

# Grants Awarded

## 2020-2021

### ADULT SENIOR CARE/ADULT EDUCATION

#### ALZHEIMER & PARKINSON ASSOCIATION

**\$45,000 (2021) | \$407,225 (TOTAL since 2007)**

Serves community residents with disorders affecting memory and movement. Our grant funds the *Caring for the Caregiver* program, which offers caregivers temporary relief, allowing them to leave loved ones in the care of professional staff while they do errands or replenish themselves with much needed down time.

#### SENIOR RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

##### AND PUBLIC GUARDIAN

**\$55,000 (2021) | \$413,000 (TOTAL since 2004)**

We support the *Day Away* centers, located in Vero Beach and Sebastian, which provide coordinated health, social and therapeutic activities in a supervised group setting. The program serves adults who can no longer be left alone during the day due to functional and/or cognitive impairments. Our grant also supports *Public Guardianship* for people of low income deemed legally incompetent and without family or friends willing or able to assume the role of guardian. The program alleviates human suffering, reduces long hospital stays and assures effective use of community resources.

#### VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$380,000 (TOTAL since 2000)**

Sets the standard for patients and caregivers needing home health, hospice, and community health services. Our grant helps offset the cost of Medicaid-eligible home health care and Medicaid reimbursement to VNA,

which is a small fraction of the actual cost for a nurse or home health aide's in-home visit.

#### SENIOR COLLABORATIVE

**\$17,500 (2021) | \$32,500 (TOTAL since 2018)**

The program provides a website and interactive database listing services for seniors, together with staff for telephone inquiries. The information and services include both for-profit and not-for-profit resources that a Senior might need. The project aims to be self-sustaining in the future through the sale of memberships to organizations that serve Seniors.

#### LITERACY SERVICES

**\$25,000 (2021) | \$173,500 (TOTAL since 2006)**

The mission is to improve the literacy skills of adults in order for them to become more productive citizens. Our grant supports one-on-one volunteer training and the purchase of educational materials. Their vision is to end generational illiteracy.

#### UNITED AGAINST POVERTY

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$273,700 (TOTAL since 2010)**

Our grant helps fund the *Success Training for Employment Program*. STEP serves unemployed adults with barriers to employment such as little or no work history, substance abuse, mental health, and/or criminal background issues. Since 2015, this program has helped 462 residents become permanently employed and on the road to economic self-sufficiency.

### CRISIS/FOSTER CARE

#### CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

**\$20,000 (2021) | \$256,500 (TOTAL since 2000)**

We fund the *Transitional Living Program* for young adults ages 18-22 who have aged out of the foster care system and would otherwise be homeless. At any one time, 8-12 individuals are housed and provided a range of supports while they complete high school and prepare for successful independent living.

#### HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER

**\$25,000 (2021) | \$210,000 (TOTAL since 2004)**

Our grant helps fund the *Career Pathways to Independence* program provided to foster youth ages 13 - 17 at the Hibiscus Children's Village. The program promotes academic success through the *Pathways* program, leading to high school completion, independent living, college, trades or other employment.

#### SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

**\$20,000 (2021) | \$40,000 (TOTAL since 2020)**

A community of devoted volunteers creates family-like support to keep children safe and families intact and out of the foster care system. During times of family crisis, children are hosted on a short-term basis through Host Families, Family Friends, Family Coaches and Resources Friends, providing a network for families while they get back on their feet.

## HOMELESS/ HOUSING

### HOPE FOR FAMILIES CENTER

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$508,000 (TOTAL since 2000)**

The Center can house up to 21 homeless families with children under 18. Case managers help parents complete a financial literacy course, find employment, develop a budget, save money, move into permanent housing, and enroll children in school, day-care, or after school programs.

### SAMARITAN CENTER

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$288,000 (TOTAL since 2009)**

The Samaritan Center is a transitional residential facility for homeless families, with programming focused on life skills development (parenting, budgeting and education). Our grant supported 80% of the salary for a new Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator position.

### SAFESPACE

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$311,040 (TOTAL since 2000)**

SafeSpace offers victims of domestic violence safety, support and education, empowering them to create a safe independent life, free from violence. It was established in 1979 to serve victims of intimate partner violence. Since that time, SafeSpace has grown to become the only State certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast.

### THE SOURCE

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$437,000 (TOTAL since 2008)**

Provides hot meals, showers, laundry service, clothing, hygiene items, food pantry, mail, rental and utility assistance to the poor and homeless. The Source operates a restaurant-grade kitchen where it provides culinary training, operates a Food Truck, and serves meals to numerous other non-profit organizations through its *Dining with Dignity Program*. Our grant helps pay the utility bills for the facility.

