INCOME: HOUSING SUPPORTS AND EMERGENCY SHELTER

TOWN OF PALM BEACH UNITED WAY 2017-2018 INVESTMENT: $210,500

TARGET OUTCOME: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE PREVENTED FROM BECOMING HOMELESS

Adopt-A-Family (www.adoptafamilypbc.org)
Housing Stabilization: $38,000

Housing Stabilization is an innovative homeless prevention program that serves **200** low income families with minor children in Palm Beach County. By targeting families who have fallen behind on rent or mortgage due to extenuating circumstances or need assistance relocating to more affordable housing to prevent homelessness, the program provides short-term financial assistance to families so that they may overcome their immediate housing crises, receive case management, budgeting assistance, and access to community resources in order to address life barriers that may prevent them from remaining stably housed after agency intervention ends. **Zip Codes Served**: **Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Affordable housing and full-time employment remain evasive for many of Palm Beach County's low-income households. The rental market in the county is extremely competitive which continues to drive up rental rates for two and three bedroom apartments. Unemployment rates also continue to hover around 10% which is higher than most state averages.

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Service Enriched Housing: $45,500

Service Enriched Housing is an affordable housing program for low income families who are dedicated to the pursuit of increased financial stability and homeownership. Serving **100** individuals that cannot afford fair market rent in Palm Beach County but are disqualified from traditional aid programs due to their income, the program provides this underserved and vulnerable population with a path to long-term stability through affordable housing, financial literacy training, and a unique rent structure that allows residents to save a portion of their monthly payment. **Zip Code Served: 33460**

Why is this program necessary?

The impact that safe, affordable and stable housing has on family systems is well documented. There is a positive correlation between stable housing and traditional social outcome measures such as health, school performance, civic participation, and crime and is the only program in Palm Beach County serving this population.

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Program REACH: $45,000

Program REACH is Palm Beach County's only emergency shelter serving **80** homeless families with minor children. Program REACH provides 19 units of 90-day interim housing paired with support services and resources as families seek a permanent housing solution. **Zip Code Served: 33401**

Why is this program necessary?

There is a significant gap in emergency housing options for families experiencing homelessness in Palm Beach County. The 19 units at REACH offer a vital opportunity for the targeted population to be temporarily housed while scarce permanent housing options are explored. REACH provides immediate, safe housing to families who are residing in places not meant for human habitation such as cars, parks, or abandoned buildings.

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Homeless Coalition (www.homelesscoalitionpbc.org)

Project Homeless Connect: $14,000

Project Homeless Connect helps **700** homeless individuals by offering them health screenings, haircuts, manicures, foot washing, clothing, a hot meal and access to services available to them in one location. In addition, at each event there is an opportunity to receive assessments and placement if the homeless individual is ready. **Zip Codes Served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Project Homeless Connect is a unique program and is not offered by anyone else in Palm Beach County. Our community is reporting significant increases in the numbers of homeless individuals**.**

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Warm Welcome Kits: $8,000

Warm Welcome Kits gives a hand up by supplying **700** adults and children with their own reusable string backpack filled with items such as toiletries, undergarments, socks, coloring book, pen, paper, and nonperishable snacks. **Zip Code Served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Over 1,500 men, women and children made use of the Homeless Coalition's Donation Center and the resources provided there. The Coalition depends on donations of items in order to give these individuals a hand up in starting over by supplying new and gently used clothing, house wares, linens, food, toys, coats, and warm welcome kits filled with toiletries and new undergarments.

The Lord's Place (www.thelordsplace.org)

Family Interim Housing: $60,000

The Lord's Place Family Campus guides homeless families by providing basic needs services and the resources needed to allow families to gain financial independence. The Campus consists of 37 apartments – 24 dedicated to permanent supportive housing and 13 to transitional housing. Together, these two programs offer critical basic needs services that support **50** individuals in Palm Beach County. **Zip Codes Served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Our community depends on programs like this to address the local housing crisis. This program services hundreds of homeless family members each year and assists these families to obtain employment and identify safe, permanent housing, thus ending the cycle of homelessness.