

TOP 5 *Local* ISSUES

As you reflect on where your philanthropy may have the greatest impact, consider supporting organizations that address our community's top challenges:



1. WORKFORCE HOUSING

As thousands move to the Sunshine State each day, affordable — and available — housing is hard to come by. According to the Census Bureau, Palm Beach County's per capita income shakes out to less than \$3,000 each month, but the average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment ranges between \$2,000-\$3,000; Martin County averages are nearly the same. Organizations on the front lines are helping working-class families and individuals find temporary and permanent solutions.



2. MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health challenges affect people at every stage — and every walk — of life. For years, Palm Beach and Martin County residents have called 211 HelpLine seeking support for mental health or substance use disorders, their No. 1 reason for calling. Our nonprofit partners are working to create accessible, high-quality mental health care for our area's children, adults, and elderly in need.



3. HUNGER

As federal pandemic response dollars dried up, food prices went sky-high, and donations dropped, creating the perfect storm for our low- and middle-income neighbors as well as the food banks, soup kitchens, and pantries that help them. Each year, organizations battling hunger across our counties apply for Community Impact grants to purchase food as demand continues to hit historic highs..



4. EDUCATION

Palm Beach and Martin Counties' third graders continue to struggle to pass their reading assessments, an indicator for future success in school — and life. To help, our nonprofit partners focus on success factors in the early years and specialize in support programs that span elementary through high school. For those who graduate, the resources needed to reach the next step are also striking: over 1,000 local students apply each year for Community Foundation scholarships.



5. CRISIS PREPARATION & RESPONSE

As acute emergencies arise in our footprint — including disasters like hurricanes or floods, or human health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic — the Community Foundation's partners provide resources that meet short- and long-term needs. Our partners also support less visible emergencies caused by the cost of living crisis, including utility, transportation, and clothing or household assistance.



WAYS TO *Help*

As a strategic philanthropic partner, we administer our donors' dollars in two ways:

1

Through
DONOR-DIRECTED
grants sent to the charity
of your choice

2

Through
**COMPETITIVE GRANTS
AND SCHOLARSHIPS**
sent to local nonprofit
organizations and talented,
aspiring students

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