

Grants Awarded

2014-2015

John's Island Community Service League awards grants of
\$780,000 to 34 Indian River non-profit agencies.

■ ADULT/SENIOR CARE

ALZHEIMER/PARKINSON ASSOCIATION OF IRC

\$30,000

"Caring for the Caregiver" is a three-pronged respite program offering caregivers temporary relief, scholarships for Adult Day Care Services at Senior Resources and in-home services.

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

\$25,000

Scholarships for Adult Day Care Services to caregivers and clients through a program designed to meet the needs of functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults.

ST. FRANCIS MANOR

\$ 5,000

Provides affordable, independent apartments to senior citizens on a limited income. Our Grant will pay for the cost of instructors for computer and exercise classes.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

\$25,000

Funds to offset the cost of Medicaid-eligible home health care and Medicaid reimbursement to VNA.

■ COUNSELING/ MENTAL HEALTH

LITERACY SERVICES OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

\$10,000

Operational support for volunteers working with IRC adults and high school students to improve literacy skills so they may become productive citizens.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRC

\$35,000

Mission: To provide immediate access with no barriers to mental health care. Our Grant will help fund the Wraparound Care Program to provide access to a multidisciplinary array of services for children, teens and their families to address their holistic needs including mental health, social, educational and skill building.

SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COUNCIL OF IRC

\$30,000

Redirect counseling program for children ages 12-17 with substance abuse or recurring disorders. Program motivates adolescents & families to aspire to a substance-free and positive lifestyle.

SUNCOAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

\$15,000

Provides mental health counseling, psychiatric care, and case management services to indigent children in IRC, ages 3 to 17.5 years, with mental health or behavioral issues.

■ CRISIS/FOSTER CARE

"CASTLE" - EXCHANGE CLUB

\$25,000

CASTLE's mission is to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect through Education and Awareness. Our Grant will help fund Safe Families – their first and longest running program – an evidence-based, home visitation parenting program designed to help families with minor children remain together. Through long-term (up to one year) intensive (at least weekly) visits from parent educators, families learn positive parenting techniques and family-friendly role modeling.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

\$10,000

Grant will help fund the Transitional Living Program-designed to prevent & reduce homelessness among young adults, 17-23, one of the fastest growing population of homeless in IRC. This includes homeless in high school clients as well as those that have aged out of the foster care system or those youth who find themselves homeless due to a variety of unfortunate family circumstances.

HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER

\$15,000

The mission of Hibiscus Children's Center is to maintain a safe shelter for children who are abused, abandoned, and neglected by providing prevention, residential, assessment and recovery programs. Our Grant will help fund the

Career Pathways to Independence to provide foster youth ages 13 – 17 at the Hibiscus Children's Village with the support, structure, and guidance they need to receive a high school diploma or GED.

SafeSpace

"I was blessed to begin with SafeSpace in the Outreach Program. When my situation got bad I went into the Shelter and after 3 months there, I was accepted into the Supportive Living Program. After 1 ½ years of work, I am still living with SafeSpace, am graduating with my degree and free of violence for the first time in 23 years!"
- *Survivor Testimony*

SAFESPACE

\$25,000

Grant will partially fund a Youth Services Coordinator (YSC), Outreach and Prevention Services in Indian River County. The YSC works directly with child victims of domestic violence and provides prevention activities and groups to educate youth on healthy relationships.

■ EDUCATION – AFTER-SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF IRC

\$10,000

Grant will help fund after-school program scholarships. No child is turned away from the Club for an inability to pay. During the school year, approximately 50% of members receive a full or partial scholarship to attend, amounting to more than \$63,000.

GIFFORD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

\$32,000

Our grant will support for GYAC's After School Education Program for grades K-12, Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00 p.m., during school year which provides daily homework assistance, tutoring, education enrichment, cultural, social and recreation. The program uses certified teachers.

INDIAN RIVER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

\$10,000

Scholarships for IRC Habitat for Humanity elementary children attending after-school and summer programs. Homeowners must pay percentage of cost of programs. Motto: "Hand Up not Hand Out".

■ EDUCATION – OTHER

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

\$15,000

Partially fund "BIGS Inspiring School Success" program to increase literacy skills and promote self-esteem for K-3rd grade students in IRC who are behind in their reading skills. Screened & trained volunteers mentor children during school hours, one-on-one.

Take Stock in Children

"With this scholarship, my dreams and my mother's dreams are becoming possible. I have never been so grateful. I am in great honor to you because without you, college wouldn't be in my future. Thank you!"

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN: INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

\$27,000

Our grant will provide scholarships for three IRC low-income, motivated eighth grade students. Our \$27,000 will pay for three Florida Pre-paid tuitions.

This will result in an accredited 4-year college education for children who otherwise would have no chance of going to college!
(The State of Florida matches funding.)

YOUTH GUIDANCE MENTORING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

\$15,000

Provide scholarship funding toward summer camp for 700 IRC at-risk children in K-12th grade from single parent low-income homes for at least one week at existing quality camps.