### TREASURE COAST

#### HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$529,000 (TOTAL since 2003)**

Our grant funds *Naomi's House*, a temporary housing program for single women aging out of foster care and/or who require housing for 3-6 months. With the help of intense counseling and coaching, the women gain the requisite skills to obtain employment and permanent housing.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### LIFEBUILDERS OF THE TREASURE COAST

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$220,000 (TOTAL since 2013)**

Low-income individuals and families affected by the court system have financial needs that cannot be met by public funding. LifeBuilders fills that gap and helps these individuals move toward job, family and financial stability by providing small grants to be used for housing, utilities and food/clothing assistance, among other services. LifeBuilders works with the Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Office and social services agencies in IRC.



### TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$230,000 (TOTAL since 2013)**

Our grant supports their *Woman's Health Fund*, which provides mammograms and other preventive screening to those who cannot afford it. The program served 300 women last year.

## COUNSELING/ MENTAL HEALTH

### MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

**\$25,000 (2021) | \$433,000 (TOTAL since 2000)**

Mental Health Association provides mental health care for children, teens and their families to address their needs, with a holistic approach including mental health, social, educational and skill building. Their youth *Walk-In & Counseling Center* provides same-day walk-in assistance with immediate access to help.

### SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COUNCIL

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$445,500 (TOTAL since 2,000)**

Our grant supports the *Redirect Counseling Program*, a prevention program for children ages 12-18 identified with risky behaviors that could lead to substance abuse. Program motivates adolescents and families to aspire to a substance-free and positive lifestyle.

### TYKES & TEENS

**\$30,000 (2021) | \$114,000 (TOTAL since 2018)**

Our grant helps support the *Alternative to Out of School Suspension* program (ALTOSS) for middle and high school students who have been suspended. The program helps students keep up with their schoolwork while suspended, and stresses the importance of positive character, relationships, respect and cooperation. 70% of students who attend the program do not get resuspended. JICSL helped start this program in 2018.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

### THE ARC

**\$40,000 (2021) | \$461,300 (TOTAL since 2000)**

The Arc helps 172 adults with special needs acquire skills that lead to greater independence, more opportunities to make choices affecting their lives, and to become valued members in the

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communities where they live. Our grant supports staff training in a field with high staff turnover.

### SUNSHINE REHABILITATION CENTER

**\$15,000 (2021) | \$55,000 (TOTAL since 2018)**

We fund the *Sunshine Kids Support Fund* that covers the cost of out-patient rehabilitation therapy to 76 under-insured children with delayed milestones. Early intervention and aggressive therapy ensure the best possible long-term outcomes.

### SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

**\$15,000 (2021) | \$65,325 (TOTAL since 2017)**

We fund the *Therapeutic Horseback Riding* program that provides horsemanship instruction to 103 children with disabilities, while using the movement of the horses to achieve physical, cognitive, behavioral, social, and psychological benefits. The children have various conditions including cerebral palsy, stroke, Down syndrome, spina bifida, learning disabilities, developmental delays, and autism.

## NURTURING CHILDREN

### CHILDCARE RESOURCES

**\$25,000 (2021) | \$321,604 (TOTAL SINCE 2000)**

*Subsidized High Quality Childcare* is the primary program focus for Childcare Resources. This Agency strives to ensure young children, from low-income families, access to high quality early learning experiences. The children are age 6 weeks to 5 years. This program prepares them to enter school ready to learn.



### EARLY LEARNING COALITION

**\$18,000 (2021) | \$18,000 (TOTAL since 2021)**

ELC'S program, *Learning Together: A Curricular Collaborative to Improve Kindergarten Readiness*, will help improve kindergarten readiness, by providing quality curricula, paired with teacher training and support, centered around the IRC curriculum and state standards. This grant will build on Year 1 of the Frog Street curriculum by adding three additional school-year classrooms.

### EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF IRC

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$408,000 (TOTAL since 2000)**

Our funds support the *STEP into Kindergarten Program* - a 5-week prekindergarten extension for 225 struggling PreK completers. Taught by trained teachers in School District classrooms, the goal is to reduce "summer slide" and to improve school readiness. JICSL funds enabled the start-up of this program in 2013.

### E.O.C. HEAD START

**\$35,000 (2021) | \$246,000 (TOTAL since 2004)**

Our grant funds an *Early Bird (EB)* program at St. Helen's Head Start Center in Gifford. EB is a free, high-quality early childhood care and education program for at-risk, low-income 3-year-olds focusing on child and family development/success. It joins two other JICSL launched EB's in South Vero and at Dodgertown Elementary.



