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What started out as four men walking around with coffee and donuts to feed the hungry in Belle Glade more than 30 years ago, has turned into the Lighthouse Café — the sole soup kitchen and pillar of support for its surrounding community. Today, post-pandemic and with prices increasing on everything, the need in this agricultural breadbasket has only increased. The café served nearly 3,000 more meals for the first six months of 2023 than the previous year.

“The price of groceries, the price of food has gone up,” said Martha Lynn Weeks, the soup kitchen’s director. Beyond the food, supplies, paper products, plates, and everything it needs to serve a meal has also increased in costs.

To make sure it could continue to serve the hungry in the Western Glades communities, the café turned to the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The foundation awarded the café a $20,000 grant for operating costs.

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The food insecure, the homeless, many of which suffer from mental illness and/or a disability, come to the café for a hot, nutritious meal. From Monday to Friday, it serves about 65 people for breakfast and up to 100 people for lunch. Volunteers also deliver packaged meals to those who are unable to travel.

Beyond feeding the hungry, the café works to connect those it serves with needed social services.

“If we can’t help with a specific service, we can direct them to an agency that will help them,” Weeks said. “Over the years we’ve been able to get several people in drug rehab programs. We help people get jobs. We feel like that’s our main goal — to help people better their lives.”

**NONPROFIT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT**

**LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ**

Meds and More: Over the past year, the café served nearly 40,000 meals, provided mothers-in-need with supplies like clothing, diapers and formula, and offered educational classes like CPR, car seat safety, healthy cooking and more.

**Area of Focus:** As food costs rise exponentially, the Community Foundation is supporting general operating costs to keep the soup kitchen’s doors open.

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For generations, teachers at the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center have equipped young children to become lifelong learners. Today, they also teach the kids how to stay safe in a world tinged by gun violence.

“A child hears a fire drill, they know where to go, where to line up and how to proceed,” said Ashley Azzi, the center’s director. “And, unfortunately, that’s something that we have to normalize with the active shooter training as well.”

It could be the difference between life and death for these young learners.

“You have to have the children comfortable with that because you’re going to cram them in rooms that get locked down. They get crammed into the back bathroom or a hidden area,” said Kristen Alberto, the center manager. “If those children are not used to that and panicking, that alerts the intruder to where they’re at.”

In addition to the training, the center turned to the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties to upgrade its security system to address this modern-day scourge.

“We realized that we need to protect our children and our staff,” she said. “The Community Foundation and their donors were very generous in helping us out.”

For the families, young learners and staff, the added security measures help them focus on their mission: instilling a love of learning.

“That peace of mind allows the teachers and center officials to continue having lifelong educational impacts.”

“Research shows that about 90% of students with early learning experiences like ours go on to graduate high school with fewer behavioral problems,” said Azzi. “That’s really our purpose — to set these kids on a strong, safe path so they can not only start ahead but stay ahead.”

For the past 2 years, firearms have killed more children than the car accidents that used to be the leading cause.

Photo by Steven Martine Photography
About 10 years ago, learning to bake and make chocolate was supposed to be a hobby for Valerie Herskowitz. Around the same time, Blake, her son who lives with autism, was in high school.

“He has severe challenges,” she said. But he showed interest in what Herskowitz was doing in the kitchen. Soon Blake joined her in baking pastries and making chocolates. “Just the fact he was showing interest was something unbelievable.”

Herskowitz figured if Blake liked it, maybe others on the autism spectrum would also enjoy learning new skills. She started a club in her kitchen. Through word of mouth that little club has turned into The Chocolate Spectrum, a retail chocolate shop in Jupiter that is run by young people on the spectrum and is supported by Herskowitz’s nonprofit organization, the National Autism Registry.

The Community Foundation awarded the organization a grant this year to help Herskowitz widen her kitchen doors to high school students who do not have special needs to work with those who do through her “Sweet Inclusion” training program.

Sweet Inclusion offers culinary and life skills training, growing social and communication capabilities. More verbal students learn job skills in classes and apprenticeships, while classes for those with limited communication focus on soft skills.

About 70 trainees have gone through Herskowitz’s kitchen. Herskowitz aims to grow the program and increase her trainees’ visibility out of catered events or by making deliveries to help the community see what people on the autism spectrum can achieve.

