dreams is a key focus of For The Children, Inc. – an organization dedicated to helping kids achieve academic excellence, responsibility and emotional skills through hard work and persistence. The organization serves more than 500 participants at five Lake Worth sites. It offers early education to Pre-K children and afterschool programming to students from elementary to high school. Both children and adults benefit from FTC’s Community Wellness program, which provides counseling, health education, parent support groups and case management. Children’s lives are enriched with activities they enjoy, like yoga, debate, cooking and dancing. FTC works with local governments to enhance its outcomes, and it shows children the value of higher education by exposing them to campus life. It promotes junior entrepreneurs through the creation of a “Shark Tank” and the cultivation of its gardens, where fruits and vegetables are grown for sale at community markets.

www.forthechildrenfirst.org

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach

A soldier deployed in Iraq in 2003 was frustrated, tired and longing for home. His plight resonated with Lynelle Chauncey Zelnar, since he was the son of a coworker – and she decided to help. She began collecting items to send to the soldier and his squad members, an effort that gave birth to the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach program. Now tucked away in the warehouse district in Lake Worth, staff and volunteers are busy packing “We Care” boxes to ship overseas to members of the military. The boxes, which contain donated non-perishable items and toiletries, have benefited nearly a half-million service members. Up to 400 boxes are shipped each month. The program also recruits school children to write much appreciated letters to the soldiers. Forgotten Soldiers Outreach holds several fundraisers throughout the year, some centered around Memorial Day, July Fourth and Veterans Day. Until there are no more wars – a dream Lynelle shares – you’ll find staff and volunteers packing boxes every day for those who serve.

www.forgottensoldiers.org

FOR THE CHILDREN

CURRENT NEEDS

$25 - to sponsor one box

$5,000 – “We Care” packages for 3 months to newly registered unit of 61 US Marines

Priceless – Letters of encouragement to include in the “We Care” packages

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GENESIS ASSISTANCE DOGS

Janice, who has been using a wheelchair since 1998, dreamed of having a service dog. Her dream became reality in 2013 with the arrival of her dog Mysti – who brings her keys, picks up anything she drops and is trained to bring Janice’s cell phone if she falls. Janice and Mysti are one of the success stories at Genesis Assistance Dogs, which matches up dogs and clients to make sure they’re a perfect fit. The training of Genesis dogs start at birth and each dog is trained for the specific needs of the person they will serve. The training can cost up to $30,000 per dog and take up to two years. But Genesis dogs are provided free to clients, so community support is essential. Once a Genesis dog is trained and delivered, Genesis provides ongoing support for the client and dog throughout the dog’s life. The mission is to provide the right dog and the support needed so that clients can lead vibrant, independent lives.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $30 - Zukes Training Treats for one dog in training
- $260 - 1 year supply of Trifexis flea/heartworm control for one dog
- $465 - Fromm Gold Large Breed Dog Food, one year’s supply for one dog

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www.genesisassistancedogsinc.org

THE GLADES INITIATIVE, INC.

The Glades area of western Palm Beach County faces poverty, illiteracy, a lack of healthcare and limited employment opportunities. But thousands of low-income residents, many of them with limited English-speaking skills, can access basic safety net services through The Glades Initiative. The organization offers immediate support as well as hope for a brighter future through education and training. The Glades Area Food Bank, in partnership with 14 distribution sites, provides food to an average of 5,000 people per month. Program participants get help through community research educators with finding health insurance coverage. The Cooking Matters Nutrition Education classes teach families how to shop on a budget and prepare healthy and affordable meals. Last year, 85 residents enrolled in the organization’s Financial Literacy classes, learning how to navigate banking, credit and other essential financial issues. The Glades Initiative serves as a passionate advocate for change, making a lasting difference in the lives of people throughout the western communities.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $150 - Food items for one session of a Cooking Matters class (15 participants)
- $2,000 - For purchase of public use computers for clients
- $85,000 - new refrigerated truck for the Glades Area Food Bank

Karis Engle, President/CEO
141 S.E. Avenue C
Belle Glade, FL 33430
561-996-3310

www.gladesinitiative.org
CURRENT NEEDS

- Pre-School Learning Program
- Art canvas for adult art

Anne Dichele, Executive Director
915 S. Federal Highway
Boynton Beach, FL 33435
561-752-3383

