

## BASIC NEEDS BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT

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### **211 Palm Beach ([www.211palmbeach.org](http://www.211palmbeach.org))**

**HelpLine: \$120,000**

211 HelpLine serves as the central access point for health and human services by providing **63,219** people with telephone based supportive counseling, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, comprehensive information, assessment & referral services, 24 hours a day 7 days per week by dialing the easy to remember three digit number 2-1-1. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

There is a need for information, assessment and referral programs. For those individuals in desperate situations there is a need for a 24 hour, 7 days per week access point to someone who cares and will listen – a crisis intervention, telephone counseling service providing empathetic listening, and support.

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### **Adopt-A-Family ([www.adoptafamilypbc.org](http://www.adoptafamilypbc.org))**

**Housing Stabilization: \$37,200**

The Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) is an innovative homeless prevention program that serves **225** 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: \$44,400**

Service Enriched Housing (SEH) affordable housing program for low income families who are dedicated to the pursuit of increased financial stability and homeownership. Serving **85** individuals that cannot afford Fair Market Rent in Palm Beach County but are disqualified from traditional aid programs due to their income, SEH 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: 33472**

#### **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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### **Center for Family Services ([www.ctrfam.org](http://www.ctrfam.org))**

**Pat Reeves Village: \$45,000**

Pat Reeves Village REACH Homeless Shelter is currently the only emergency/interim housing program in Palm Beach County serving **750** individuals including families and their minor children. In addition to shelter, Homeless Prevention and Financial services are provided for families at risk of homelessness. Traveler's Aid program also helps individuals and families return home via Greyhound. **Zip Code served: 33401**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

There is a current need for emergency shelter/interim housing for homeless families with children in Palm Beach County. Homelessness is one of our nation's most serious problems with nearly 3,000 children reporting attending school while being homeless.

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**CROS Ministries ([www.crosministries.org](http://www.crosministries.org))**

**Community Food Pantry: \$13,500**

CROS Ministries' Community Food Pantries consist of six food pantries in Palm Beach County. The Food Pantries distribute food to **18,079** adults and children struggling with food insecurity from Delray to Jupiter. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

**Why is this program necessary?**

Nearly 203,000 individuals are food insecure in Palm Beach County. Additionally, 61% of children attending Palm Beach County public schools are on the free and reduced cost lunch program and the number of elderly persons on the waiting list for home-delivered meals is 560 people.

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**Gleaning: \$20,000**

CROS Gleaning recovers food from local farms that would otherwise go to waste adding much needed fresh produce into the community's food supply. The produce is distributed free to an estimated **200** local hunger programs through the Palm Beach County Food Bank.

**Zip Codes served: Multiple**

**Why is this program necessary?**

Gleaning is a critical component in addressing the ever-growing food insecurity needs in Palm Beach County. The primary goal of CROS Gleaning is to increase the availability and consumption of nutritious food in Palm Beach County by recovering thousands of pounds of fresh produce from local farms that would otherwise be wasted and entering the produce into the supply chain of an estimated 100 community food providers.

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**El Sol ([www.friendsofelsol.org](http://www.friendsofelsol.org))**

**El Sol Kitchen: \$8,000**

El Sol Kitchen runs a hot meal program from a commercial kitchen where **1,032** workers who are registered in the labor program will be served a hot meal if they do not get work for the day. The focus on providing sustenance and promotes a healthier diet in every meal. It educates these workers on nutrition and its value by teaching them vocational trades related to the kitchen that will help broaden their potential to obtain better paying employment opportunities. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

**Why is this program necessary?**

The community served has a history of health related illness due to diet. Day laborers typically earn a very low wage working in local agriculture fields, landscaping, and construction and service industries. If they are not hired on a given day, they lack the income needed to support themselves and their families. The meals provided by El Sol's food program cover the immediate need of a worker that relies on the program as their only and main source of food. The kitchen serves not only to provide workers with a sustainable meal but also to support overall health and nutrition through education of how to provide healthy meals at home, vocational workshops for trades related to the kitchen.