THE LEARNING ALLIANCE

\$25,000

Master Coach Training, Phase Two: Literacy Off the Page. With the completion of Phase One of TLA's Master Coach training, which focused on the core elements of teaching and supporting literacy skills, TLA is now turning the focus of its professional development to bolstering student comprehension skills. TLA will provide trainees with methods to integrate various art forms to deepen student engagement with the written word.

UNITED WAY OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

In January 2015 JICSL, in conjunction with members of IRC Funders Forum, allocated funds for a series of workshops by "Non-Profits First" for Indian River County agencies. The program is intended to strengthen Operating and Administrative capacity emphasizing Strategic Planning, Board Governance, Financial Management, Program and Staff Development.

■ FOOD

HARVEST FOOD & OUTREACH CENTER

\$25,000

Grant will help fund a Work Readiness/ Job Preparedness Program (HOPE) that provides a continuum of education including basic work readiness, job training, job preparedness, job coaching and mentoring with the goal of moving clients from unemployment or under-employment to self sufficiency.

Youth Guidance

“Thank you for everything because if I wasn’t here I would be lazy and laying down. You gave me the opportunity to do this and I accepted it. At first I was to shy to come but I am not any more. I started to get use to it. I love this so much thank you very much. Love MC.”
(ten years old)

SHINING LIGHT GARDEN

\$15,000

SLG grows and distributes food to IRC non-profit agencies. They wish to grow their business and acquire more acreage, but lack of business organization and accounting systems will impede this growth. The JICSL grant will allow SLG to retain an Accountant/CPA, develop a strategic business plan and create an accounting process. Having their financial house in order will help them in applying for grants for other funding organizations in IRC.

TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK

\$40,000

This is a Grant for general operating funding - primarily to help sustain the Food Bank’s massive efforts in Indian River County and particularly those efforts (programs) benefitting chronically hungry children in the County.

■ HEALTH & SERVICES

The ARC

\$30,000

The ARC is the only organization in Indian River County serving the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. Grant will provide training for professional crisis management. Staff will be trained in how to deal with disruptive behaviors, as well as crisis intervention, medication administration and annual recertification training.

LIFE BUILDERS OF THE TREASURE COAST

\$20,000

Provides help to those who come in contact with the court system who lack financial resources to move toward job, family and financial stability. LB works with the Public Defender’s Office, Sheriff’s Office and social services agencies in IRC. Future efforts will be broadened to include help in securing jobs for clients.

TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC.

\$20,000

Grant will fund “Think Pink”, a mammography and pap screening program for women who are uninsured. Expectation is that 150+ women will receive screening. JICSL has supported this program for the past two years - during which time 6 women have received breast or cervical cancer diagnoses.

WHOLE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

\$20,000

Mission and long-range plan is to improve access to quality health for under-insured or uninsured patients in the IRC community. The medical model for healthcare provision is an integrated approach with medical and behavioral health providers working closely together to best meet the needs of patients. Our grant will pay for part of the salary for a mid-level behavioral therapist.

■ HOMELESS HOUSING

HOMELESS FAMILY CENTER

\$39,000

The adult education program will be offered to the community. HFC will serve 65 homeless adults with families - The program will offer classes 1 night per week from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 9am-5pm on-the-job internships to enhance skill development. This is to include individualized case management, classroom and field activities so that they may position themselves for higher paying employment opportunities.

SAMARITAN CENTER

\$26,000

Samaritan Center provides long-term housing and guidance to homeless families in Indian River County, and prepares them to live independently. The Grant will fund 70% of the salary for the Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator position. Center can

accommodate 26 individuals or 9 families.

THE SOURCE

\$35,000

The Source provides crisis aid to the homeless, poor and needy of Indian River County. Hunger relief (hot meals), Showers, Laundry, Clothing, Hygiene items, Safe/Serve Kitchen Program, Hydroponic Farm Project (used as a proving ground for employability), Food Pantry, Mail and telephone services, Rental assistance, Utility Assistance. Our grant will support operating expenses.

TREASURE COAST HOMELESS COUNCIL

\$30,000

Support for Treasure Coast Financial Management and Credit Counseling Program to IRC middle-income homeowners facing foreclosures. Program aims at preventing homelessness.

NURTURING CHILDREN

CHILDCARE RESOURCES OF IRC

\$21,000

Subsidized childcare for three children. Direct costs for childcare at the Education Center averages \$10,000 per child, for 8 to 11 hours per day, 248 days per year. Families pay tuition based on sliding scale.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF IRC

\$35,000

Ready - Set - Grow! Reducing the Summer Slide to Increase Kindergarten Readiness. Our Grant will help us extend the school year for 75 students through the end of July 2015.

HEALTHY START COALITION, INC.

\$23,000

The mission of the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition is to assure every pregnant woman, their infants and their young children have access to necessary healthcare and support services to improve health and birth outcomes. TLC (Touch, Love, Communicate) Newborn promotes bonding of families with their newborn babies. Associates contact new parents at Indian River Medical Center after birth of their baby to offer one year of personal support.