GOLD COAST DOWN SYNDROME ORGANIZATION

When Gail Marino’s daughter was born more than 40 years ago with Down syndrome, doctors told her to leave the baby behind. Instead, she took her daughter home and started the Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization, helping families create meaningful lives for their children. The organization has been working with families in Palm Beach County to develop their child’s potential since 1980. Gold Coast, which offers services from pre-school through adulthood, designed programs to maximize learning and social potential. It has opened doors for their inclusion in schools and community activities. Best Start, The Learning Program, Educational Advocacy and the Exceptional Educators Teacher Training provide education support from birth through high school. Enrichment classes give adults with Down syndrome opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge. Programs are funded primarily through an annual fundraising event called DownRight ExtraOrdinary Walk. At Gold Coast, no child with Down syndrome has ever been left behind.

www.goldcoastdownsyndrome.org
Makayla Joy Sitton was a passionate piano student who at the age of 6 was tragically killed on Thanksgiving Day in 2009. Her memory lives on in the Grace Notes Foundation music scholarships awarded to economically stressed students in Palm Beach County. The Foundation, formed in 2010, awarded six scholarships the first year and presently has 18 students. Awards range from $800 to $1,400. Emergency scholarships are also available. The Concerts for Kids program provides disadvantaged youths with the opportunity to attend an interactive live performance by professional musicians. Community outreach programs provide group music lessons, summer band camp scholarships, and music enrichment classes. Instrument matching grants and loans are available to students with financial need. An annual Carousel Concert-Thon fundraiser is a day of free live music at Downtown at the Gardens where scholarship recipients and professional musicians perform. There is a silent auction and opportunities for sponsorships.

CURRENT NEEDS

$300 - 500 Summer Band Camp Scholarships
$800 - 1400 Annual Individual Music Scholarships
$2,500 - 6-Week Group Music Classes

Sandra Baran & Alice Culbreath, Directors
500 Commerce Way West, Suite 9
Jupiter, FL 33458
561-747-6878

www.gracenotesfoundation.com
CURRENT NEEDS

$500 - One month of gas to transport the children
$1,000 - Commercial grade dishwasher
$2,500 - On-going household maintenance and repairs

Roxanne Jacobs, Executive Director
184 Sparrow Drive
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
561-753-2226

Children who have been removed from a home because of neglect or abuse feel frightened, alone and confused. Fortunately, they can find shelter and comfort at Grandma’s Place. At this safe and welcoming home in Royal Palm Beach, the bedrooms and bathrooms are cheerfully appointed and inviting. The kitchen is a gathering place for meals or doing homework. Children up to age 12, some of them with special needs, stay as long as necessary. They receive medical treatment and go to neighborhood schools. Grandma’s Place is a vital component of the Florida Department of Children and Families safety net. But it expanded its services over the past year to provide respite care for children who have mild to moderate special needs. This is a much-needed service for caregivers who can be exhausted by the demands on them. Respite care can be overnight, after school or on weekends. The facility also offers training for parents of special needs children in behavioral management, communication skills or other relevant subjects.

www.grandmasplacepb.org

GUATEMALAN-MAYA CENTER

CURRENT NEEDS

$1,500 - Paint and rewiring of computer lab
$10,000 - Playground equipment
$12,000 - VPK and school age curriculum

Tim Gamwell, Assistant Executive Director
430 North ‘G’ Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460
561-547-0085

Mayan refugees in South Florida were victims of a war in Guatemala on indigenous people back in the 1980’s. They struggled but survived over the next decades and found a friend in The Guatemalan Maya Center in Lake Worth. Early efforts were focused on prenatal care, but as the population grew there was a need for after-school programs. Children from these families were entering school with half the vocabulary of other students and were unable to use standard school supplies. The Parent Child Home Program was created to work with students before they reached school age. Programs target immigrants, refugees and their families. Forty Percent of the population served is Guatemalan, while the rest come from 13 different countries and speak 19 different languages. The center’s main goals are to improve access for immigrants to social, educational, legal and medical services in Palm Beach County. Long-term goals are to add a middle school program, including a service club working with mentors for newly arrived families.

www.guatemalanmaya.org
Teenage moms have plans and ambitions, but it’s easy for their goals to be thrown off track. They might lose child care and can no longer attend classes for the training that will lead to a stable career. Or a job turns out to be a bad fit for them and they are left adrift. Holy Ground PBC is ready to lend them a hand with shelter, mentoring, education, and skill-building. The Riviera Beach-based organization, founded in 2009, recently opened its new Stockard Family Campus, allowing expanded services. The campus provides meeting space for the women, their mentors, staff and volunteers. Holy Ground makes a long-term commitment to each client, typically 2-4 years. That allows them to further their education and develop parenting skills. Holy Ground clients work part-time and contribute toward their expenses. The moms have a “real life experience” through their independent living model, which includes individual apartments. It transforms their lives and helps them be successful parents and citizens who are financially independent.