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**Farmworkers Coordinating Council ([www.farmworkerCouncil.org](http://www.farmworkerCouncil.org))**

**Family Preservation and Economic Stabilization: \$100,000**

The Family Preservation and Economic Stabilization (FPES) program focuses on assisting **325** low income farm workers and their families to reduce their risk of becoming homeless and suffering from hunger. The program provides a variety of services: (Case Management, Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance, and Distribution of Food and Clothing, Transportation, Financial Education, referrals) and additional services that promote self-sufficiency and economic stabilization are also offered. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

**Why is this program necessary?**

There are about 30,000 farmworkers that live and/or work in Palm Beach County. Currently, Farmworkers Coordinating Council is the only agency in the county dedicated to serving the farm worker community exclusively. This population faces a unique set of challenges when seeking and receiving social services.

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### Feeding South Florida ([feedingsouthflorida.org](http://feedingsouthflorida.org))

**Food Distribution: \$90,000**

Provides critical food assistance to the **202,110** Palm Beach County residents who experience food insecurity – **63,660** of which are children. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

Within the food-insecure population a disturbing 61% were below the SNAP eligibility threshold of 200% of national poverty levels. Feeding South Florida solicited, warehoused and distributed over 6.6 million pounds of food and grocery products to benefit the food insecure Palm Beach Residents.

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### Palm Beach County Food Bank ([www.pbcfoodbank.org](http://www.pbcfoodbank.org))

**Food Recovery and Distribution: \$25,000**

Food Recovery and Distribution includes the collection and distribution of food to **105** Palm Beach County agencies on the front line of hunger relief serving **80,000** residents. Working in the similar capacity of a wholesale food supplier, the Food Bank provides more than 5 million pounds of food annually to 100+ organizations that operate food pantries, soup kitchens and other front-line hunger relief operations. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

According to the USDA, there are at least 80 food deserts in Palm Beach County and need at least 35 million pounds of food annually in order to serve the more than the 15% food insecure Palm Beach County residents including 60,000 children. Limited access to nutritious food has a negative effect on the ability for children to thrive.

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### Glades Initiative ([www.gladesinitiative.org](http://www.gladesinitiative.org))

**Glades Food Security: \$20,000**

The Glades Food Security Program engages in creative solutions to increase access to affordable food. The program assists **3,000** residents with SNAP (food stamps) application, **83,000** services distributing healthy food through The Glades Area Food Bank and promote healthy eating habits by teaching **60** low income residents how to eat healthy while on a budget.

**Zip Code served: 33430**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

The Glades communities have long struggled with poverty and poor health outcomes. In spite of rich agriculture resources, 88% of Belle Glade residents are considered food insecure, and 98% of South Bay residents have low access to healthy and affordable food. The Glades area is considered a food desert. The children in the Glades area are the most disadvantaged in Palm Beach County, as 98% of them are on free and reduced lunch.

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### Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies ([www.hmhbpbpc.org](http://www.hmhbpbpc.org))

**Basics4Babies: \$5,000**

The Basics4Babies Emergency Pantry for Infants provides formula, baby food, diapers and wipes to **3,500** families whose babies ages 0-12 months in Palm Beach County that are facing financial hardship. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

#### **Why is this program necessary?**

There is a tremendous need for basic food and infant essentials that many families cannot afford, and infants are not getting the nutrients they need to develop strong immune systems, brain, muscle, and bone and organ growth due to food insecurity. The goal of the infant pantry is to fill the gap between government services and local food pantries which require waiting periods or lack specialized baby formula or jarred food during a critical time in a baby's development.

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**[Homeless Coalition \(www.homelesscoalitionpbc.org\)](http://www.homelesscoalitionpbc.org)**

**Project Homeless Connect: \$15,000**

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) helps **2,000** 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 PHC there is an opportunity to receive assessments and placement if the homeless individual is ready. **Zip Codes served: Multiple**

**Why is this program necessary?**

PHC 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: \$5,000**

Warm Welcome Kits gives a “Hand Up” by supplying 600 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: 33407**

**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.

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**[The Lord’s Place \(www.thelordsplace.org\)](http://www.thelordsplace.org)**

**Family Interim Housing: \$52,000**

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.