

Grants Awarded

2018-2019

John's Island Community Service League awarded grants of **\$1,031,500** to **38 Indian River non-profit agencies and academic scholarships** to John's Island employees' children out of all of our funds (Main, Strategic and Scholarship). Historical data below goes back to 2000.

■ ADULT SENIOR CARE/ADULT EDUCATION

ALZHEIMER & PARKINSON ASSOCIATION

\$40,000 (2019) - \$317,225 (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 and scholarships for *Adult Day Care Services*.

SENIOR RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

\$30,000 (2019) - \$273,000 (TOTAL since 2004)

Includes Merger Bonus of \$20,000

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THE PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

\$20,000 (2019) - \$30,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

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VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

\$30,000 (2019) - \$320,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

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

LITERACY SERVICES

\$20,000 (2019) - \$123,500 (TOTAL since 2006)

Their mission is to improve the literacy skills of adults with limited literacy so they will become more productive citizens. Our grant supports volunteer training and purchase of educational materials.

UNITED AGAINST POVERTY

\$25,000 (2019) - \$213,700 (TOTAL since 2010)

Our grant helps fund *Success Training for Employment Program*. STEP is designed to fill a gap in our community to serve unemployed adults, with barriers to employment such as little or no work history, substance abuse and/or mental health, and criminal background issues.

■ CRISIS/FOSTER CARE

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

\$20,000 (2019) - \$216,500 (TOTAL since 2000)

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HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER

ON HIATUS 2019 - \$165,000 (TOTAL since 2004)

In prior years, we have funded the *Career Pathways to Independence* program provided to foster youth ages 13 - 17 at the Hibiscus Children's Village with wraparound supports to promote academic success, complete high school, and prepare for independent living, college, jobs or trades.

SAFE SPACE

\$25,000 (2019) - \$281,040 (TOTAL since 2000)

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■ HOMELESS/HOUSING

HOPE FOR FAMILIES CENTER

\$25,000 (2019) - \$448,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

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SAMARITAN CENTER

\$28,000 (2019) - \$228,000 (TOTAL since 2009)

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THE SOURCE

\$35,000 (2019) - \$367,000 (TOTAL since 2008)

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TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL

\$30,000 (2019) - \$434,000 (TOTAL since 2003)

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EVERY DREAM HAS A PRICE

\$10,000 (2019) - \$35,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

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■ HEALTH & WELLNESS

LIFE BUILDERS OF THE TREASURE COAST

\$30,000 (2019) - \$150,000 (TOTAL since 2013)

Low income individuals in the court system have financial needs that cannot be met by public funding. Life Builders (LB) fills that gap and helps these individuals move toward job, family and financial stability. LB works with the Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Office and social services agencies in IRC.

TREASURE COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH

\$35,000 (2019) - \$160,000 (TOTAL since 2013)

Our grant supports their *Woman's Health Fund* which provides mammograms and other preventive screening to those who cannot afford it. Will serve 350 women next year.

FRIENDS AFTER DIAGNOSIS

\$10,000 (2019) - NEW!

Serves women diagnosed with cancer via support meetings, education, and wellness programming. Our grant pays for a financial audit so that they can raise funds more easily.

■ COUNSELING/MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

\$25,000 (2019) - \$383,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

Our grant supports mental health care for children, teens and their families to address their holistic needs including mental health, social, educational and skill building at the Walk-In & Counseling Center. Will serve 239 children plus their families next year.

SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COUNCIL

\$35,000 (2019) - \$375,500 (TOTAL since 2000)

Our grant supports the Redirect Counseling Program for children ages 12-18 identified

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with risky behaviors that could lead to substance abuse. Program motivates adolescents and families to aspire to a substance-free and positive lifestyle. Will serve 222 children plus their families next year.

SUNCOAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

\$15,000 (2019) - \$176,747 (TOTAL since 2007)

Our grant provides mental health counseling, psychiatric care and case management to indigent children ages 3 to 17.5 years, with mental health or behavioral issues. Supports services for children who do not qualify for Medicaid or are uninsured and in need of immediate assistance. 300 children were served last year.

TYKES & TEENS

\$30,000 (2019) - \$54,000 (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. JICSL Strategic funds helped start this program in our County in fall 2018 with the objective of reducing the rate of repeat suspensions and drop-outs.

■ SPECIAL NEEDS

THE ARC

\$35,000 (2019) - \$381,300 (TOTAL since 2000)

Merged with Sun UP in 2013.
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SUNSHINE REHABILITATION CENTER

\$15,000 (2019) - \$25,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

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SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

\$15,000 (2019) - \$35,325 (TOTAL since 2017)

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YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

\$10,000 (2019) - NEW!

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■ NURTURING CHILDREN

CHILDCARE RESOURCES

\$30,000 (2019) - \$296,604 (TOTAL since 2000)

Our funds subsidize three children in high quality daycare 8 to 11 hours per day, 248 days per year. Families are at 150% - 200% of the poverty rate and pay tuition based on a sliding scale. CCR serves 127 children.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF IRC

\$35,000 (2019) - \$338,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

Our funds support the *STEP into Kindergarten* program which is a 6-week prekindergarten extension for struggling Voluntary Pre K (VPK) 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. Today this program serves 225 children.

E.O.C. HEAD START

\$35,000 (2019) - \$176,000 (TOTAL since 2004)

In 2015, JICSL collaborated to start the *Early Bird Program*, a 3-year old Pre K classroom for Head Start eligible students in South Vero. A second classroom was opened at Dodgertown Elementary. Today, 34 three-year-olds are attending a quality Pre K program at elementary schools they will ultimately attend.