CURRENT NEEDS

- $25 - Monthly paper goods per apartment
- $50 - Gift cards for CVS, Target, Walmart and Walgreen’s
- $205 - Client holiday/birthday gift fund per family for one year

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

www.holygroundpbc.org
CURRENT NEEDS

$25 – Non-perishable food items
$240 – Dinner for 60 homeless individuals
$2,500 – Move-in costs to help a homeless individual transition from street to home

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

www.homelesscoalitionpbc.org

JACK THE BIKE MAN

The wheels of hope continue to turn at Jack the Bike Man, a non-profit organization with a sprawling workshop in West Palm Beach where bicycles are repaired and donated to children and adults in need. More than 4,000 bikes are given to people from low income communities. In addition to an annual Christmas giveaway, there is also an afterschool program, bicycle safety and repair programs, and a “Character Counts” initiative at Title I Palm Beach County schools. Founder Samuel “Jack” Hairston III is also involved with the Palm Beach County recovery community. A judge assigns recovering alcoholics and drug addicts to the shop in exchange for a reduction in charges. A fundraising dinner in December, 2017 broke even, and Jack is still looking for ways to fund his two most pressing needs: a $47,000 van to haul a mobile repair unit, pick up donated bikes and transport children during the school year. The non-profit also needs a full-time mechanic and a staff person to manage fundraising events.

www.jackthebikeman.org
A young man named Jeff committed suicide in the mid 1970’s because he said he had no reason to wake up. He had been diagnosed with schizophrenia as he was about to graduate from college. He spent seven years in mental health facilities before being released to his elderly parents because he could not survive alone. Jeff Industries, a mental health agency, was started by a group of parents true grass roots effort that aims to give adults with mental illnesses the opportunity to live independently, learn skills and work in the community. The work center, which has received national recognition, offers employment through its agency owned businesses: Signs and Woodworking, Graphics and Embroidery, and Food Service and Maintenance. Jeff Industries also offers affordable, permanent and supportive housing for people with chronic mental illnesses. There are food programs that provide nutrition education and healthy groceries to qualified participants. Jeff Industries has blossomed over the years to become a multi-faceted, vocational training and employment oriented therapeutic rehabilitation center.

Claudia Roberts, Executive Director
113 East Coast Avenue
Hypoluxo, FL 33462
561-547-9258, Ext. 1314

www.jeffindustries.org
CURRENT NEEDS

$160 - New office chair (need 5)
$592 - iPad Pro (need 3)
$775 - KidSafe for Parents' educational materials

Sally Berenzweig
Co-Founder & Executive Director
20283 State Road 7 #300, Suite 102
Boca Raton, FL 33498
561-715-1077

www.kidsafefoundation.org

KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION

Few stories tug at the heartstrings more than those about children with cancer. At a time when life is expected to be carefree and filled with hope, these young people and their families are battling an enemy that threatens to rob them of their future. Stepping in to lend hope and support since 2001 is the Kids Cancer Foundation. The organization works with a medical team to educate families about their child’s diagnosis and treatment, and helps coordinate foundation services with local, state and national resources. This ensures that emotional, financial and physical needs are met. Coordination of education and support is also critical because it’s been shown to increase a child’s quality of life and overall chance of survival. The Foundation provides programs and services to the entire family. It operates out of the Kids Cancer Center, a colorful building off Southern Boulevard in West Palm Beach. Children and families enjoy the many activities and programs there and consider it a home away from home.

Michele D. O’Boyle, RN, BSN, CPON, Founder/Executive Director
246 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
561-371-1298

www.kidscancersf.org
MEALS ON WHEELS

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 evaluated in a shared kitchen. Each menu is taste tested by the CEO because she does not want to put out a meal that she herself would not find appealing. For homebound senior residents of Palm Beach County – including seniors, 65 or older, disabled seniors, and senior post-surgical patients – Meals on Wheels’ volunteers also deliver emotional support and provide a daily lifeline. One of the goals of Meals on Wheels is to end senior hunger in our community. Founded in 2010, Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches provided nearly 3,000 meals in its first year and will provide an estimated 54,000 meals utilizing 190 volunteers in 2018.

