

EDUCATION

AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER

TOTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INVESTMENTS: \$363,000

TARGET OUTCOME: INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Achievement Centers for Children and Families (www.delraychild.org)

Pine Grove Elementary: \$34,500

Afterschool programming serves **150** students and families from low-income families who attend Pine Grove Elementary. The program is designed to provide additional academic support in a safe and secure environment when the school day finishes. **Zip Code Served: 33444**

Why is this program necessary?

In the 33444 zip code alone, there are neighborhoods with high concentrations of crime, increased police activity, multi-generational poverty, and high unemployment, creating an environment of income inequality and limited opportunities. Currently, there are no afterschool programs at Pine Grove Elementary to provide support to single parent households and the working poor.

Adopt-A-Family (www.adoptfamilypbc.org)

Project Grow: \$65,000

Project Grow is a licensed afterschool/out-of-school program that simultaneously serves **82** children in kindergarten through fifth grades from formerly homeless and low-income families in Palm Beach County. **Zip Code Served: 33460**

Why is this program necessary?

Florida is ranked 33 in the number of homeless children. According to these statistics, homeless children are 4 times more likely to be sick, go hungry at twice the rate of children with homes, have higher rates of obesity from nutritional deficiencies, and have 3 times the rate of emotional and behavior problems compared to non-homeless children.

Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County (www.bgcpcb.org)

Core Educational Programs: \$200,000

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County offers **5,500** high risk, underrepresented children and teens aged six to eighteen, academic and social enrichment programs during out-of-school hours in fully-appointed, safe facilities throughout Palm Beach County. Through the Clubs Core Programs, Boys and Girls Club directly addresses poor reading efficiency, school attendance, and discipline in school. **Zip Codes Served: Multiple**

Why is this program necessary?

Boys and Girls Clubs are a safe clubhouse during out-of-school hours when children are most vulnerable for at-risk behaviors. The individuals are served in 13 club sites strategically located in the most at-risk, economically-challenged and underserved areas across Palm Beach County.

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Jewish Community Center (www.jcconline.com)

Afterschool and Summer Special Needs: \$12,500

The JCC Afterschool and Summer camp programs offer **120** children with Autism, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, Developmental Delay, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities to grow in confidence, self – esteem and bond with other children.

Zip Codes served: Multiple

Why is this program necessary?

Parents of special needs children, especially working parents, not only need this kind of resource where their children can feel loved, appreciated, socialized and challenged but, where parents can have peace of mind knowing their children are in a secure, nurturing environment. A secondary goal is to provide these services while the children are not in school as a nurturing childcare option for working parents.

Milagro Center (www.milagrocenter.org)

STARS: \$20,000

Milagro Center's STARS (Standing Together Achieving Recognition and Success) Program is a year-round cultural arts based and educational out-of-school time program. It serves **50** children and keeps them on track in school to achieve annual grade promotion, ultimately leading to high school graduation. It helps each child identify and develop his or her own special talents and skills as well as their abilities to communicate and live life to their full potentials.

Zip Code Served: 33444

Why is the program necessary?

In 2009, the Children's Services Council conducted a study and found that the 33444 zip code scored among the 10 most poverty-challenged neighborhoods. Milagro is located in the heart of this zip code where unemployment is greater than 12% and more than 25% of school age children are responsible to care for themselves during non-school hours.

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Teen Leadership: \$7,500

Milagro Center Teen Leadership Program is an arts and education-based out-of-school time enrichment program. Engaging **50** teens in a variety of cultural arts and values activities, allowing them opportunities for creative self-exploration and self-expression, which leads to greater engagement in their education as they learn and focus on their chosen paths for the future. **Zip Code Served: 33444**

Why is the program necessary?

The city of Delray Beach has a 15.8% poverty rate representing 1,630 that are under 18 years of age. Studies show that poverty is a key factor in poor school performance and a failure to graduate from high school. Breaking out of the cycle of poverty begins with education, by shaping students' attitudes, and exposure to experiences that develop self-expression and open new doors and opportunities. Out of school time programs that focus on the arts, can keep youth engaged in school, improve attendance, and student performance.

Urban Youth Impact (urbanyouthimpact.com)

Leadership Academy: \$23,500

The goal of TLA is to prepare the **150** students from kindergarten through 9th grade for success in life by providing academic, social/emotional, physical and spiritual enrichment through these students' formative year. TLA offers tutoring, computer-based literacy learning, life-skills and character development lessons, mentoring relationships with adult role models, recreation and field trips and have recently added a healthy eating component as well as STEAM (Arts and Sciences) to expand student's interest and involvement.

Zip Code Served: 33409

Why is the program necessary?

Education is the key to providing a solid foundation that empowers people to be self-sufficient. In the area, the children are at a severe disadvantage of academic success compared to their peers as 83% come from single-parent households, two-thirds of children live below the Federal Poverty level, evidence of child maltreatment is 3 times higher than the Palm Beach County rate, only 39% of 3rd graders are reading at grade level, only 22% of African-American males graduate from Palm Beach County schools, and 65% of residents have a high school education or less.