### HEALTHY START COALITION

**\$55,000 (2021) | \$473,000 (TOTAL since 2000)**

Healthy Start provides a variety of programs to optimize the health of mothers, children, and families. JICSL currently supports 2 different programs, both of which received JICSL start up grants. They are: *Parents as Teachers (PAT)*, a program to promote literacy and school readiness for children 0-3 and the *Doula Program* serving teens and high-risk mothers before, during, and after delivery.

### REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION (RCMA)

**\$32,000 (2021) | \$147,000 (TOTAL since 2016)**

RCMA operates 3 childcare centers in low-income areas of IRC serving children from birth to age 5. Our grant supports a Community Relations Field Coach for these sites, which serves 250 children.



## EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

**\$10,000 (2021) | \$252,000 (TOTAL since 2001)**

We support the Vero Beach Club after school program which serves 350 at-risk youth. Our grant supports *Project Learn*, designed to develop academic, behavioral, and social skills through homework assistance, tutoring and enrichment.

### CROSSOVER MISSION

**\$25,000 (2021) | \$148,000 (TOTAL since 2016)**

We support Crossover's efforts to re-direct "at risk" youth using the love of basketball to motivate athletic and scholastic achievement. Dedicated



coaches and volunteer academic mentors are integral to the program's success.

## GIFFORD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER \$30,000 (2021) | \$560,500 (TOTAL since 2000)

Our grant supports GYAC's *After School Education Program* for grades K-12, with certified teachers during the school year providing daily homework assistance, tutoring, educational/cultural enrichment, socialization, and recreation.



## GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA

\$15,000 (2021) | \$91,500 (TOTAL since 2008)

The Gifford Youth Orchestra is a prevention/enrichment program which believes that by focusing on music education and performance, it will keep the disadvantaged children of Gifford off the streets. Their motto is "Off the Street and On the Stage."

## MISS B'S LEARNING BEES

\$15,000 (2021) | NEW!

Creates educational opportunities to allow children from pockets of poverty to become proficient in math and reading. Additionally, behavioral services for the kids and community outreach are available to their parents.

## WILLIS SPORTS BASEBALL ACADEMY

\$10,000 (2021) | \$20,000 (TOTAL since 2020)

Willis Sports serves underrepresented and disadvantaged children and youth ages 2 – 18. The after school and summer programs fuse academics

(taught by accredited teachers) with baseball and take place at historic Dodgertown, as well as several nearby elementary schools. We fund *Fun at Bat*, supported by Major League Baseball, for elementary school kids.

## EDUCATION — OTHER

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

\$25,000 (2021) | \$263,500 (TOTAL since 2004)

Our grant supports *School and Site-based Reading Mentoring Programs* to 4-year-olds in Pre-K centers and low performing K-3rd grade students. Screened and trained volunteers mentor children one-on-one during school hours.



### THE LEARNING ALLIANCE AND KINDERGARTEN READINESS (KRC)

\$75,000 (2021) | \$351,110 (TOTAL since 2011)

We fund the *Moonshot Academy* after school program on 4 elementary school campuses. The program serves 160 rising second and third grade students, falling below the 50th percentile based on iReady scores. The mission is to have 90% of their students read on grade level by the end of third grade. KRC, a program within TLA, supports community-based *Family Connections Centers*, making referrals for pre-K children to 15 partner agencies.



### PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON INSTITUTE

\$15,000 (2021) | \$35,000 (TOTAL since 2020)

The Pelican *Lagoon Advocates* Program teaches 104 economically disadvantaged 5th graders to use scientific methods to record results in journals, inspiring them to love and respect our natural surroundings. This natural sciences program exposes the students to Audubon's mission: To preserve and protect animals, birds, plants, and our land and water for future generations.

### YOUTH GUIDANCE MENTORING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

\$25,000 (2021) - \$191,000 (TOTAL since 2008)

Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy strives to help low income children in our community break the cycle of poverty through proven one-on-one and group mentoring programs. The focus is on vocational training, social skills development, academic enrichment, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, & math).

### TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN: INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

\$25,500 (2021) | \$320,450 (TOTAL since 2001)

Our grant will provide scholarships for three IRC low-income, motivated high school students, who earn a 4-year tuition scholarship to attend IRSC for 2 years, followed by 2 years at a public state college. This will result in an accredited 4-year college education for children who would not otherwise have this opportunity. The state of Florida matches funding.