www.mowpb.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$360 - Deliver a hot noontime meal to a homebound senior for three months
$800 - Replace 10 thermal delivery bags
$1560 - Deliver a hot nutritious meal to a homebound senior for an entire year

Pamela Calzadilla, President/CEO
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West Palm Beach, FL 33402
561-802-6979

MILAGRO CENTER

Giving economically-challenged, academically at-risk children a boost pays off for them – and for society. That’s the business of the Milagro Center STARS Program, which serves 43 children in kindergarten through 5th grade. The population consists mostly of Haitian, African American, and Hispanic children, all of whom live below the federal poverty level. Sixty percent of this population graduates from high school, but Milagro Center students do better because they have a 97 percent grade promotion rate. Open year-round, students are engaged when school is not in session, which diminishes learning loss. Milagro’s Teen Leadership Program is a learning enrichment center for high school students serving the same population as STARS. Students attend arts classes, career development workshops and other activities. In 2018, Milagro Center launched its Junior Teen Leadership Program focusing on the unique needs of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. It serves 35 middle school students and provides after-school classes, tutoring, mentoring, and field trips.

Barbara J. Stark, Executive Director
695 Auburn Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444
561-279-2970

www.milagrocenter.org

MILAGRO CENTER

CURRENT NEEDS

$600 each - Computers for Middle School Center
$5,000 - Student Desk Chairs and Art Tables
$6,500 - 10-week summer camp enrichment activities

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Tremendous amounts of food go to waste each day, nutritious fare that could help alleviate hunger if it was put to good use. Fortunately, much of that food is routed to those in need through Palm Beach Harvest, a West Palm Beach organization that feeds an average of 64,000 people multiple times a week. Last year, more than 3 million pounds of food that would normally be wasted from restaurants, hotels and grocery stores, was "rescued" by Palm Beach Harvest. It was delivered to the elderly, ill and others among the 15.5 percent of Americans who are food insecure. Its executive director, Deborah Morgan, began volunteering at a local chapter of USA Harvest after she met children who didn’t eat every day. She transported food from a Palm Springs grocery store to a Boynton Beach soup kitchen and formed Palm Beach Harvest in 1998. Twenty years later, Palm Beach Harvest provides more than 6 million pounds of food to food banks, churches, and other non-profits each year.

www.palmbeachharvest.org
PAWS 4 LIBERTY

Wounded veterans struggling to adjust to life after war are finding help with service dogs specially trained by Paws 4 Liberty. The Wellington-based organization matches returning soldiers with dogs from local shelters. The animals may also be donated. They help veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) – which can trigger anger, hostility, alienation, and depression – regain their independence and confidence. Paws 4 Liberty has two core programs: The Service Dogs for Veterans Program, and the Train Your Own Dog Program. Service Dogs for Veterans screens, trains, and matches service dogs with qualified veterans. In the Train Your Own Dog Program, Paws 4 Liberty works with veterans who already have a dog and would like it to learn tasks that would help them with PTS symptoms. Both programs adhere strictly to the training standards set forth by Assistance Dogs International (ADI). All dogs are neutered, and screened for temperament and physical requirements. There’s a critical need for these dogs, since the U.S. military reports the highest PTS rate in its history.

www.paws4liberty.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$100 - Food and preventative medicine for one service dog in training for one month
$1000 - 20 hours of training for a Train Your Own Dog veteran/service dog team
$5,400 - 120 hours of training for a service dog (the number of hours required for certification)

Heidi Spirazza, Executive Director
8939 Palomino Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33467
561-644-6292
CURRENT NEEDS

$250 – Support group for siblings
$500 – Outings and healing activities for teens and families
$2,500 – Help to pay financial needs for families such as housing, food, medication, and gas cards

Barbara Abernathy, President and CEO
5325 Greenwood Avenue, Suite 301
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
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Parents who are told that their child has cancer embark on a dark journey. But they’re not alone thanks to Pediatric Oncology Support Team (POST), which offers emotional and financial support to children and their families through counseling, case management, play therapy, and school advocacy. POST is the only organization that provides a full range of free comprehensive care to families fighting childhood cancer. The families are guided through every phase of their journey, with experienced and compassionate staff serving as a much-needed support system. Based in West Palm Beach, but serving children from six counties, POST is led by Dr. Barbara Abernathy, a bone marrow transplant survivor. Staff consists of four full-time and three part-time employees, and two interns working with a $450,000 annual budget. Patients range in age from birth to 21 and are treated for leukemia, lymphoma, brain tumors, and bone, soft tissue and liver or kidney cancer. Almost 2,000 children with cancer have been helped by POST in the past 20 years.

