

## INCOME ACCESS TO JOBS AND JOB SKILLS

**TOTAL INCOME PROGRAM INVESTMENTS: \$250,600**

**TARGET OUTCOME: INCREASED OBTAINMENT OF EMPLOYMENT THAT LEADS TO ECONOMIC STABILITY.**

**Children's Home Society ([www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org))**

**Project 18: \$25,000**

Project 18's "Ready to Work" program provides enhanced career development services for **60** youth through job readiness activities and opportunities that prioritize preparation for independent living. Project 18's "Ready to Work" targets youth, ages 14-22, who are runaway, homeless, at-risk and/or in foster care, primarily from CHS' residential programs.

**Zip Code Served: 33406**

**Why is this program necessary?**

In Palm Beach County there are 884 children in the foster care system. Of those, 41 will transition out of the system at age 18. It is estimated that one third of Florida's foster children will become homeless within 3 years of aging out. Based on that data, 14 of the 41 would most likely end up homeless. Foster care youth who turn 18 in Florida, will have their comprehensive services discontinued.

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**Transitions Home: \$59,000**

Transitions Home ensures that homeless **22** teen mothers in foster care have a safe place to live and are given the opportunity to focus on evolving into productive adults and healthy families. It is the only transitional living program of its kind in Palm Beach County that prioritizes teen parents who might be victims of domestic violence, have substance abuse or mental health issues, or have a disability. **Zip Code served: 33406**

**Why is this program necessary?**

In the past fiscal year, more than half of the homeless teen mothers, eligible for services, were turned away from Transitions Home due to being at full capacity. According to the National Runaway Switchboard, over 5,000 youth run away from or are "kicked out" of their homes each year in Florida. Research shows that teen mothers are more likely to drop out of school, remain unmarried, and live in poverty. This is the only transitional living program that prioritizes teen parents who may have been victims of domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness or developmental disabilities.

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

**ESOL: Access to Jobs- \$10,000**

El Sol's English as a Foreign Language (ESL) program is designed to provide conversational language and life skills to **100** immigrant adults in the Jupiter area to help them become active and self-sufficient members of our community. The goal is to provide consistent and high-quality English classes at no cost to the community. The mission of our ESL program is to create a learning environment that encourages integration into the language and culture of the United States while maintaining respect for and pride in their cultural and linguistic heritage.

**Zip Code Served: 33458**

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

According to the 2010 US Census, Jupiter is home to approximately 7,000 Hispanic immigrants (14% total population of Jupiter). Approximately 3,200 of those are registered at El Sol, and fewer than 30% are what are considered "fluent English speakers." The lack of language skills presents a challenge not only to the individual, but also to the community as their members are not able to find sustainable work.

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**[Gulfstream Goodwill \(www.gulfstreamgoodwill.com\)](http://www.gulfstreamgoodwill.com)**

**Job Connection: \$23,600**

The primary purpose of Job Connection is to assist **1,000** individuals in the community with the job seeking process by collaborating with community organizations providing services to the persons they serve in other capacities, with no cost to the participant or community partner; job connection offers pre-employment interview skills and job readiness coaching, and benefits planning services for those receiving social security and/or social security disability benefits, resume and cover letter preparation, job development, and follow-up.

**Zip Codes served: Multiple**

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

Poor national and regional economic conditions in recent years have resulted in a significant rise in persons seeking assistance from the social services safety net. Job Connection brings much needed expertise and resources directly to the organizations and people who need it most.

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

**Café Joshua Job Training: \$88,000**

The Café Joshua Employment Center is a comprehensive job training program for **540** homeless Palm Beach County residents. It provides an integrated set of services specifically designed to help this population successfully compete in the job market to increase their income and end their homelessness. The program includes classroom-based job skills training, hands-on work experience, one-on-one job coaching, literacy tutoring, employment search assistance and connection to local business opportunities who have embraced The Lord's Place mission.

**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. A recent Point in Time Homeless Count, recorded 214 families living homeless, 488 children were counted in this survey.

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