“Thank you to the Community Foundation for all the support they have provided us for the past several years,” Herskowitz said. “Philanthropic support for our program is more than a gift of dollars — for these young people, it’s an invaluable, lifelong gift of work experience, business acumen, and self-confidence or a growing special needs population.”

For trainees who have gone through the program, the impact has been nothing short of life changing. Cristian P., who has Asperger’s syndrome, started working with Valerie in her home. He’s now 32, the truffles manager, and a mentor instructor.

“I was taking some classes at college,” Cristian said. “I had no idea what I wanted to do. I was actually a little bit depressed.” He learned about The Chocolate Spectrum and decided to give it a try. “I’ve been here ever since and it’s kind of really changed my life. I don’t know what I would do if I wasn’t here.”
The Goal: Answer the call of our neighbors-in-need, connecting them to the right resources, right away.

Back then, the Community Foundation provided a $2,500 seed grant to lay the foundation for what was then called the Center for Information and Crisis Services. The need has only grown since. Last year, the helpline that’s available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, was contacted nearly 127,000 times. More than 4,300 of those were suicide-related, and residents from Palm Beach and Martin Counties made more than 40% of those calls.

“Of all of those requests for help, a significant number are life threatening, life-endangering calls,” said Sharon L’Herrou, CEO of the 211 Helpline. “That averages to 12 a day. We can focus our time and attention on helping these people thanks to the generosity and partnership of the Community Foundation.”

This year, the helpline turned to the Community Foundation to sustain its mission long-term by opening a $1 million 211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast Endowment Fund. The fund allows the helpline to access the Community Foundation’s financial expertise and larger institutional investment opportunities.

Protecting people, helping people, this work costs money. The 211 Helpline counts on its partnership with the Community Foundation to do it.

“We trust the Community Foundation to be able to get a better return on the investment for us,” L’Herrou said. “We know the money will be safe, and their staff and volunteers will protect our dollars. This partnership is one strategy to ensure we are here for everyone that needs us today and into the future.”

Community Foundation Fund: 211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast Endowment Fund

INVESTING IN Saving Lives

211 HELPLINE

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Mental health crises
Housing assistance
Healthcare access

TOP 3

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FY 2022-2023

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTMAKING SNAPSHOT

$4.3 MILLION distributed to 116 local nonprofit organizations

Service area focus of grant recipients

48% Thriving Communities
40% Education and Youth
12% Economic Opportunity

Palm Beach County 86%
Martin County 7%
Both Counties 7%

Funding by strategic focus area

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SCHOLARSHIP SETS the Stage for Success

The Graulich family knew sending their son Colin to college would be challenging for many reasons. Not only was his brother in college, too, Colin needed extra attention thanks to his Asperger’s syndrome — part of the autism spectrum disorder. What the family didn’t know was how these challenges would be exacerbated when COVID-19 hit.

“The Bronstein Scholarship was tremendously important to our family as it helped us support two children in college at once — especially during the pandemic years, when unforeseen issues made finances tight,” said Heather Graulich, Colin’s mother.

Colin, a Dwyer High School graduate, paused to think. If he was sitting in front of the Bronsteins, what would he say?

“I would say, I’m glad to meet you.” The scholarship helped him through Florida Atlantic University, allowing him to do more than he even thought he could. “So, thank you.”

Colin graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in December 2022. He focused on theater tech, which taught him elements of set design and stage production. He spent the spring working on internship with the Lyric Opera Company of Orange County, Calif. There, he learned stage production for opera.

While working for the opera company, he connected with DJE Sounds and Lighting, a live event production company based in Lake Forest and Foothill Ranch, where he has done freelance work. They do a lot of fashion shows, Colin said. For the fall, he’ll be looking for stage craft opportunities in Palm Beach County.

Beyond the financial assistance, Colin’s mother said she’s grateful for the opportunity the scholarship provides to students with disabilities. The Bronstein Scholarship has a designated preference for students with a disability or from a minority community.