www.postfl.org

PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY SUPPORT TEAM (POST)

POTENTIAL ACADEMY

Students with mild learning challenges find a positive environment – and new opportunities for educational success – at Potentia Academy, a comfortable, friendly former Greenacres residence that has been transformed into a school. Eighty percent of the students are on the autism spectrum or have intellectual challenges. They may have been bullied at other schools, but pick up confidence and pride in classrooms with specialized teaching suited to their needs. Tuition is $14,000 a year with state scholarship programs available. Students are placed in classes with students at the same learning level. Potentia’s curriculum is parallel with Palm Beach County School District’s High School Graduation requirements, said Principal Janice Meeks. The school has the lofty goal of doubling the number of campus buildings. Apprenticeship programs are envisioned, as well as a dual enrollment agreement with Palm Beach State College. The school needs $250.00 per month to increase WIFI and Internet and fund after-school sports programs.

www.potentiaacademy.org

CURRENT NEEDS

$450 – One month of weekly cleaning service
$5,000 - $10,000 – Individual student scholarship, per student
$12,000 – Perimeter fence with driveway gate

Anne Coughlin – CCREST Coordinator
4784 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463
561-433-5557
Isaiah was born with Trisomy 18, and doctors told parents Heather and Jonathan to prepare for what would be a long and difficult road. They needed to be as close as possible to the neonatal intensive care unit and to spend every possible second with their new baby. But they faced the incredible pressure of juggling life with a critically ill newborn, an energetic toddler, and a lengthy commute to the hospital. Their load was lightened by Quantum House, a caring and supportive home for families whose children are receiving treatment for a serious medical condition in Palm Beach County. This home away from home, next to Saint Mary’s Medical Center, now serves 30 families at a time. It was able to offer Isaiah’s family the rest they needed. Through continued community support, other families will get that same opportunity for rest and support as their child receives treatment. Each year more than 1,000 family members will only have one focus – seeing their child get better.

Laura Belcher
Community Investment Coordinator
987 45th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
561-494-0515

www.quantumhouse.org

QUANTUM HOUSE

CURRENT NEEDS

$250 – Family pantry supplies
$1,000 – One month of housing for a family
$5,000 – Family meals for one year

www.quantumhouse.org
Turn trash into treasure by taking discarded materials and giving them new life in the world of arts and crafts. Resource Depot has been doing exactly that for nearly 20 years – rescuing unwanted items and redistributing them to teachers, artists and others who turn them into works of wonder. In the process, the non-profit helps arts and education programs stretch their budgets and keeps hundreds of thousands of pounds of reusable materials out of the landfill. Resource Depot encourages people to express their creativity with items like carpet squares, paper of all shapes and colors, wallpaper sample books, and buttons, ribbons and beads. The staff offers field trip programs to students from preschool to high school age, “teach the teacher” workshops, and do-it-yourself workshops for families and adults. There’s also a three-week summer “Junk Camp” for kids. Resource Depot serves as an inspiration to Palm Beach County’s next generation, encouraging them to value and care for the planet they’re inheriting through reuse and repurposing.

www.resourcedepot.net
TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN
PALM BEACH COUNTY

Break the cycle – pay it forward. That's the motto of Take Stock in Children, which has been changing young people’s lives through education for 23 years. Scholarships, mentors and hope are the foundation of the program. It provides social and emotional support and works one-on-one with students to provide ongoing academic advising and post-secondary resources. Take Stock in Children targets students ages 16-22 to offer hope for a brighter future. The program currently serves about 550 students in 29 Palm Beach County schools and expects to serve close to 600 by the end of the 2018-2019 school year. About 98 percent of them are college-bound with a guaranteed scholarship. Program services and scholarships are funded through a unique public-private fundraising model. By promoting self-worth, responsibility and academic success, Take Stock in Children helps at-risk students break the cycle of crime, poverty and failure. Its goal is to ensure that students have access to postsecondary opportunities, an effort critical to our nation’s future.

