

# 2023-2024 Funded Programs



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Investments in education prepare the next generation to lead our families, businesses and communities. Children who have access to high-quality education from cradle to career are more likely to receive a sustaining wage and stay out of poverty. They're also more likely to avoid risky behavior and live safer, healthier lives. At the Town of Palm Beach United Way, we see education as a community responsibility. It takes all of us — parents, teachers and caring adults — to help a child succeed in school and in life.

## Early Childhood

### **Achievement Centers for Children & Families—Early Learning**

Achievement Centers' Early Learning Program serves toddlers and pre-school children ages 1 to 5 in Delray Beach and surrounding areas by providing affordable, accredited early learning programming to help them bridge the gap between their academic and social-emotional performance and that of their more privileged peers.

### **The Arc of Palm Beach County—Potentials Therapeutic School**

Potentials Therapeutic School serves medically fragile children with significant developmental delays from age three through eighth grade who enter the school unable to walk or talk independently. Children receive instruction based on individual needs, strengths, and abilities. Therapies are infused into students' academic school day by a highly qualified team.

### **Literacy Coalition—Building Better Readers**

Building Better Readers recruits, trains, places and supports 150 to 250 volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring in reading comprehension. Sessions take place in the classroom twice a week for 30 minutes each, resulting in a minimum of 1 hour a week after school tutoring.

### **Literacy Coalition—Family Literacy**

Literacy Coalition's family literacy programs, Glades Family Education and Village Readers, provide instruction for preschool-aged children to build strong school readiness skills, and for elementary-aged children to develop literacy skills. Children receive the help they need to succeed academically while parents develop their own language and literacy skills to support their children.

### **Opportunity—Kindergarten Readiness**

Opportunity's early childhood education program prepares at-risk children from low-income and working families to enter kindergarten, meeting or exceeding readiness standards. Curriculum is individually tailored for learning through visual, auditory, and kinesthetic activities combining creative, spontaneous play with formal instruction. The program also provides parenting skills training and family outreach services.

### **YWCA of Palm Beach County—Child Development Center**

The YWCA Child Development Center is a school readiness program that provides free, quality childcare for children ages 3 to 5 years of age from low to moderate income families. The Center is nationally accredited and provides year-round services for a full 10 hours a day.



# Elementary Afterschool and Out of School

## **Adopt-A-Family—Project Grow**

Project Grow, Adopt-A-Family’s afterschool/summer program for elementary school students, helps children overcome the academic setbacks and emotional traumas associated with homelessness and poverty. Built on a framework of consistency and safety, Project Grow has created a robust curriculum and holistic approach designed to enrich children’s lives and safeguard their futures.

## **Boys & Girls Clubs—Core Education and Enrichment**

Boys & Girls Clubs’ K-5 Core Education and Enrichment Program is designed to increase academic achievement in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Social-Emotional Learning is infused into all program components, including Arts, Sports/ Recreation, Health and Wellness, and Leadership and Service.

## **Milagro Center—STARS/Mentoring Miracles**

STARS is a year-round educational and cultural-arts-based out-of-school time program serving economically-challenged, academically at-risk children in grades K-5. The program provides mentoring to support children in all areas of life, with particular emphasis on school work and social interactions.

# Middle School

## **Achievement Centers for Children & Families—Out of School**

Achievement Centers’ Out of School Program currently serves middle school students, ages 11-13, with afterschool and weekend programming. The program provides a safe place for middle school children to come after school each day to engage in enrichment and recreational activities and receive assistance with homework.

## **Milagro Center—Junior Teen Leadership**

Junior Teen Leadership is an out-of-school time and summer camp program focused on the unique academic, social, and emotional needs of economically-challenged, academically at-risk 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, including academic support and cultural arts enrichment.

## **Urban Youth Impact—The Leadership Academy**

The Leadership Academy enrolls 96 inner-city elementary age youth after school to provide homework help, literacy intervention and education classes. The goal is for 65% of youth to read on grade level or to improve one grade level.

## **YMCA of South Palm Beach County—Caridad Kids Camp**

Since 2005, the YMCA has provided free summer programming to children served by the Caridad Center health clinic. Caridad kids come from working families with incomes at or below poverty level. They attend camp weekly and participate in STEAM-based activities focused on developing cognitive, physical, and social-emotional well-being.



## **Take Stock in Children—Middle/High School Support Services**

The innovative multi-year model focuses on breaking the cycle of poverty for low-income, underserved students by providing academic coaching, full tuition scholarships, and one-on-one youth mentoring that leads to obtaining a post-secondary education and entering the workforce with confidence.

## **YMCA of South Palm Beach County—Caridad Middle School Camp**

The Y provides no cost summer camp for low income teens who are served by the Caridad Center. Youth, ages 12 to 15, participate in programs focused on developing cognitive, physical, and social-emotional well-being.



# High School and After

## Habitat for Humanity—Seminole Ridge Home Build

The partnership between the Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge and Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County teaches vocational skills while providing housing to a low-income family. Students build a three-bedroom house as module units at school. The house is later transported to a final build site.

## Literacy Coalition—Literacy AmeriCorps

The Literacy AmeriCorps program recruits, trains and supervises up to 40 members who each contribute 1,700 hours of service in tutoring, mentoring and participation in meaningful community service projects. Members serve at partner agencies as reading tutors, mentors, graduation coaches and college readiness coaches.

# Middle and High Afterschool and Out of School

## American Association of Caregiving Youth—Caregiving Youth Project

The overwhelming majority of caregiving youth come from financially insecure households and are minorities. The Caregiving Youth Project provides services to help these students progress to the next grade level, graduate from high school, and continue to post secondary education or careers.

## Milagro Center—Teen Leadership

The Teen Leadership Program is an arts and education-based out-of-school time enrichment program serving economically disadvantaged, academically at-risk teens in southern Palm Beach County. Students are engaged in cultural arts, academic tutoring, college preparation, career development, and mentoring during afterschool hours and summer camp.

## Urban Youth Impact—Reframe

Reframe is a job training program for high school youth. Youth learn from professionals through workshops, prepare college applications and resumes, get homework help, and interview for summer internships. UYI pays the youth, and the business they intern for trains them as they intern.

## Vita Nova—The Spot—GED/Career Pathways

The Spot is a safe and non-judgmental drop in center for homeless youths ages 18-25 where we welcome youth in off the streets in an effort to link them to resources and programming aimed at eliminating or reducing the risk of homelessness through education and career pathways.

## Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies—Caps & Cribs Teen Mom Mentoring

The Caps & Cribs Teen Mom Mentoring program is a one-on-one mentor program that supports the educational, life, career and parenting goals of teen mothers in Palm Beach County. Volunteer mentors are matched with teens in high schools throughout the county with a goal of advancement to the next grade level and ultimately graduation.

## HomeSafe—Academic Cash Incentives

Academic Cash Incentives is a program that recognizes the hard work and efforts of foster children as they attempt to achieve academic excellence. The program pays out cash rewards for efforts such as completing assignments, earning passing grades, preventing detention, attending class, and aspiring to attend college or vocational school.