“The Bronstein Scholarship is forever dear to us for its recognition that students with disabilities have amazing talents and gifts to share with the world,” she said. “They may need a little extra support while reaching for their dreams, but most importantly they need others to believe they can excel.”
While a new, tailored suit is part of the program’s capstone, students must first complete an 8-week course that includes financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career planning classes; mentorship pairings; and internships that offer real-world work experience. To date, more than 2,100 high school seniors across the county have participated; more than 70 percent completed their college degree and many have the Suits for Seniors scholarships to thank. The goal is to grow the program from 250 students per year to 1,000, expanding into pockets of need across Southeast Florida. The goal is to grow the program from 250 students per year to 1,000, expanding into pockets of need across Southeast Florida. Edmonds created the Suits for Seniors Fund at the Community Foundation as a way to seed those long-term ambitions. "We want the return on our investment to one day pay for the teachers we hire to run our program," he says. "We see partnering with the Community Foundation and their portfolio of generous donors as a win-win." While a new, tailored suit is part of the program’s capstone, students must first complete an 8-week course that includes financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career planning classes; mentorship pairings; and internships that offer real-world work experience. To date, more than 2,100 high school seniors across the county have participated; more than 70 percent completed their college degree and many have the Suits for Seniors scholarships to thank. The goal is to grow the program from 250 students per year to 1,000, expanding into pockets of need across Southeast Florida. Edmonds created the Suits for Seniors Fund at the Community Foundation as a way to seed those long-term ambitions. "We want the return on our investment to one day pay for the teachers we hire to run our program," he says. "We see partnering with the Community Foundation and their portfolio of generous donors as a win-win." While a new, tailored suit is part of the program’s capstone, students must first complete an 8-week course that includes financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career planning classes; mentorship pairings; and internships that offer real-world work experience. To date, more than 2,100 high school seniors across the county have participated; more than 70 percent completed their college degree and many have the Suits for Seniors scholarships to thank. The goal is to grow the program from 250 students per year to 1,000, expanding into pockets of need across Southeast Florida. Edmonds created the Suits for Seniors Fund at the Community Foundation as a way to seed those long-term ambitions. "We want the return on our investment to one day pay for the teachers we hire to run our program," he says. "We see partnering with the Community Foundation and their portfolio of generous donors as a win-win."
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**ASSETS**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $14,813,303
- Accounts Receivable: 1,121,547
- Promises to Give: 5,308,022
- Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets: 816,612
- Investments: 215,995,886
- Land, Building, and Equipment, Net: 7,026,376
- **TOTAL ASSETS:** $244,681,756

**LIABILITIES**
- Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses: 450,084
- Agency Payable: 9,409,939
- Liability Under Split-Interest Agreements: 1,225,097
- Grants and Scholarships Payable: 6,115,386
- Bond Issue Payable: 4,477,240
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES:** $21,677,746

**NET ASSETS**
- **TOTAL ASSETS & NET ASSETS:** $223,004,010

**ANNUAL SUPPORT**
- $737,649

**AVERAGE DONOR-ADVISED FUND**
- $523,541

**FUNDRAISING TOTAL**
- $28,303,286

**TOTAL GRANTED**
- $16,123,204

**INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**
- Long-term: 5.44% (9.44%)
- 10 Year: 5.42% (9.36%)
- 5 Year: 7.50% (9.25%)
- 3 Year: 9.46% (9.25%)
- 1 Year: 23.9% (14.5%)
- Since Inception: 6.53% (9.07%)

**FINANCIALS**

**INVESTMENT ALLOCATION**
- Global Equities: 65%
- Fixed Income: 15%
- Private Markets: 7%
- Hedge Strategies: 7%
- Cash: 6%

**INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**
- Foundation: 6.53%
- Policy Index: 9.07%

**NET ASSETS BY FUND TYPE**
- Donor-Adviced: $101,043,521
- Field of Interest: $25,894,997
- Scholarships: $7,476,940
- Special Purpose: $24,955,532
- Designated: $16,726,996
- **TOTAL:** $223,004,010
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$35,000+
Julie & Peter Cummings
Lovelight Fund
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$25,000 - $34,999
The D’Apua Education, Empowerment, and Enrichment Fund
The Kolter Group
Palm Health Foundation

$15,000 - $24,999
William A. Meyer

$10,000 - $14,999
Findlay Galleries
Northern Trust
Stoops Family Foundation
Susan and Peter Brockway

$5,000 - $9,999
Florida Power and Light
Florida Atlantic University

$3,000 - $4,999
Autism Project of Palm Beach County
Center for Child Counseling
Community Partners of South Florida
Earline Ellston, Jr.
Nancy Finn