CURRENT NEEDS

$50 - Gift cards for Walmart, Target, fuel, etc.
$100 - Food and beverages for workshops
$1,000 - College readiness mentoring resources

Nancy Stellway, Executive Director
1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 103
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
561-683-1704

www.takestockpalmbeach.org
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

THE SOUP KITCHEN OF BOYNTON BEACH

An elderly Boynton Beach couple struggle to get by in virtual isolation, with no family support, no transportation – and little food to sustain them. But the couple, and others like them, are getting help with a service offered by The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach. It delivers food to the home-bound, an expansion of the Meals on Wheels program that had not previously been available in Boynton Beach. Volunteers are still needed for the program. Meanwhile, The Soup Kitchen continues to offer more for less. It has been dishing out hot meals onsite for an average of $1.16 per meal. But in 2017, it provided 584,796 free meals at a cost to the organization of $476,505 – that’s 81 cents a meal. So, a $5 donation now feeds a family of six. In addition, Taking Care of Our Babies, provides Creole and Spanish speaking mothers with food, baby supplies and advice on proper nutrition each week, helping these Palm Beach County children get a better start in life.

www.thesoupkitchen.org
Poverty can be generational, and it’s difficult for youth to pull themselves up from the economic struggles that their families have had to deal with daily. West Jupiter’s low-income Limestone Creek corridor is one such area where many parents have trouble making ends meet and their children are at risk of dropping out of school. Since 1986, the nonprofit West Jupiter Community Group has offered a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk students, so they may pursue academic excellence and personal growth. At its Edna W. Runner Tutorial Center, 107 at-risk children are offered homework assistance, computer access, individual tutoring, mentoring, health education, life management skills, and the opportunity to enjoy field trips. Enrichment programs are available in science and engineering, and music. Conflict resolution, self-esteem building and motivational presentations are given by area professionals. By offering an educational and nurturing environment, the agency is making a positive difference in the lives of at risk children.

$275 - One month of afterschool care and tutoring for one student
$700 - Tablet / Laptop
$1000 - Sponsor one child summer camp

Edna Runner, Executive Director
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Jupiter, FL 33458
561-745-0950

www.ewrunnerctr.org

Like many other concerned young men and women, Michael Durkee joined the US Army in 2003 to fight terrorism. After 11 years of service in Iraq and Afghanistan, Durkee is now on a new mission – to help his fellow veterans adapt to life back home. As executive director of Wounded Veterans Relief Fund, he heads an effort to assist veterans faced with the challenges of dealing with their visible and unseen injuries. They are often overwhelmed trying to navigate their way into the civilian workforce and can experience financial difficulties trying to provide for themselves and their families. He and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Robert Chelberg, president, are the face of an organization headed by a 14-member volunteer board, most of whom have military experience. WVRF offers emergency financial support to qualified disabled post 9/11 veterans. That includes housing assistance, help with utility payments and transportation assistance, including car repair and help with payments. More than 86 percent of donated funds go directly toward helping veterans.

$300 – Ticket to attend formal Wounded Veterans Relief Ball
$1,000 – Sponsor a Veteran
$10,000 – Presenting Sponsorship at formal Military Ball & Gala

Mike Durkee, Executive Director
1335 Old Dixie Highway, Unit 3
Lake Park, FL 33403
561-855-4207

www.wvrfrg.org
At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.’ Hungry not only for bread — but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing — but naked for human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks — but homeless because of rejection.

~ Mother Teresa
2018/2019 CHARITIES

10. ALLIANCE FOR EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS
10. AUTISM PROJECT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
11. CENTER FOR CHILD COUNSELING
12. CENTER FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION
13. CLUB 100
13. COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS (CILO)
14. COMMUNITY CARING CENTER OF GREATER BOYNTON BEACH
15. COMPASS COMMUNITY CENTER
16. DEPORRES ADULT LITERARY CENTER
16. DIGITAL VIBEZ
17. EL SOL JUPITER’S NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
18. FAMILY PROMISE OF NORTH/CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.
19. FARMWORKER COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
19. FAULK CENTER FOR COUNSELING
22. FEED THE HUNGRY PANTRY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
23. FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH, INC.
23. FOR THE CHILDREN
24. GENESIS ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC.
24. THE GLADES INITIATIVE
25. GOLD COAST DOWN SYNDROME ORGANIZATION
26. GRACE NOTES MUSIC FOUNDATION
27. GRANDMA’S PLACE
27. GUATEMALAN MAYA CENTER
28. HOLY GROUND SHELTER FOR HOMELESS, INC.
29. HOMELESS COALITION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
29. JACK THE BIKE MAN, INC.
30. JEFF INDUSTRIES
31. KIDSsafe FOUNDATION
31. KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION
32. MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
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