ANNUAL SUPPORT

$100,000+
The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation

$50,000 - $99,999
Aggie and Jeff Shoop

$25,000 - $49,999
Julie F. and Peter D. Cummings
Chip D’Apua
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Ann and Charles B. Johnson
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$5,000 - $9,999
DVI Carisel West Palm Beach Hotel LTD
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$2,500 - $4,999
The Alcus Family
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Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship Fund (2009)
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Palm Beach Newspapers Scholarship Fund (1999)
Palm Beach State College Support (2017)
Palm Beach Zoo Wildlife Conservation Endowment (2016)
Parmil Fund (2012)
Patterson, J. and Jody H. Gleason Environmental Fund (2001)
PSCB Society of Plastic – A Reconstructive Surgeons Scholarship Fund (1997)
PECA Executive Committee Designated Fund (2001)
Peter Belky and Philip D. O’Connell Fund (2017)
Piker Jay Sharp Foundation Scholarship Fund for Livestock Environment Studies (2005)
Pew Family Fund (2023)
Philanthropic Fund (2013)
Philipp D. O’Connell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund (1988)
Phyllis Hopman Memorial Endowment Fund (2017)
Pitcairn Project: Paradise Film Fund (2021)
Purdue Malchison and Jani Devi Scholarship Fund (1986)
Quantum Endowment Fund (2012)
R. Bruce James Memorial Fund established by the Sugar Cone Growers Cooperative of Florida (1989)
Ralph O. Woodward Memorial Fund (1991)
Ray Howard Scholarship Fund (2000)
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. Fund (2018)
Rea Admiral Philip A. Whischar Scholarship Fund (2011)
Rebecca Watson Dunn Fund (2009)
Reliax Family Foundation (2018)
Richard and Helen Grant Fund (2009)
Rob A. Butterfield and Dr. Richard H. Butterfield Fund (1996)
Robers Family Foundation Fund (2017)
Rob D. Hamsley Memorial Scholarship Fund (1994)
Rob Gil-Stein Scholarship Fund (2006)
Rob K. Koch Memorial Scholarship Fund (2009)
Rob Yates Charitable Fund (2007)
Roo’s and Wings Bridge to Hope Education Fund (2022)
Ruth Lewis Farkas Fund (1985)
Ryon Kalmar Memorial Scholarship Fund (1994)
Saddler-Hall Family Donor Advised Fund (1996)
Saddler Hall Charitable Trust (2017)
Sally and Don Chester Family Fund (2000)
Sando Beach Charitable Fund (1996)
Sandra B. Remick-Undruch Unrestricted (2018)
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Snugly Foundation Fund (2017)
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Stefania Libertini Memorial Scholarship Fund (2005)
Stella Mandrick-West Hospice Educational Fund (1999)
Stephen Harvey Peck, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund (1990)
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Steven E. Bernstein Family Fund (2000)
Stops Family Foundation Fund (2019)
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Suits for Seniors Fund (2022)
Sunrise Family Foundation for Political Science Education (2000)
The Congressman Mark Foley Scholarship for Environmental Studies Fund (2002)
The Congressman Mark Foley Scholarship for Journalism Education Fund (2000)
The Congressman Mark Foley Scholarship for Nursing Education Fund (2003)
The Congressman Mark Foley Scholarship for Political Science Education (2000)
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The Davis Family Fund (2011)
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The Delmar family Charitable Fund (2011)
The Gilmore Family Charitable Fund (2011)
The Hanes and Mary Stromberg Fund (1995)
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The Jackson Family Foundation Fund (2001)
The Kildow Fund (1994)
The Lira Family Fund (2016)
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The Lock Foundation (2016)
The Lowell Family Fund (1995)
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The McGregor Memorial Fund (1999)
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The Pink Family Fund (2016)
The Polebridge Family Fund (2016)
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The Samson Scholarship Fund (2021)
The Seawatch Fund (1992)
Tim and Lisa Dwyer Legacy Fund (2023)
The Alcus Family Endowed Scholarship Fund (2014)
The Herzog Family Scholarship Fund (2013)
The Bohnett Family Fund (2016)
The Acorn Fund (1997)
The Bohen Memorial Fund (2003)
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