HEALTHY START COALITION

\$40,000 (2019) - \$363,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

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



All agencies at closing luncheon.



REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION

\$30,000 (2019) - \$85,000 (TOTAL since 2016)

RCMA operates 3 childcare centers in low income areas of IRC serving birth to age five. Our grant funds a part time Volunteer Coordinator for these sites which serve 131 children.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS COLLABORATIVE

\$20,000 (2019) - \$35,000 (TOTAL since 2016)

Our grant supports KRC's community-based Family Connection Centers in Fellsmere and Gifford. Family Engagement Specialists increase awareness and make referrals to existing resources of 15 partner agencies, demonstrate age-appropriate activities, share basic child development information, encourage preschool and VPK attendance, support early identification of special needs and help parents navigate the service system for 420 children.

■ EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

\$10,000 (2019) - \$227,000 (TOTAL since 2001)

We support the Vero Beach Club after school program which serves 300 primarily 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 (2019) - \$98,000 (TOTAL since 2016)

We support Crossover's efforts to re-direct 75 "at risk" youth using the love of basketball as a means to motivate and monitor athletic and scholastic achievement using dedicated coaches and volunteer academic mentors.

DASIE BRIDGEWATER HOPE CENTER

\$10,000 (2019) - \$173,000 (TOTAL since 2003)

Funds support an after school program for Wabasso "at risk" youth ages 5-18 years, that provides job training, as well as educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities. A hot meal is provided each day.

GIFFORD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

ON HIATUS (2019) - \$505,000 (TOTAL since 2000)

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



GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA

\$10,000 (2019) - \$66,500 (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." Our award supports operating expenses.

■ EDUCATION - OTHER

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

\$25,000 (2019) - \$213,500 (TOTAL since 2004)

Our grant supports school and site-based reading mentoring programs to 145 four-year-olds in VPK centers and 315 low performing K-3rd grade students. Screened and trained volunteers mentor children one-on-one during school hours.

THE LEARNING ALLIANCE

\$25,000 (2019) - \$236,110 (TOTAL since 2011)

Our grant will help fund the Moonshot Academy Summer School at VB Elementary. The four-week program will serve 60 rising second and third grade students falling below the 50th percentile based on iReady scores. It will be in session 5 days a week, 6 hours per day. The goal is to stop "summer slide" and help them make progress in their literacy skills.

YOUTH GUIDANCE MENTORING & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

\$16,000 (2019) - \$149,000 (TOTAL since 2008)

Our grant is supporting the STEM Magnet component of the Mentoring Academy. The Academy currently operates 12-15 different activity groups every 8 weeks, 6 times a year for 300 children. The STEM program is offered 5 times a year. Students come from low income, single parent homes.

■ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN: INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

\$28,500 (2019) - \$266,450 (TOTAL since 2001)

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JOHN'S ISLAND EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$20,000 (2019) - \$568,109 (TOTAL since 1999)

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■ OTHER

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

\$10,000 Out of Strategic Fund

We contributed, along with other funding groups to have a consulting group do a community wide needs assessment to inform our actions. It is expected to be completed early 2020.

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Special Needs Agencies

It is estimated that 15% of American children have a developmental disability (physical, learning, language, behavior). Low-income children (Medicaid) have a rate double that of children on private insurance. In 2018, 50% of the births in IRC were paid by Medicaid. The Indian River School District estimated that there are 3,000 children with special needs in their schools. Understanding this need, the Grants Committee has increased its focus on special needs. The following Agencies provide programs to adults and children.

THE ARC \$35,000 (2019) - \$381,225 (TOTAL since 2000)

The ARC helps 230 adults acquire skills that lead to greater independence, more opportunities to make choices affecting their lives, and to become valued members in the communities in which they live. Our grant supports staff training in an industry with high staff turnover.

SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS \$15,000 (2019) - \$35,325 (TOTAL since 2011)

We fund the Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program that provides horsemanship instruction to 100 children with disabilities while using the movement of the horses to achieve physical, cognitive, behavioral, social and psychological benefits. The children have different disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, stroke, Down Syndrome, spina bifida, learning disabilities, developmental delays, and autism.



SUNSHINE REHABILITATION CENTER \$15,000 (2019) - \$25,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

Sunshine is an out-patient rehabilitation center that provides occupational, physical and speech therapies to children and adults. We fund the Sunshine Kids Support Fund that covers the cost of therapy to 45 under insured children with delayed milestones. Early intervention and aggressive therapy ensures the best possible long term outcomes.

YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION OF IRC \$10,000 (2019) - New Agency!

We fund the Adaptive Sailing Program. Instructors use 3 specially adapted sailboats to help 8 special needs sailors move from tentativeness to euphoria as they learn to pilot their own boats on the open water, while gaining confidence and self-esteem. The program is expected to grow this year.



As we look forward, the Grants Committee would like to identify agencies that focus on early identification and intervention of children with developmental disabilities so they are able to succeed when they start school.

Affordable Housing

THE NEXT BIG INITIATIVE!

There is a shortage of affordable housing in Indian River County (IRC). This problem is finally receiving the needed focus. The County set up an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee in April 2019. Additionally, a Community Needs Assessment is expected to be completed early 2020.

We have two problems in IRC: many people are living paycheck to paycheck and a shortage of housing. The United Way with Rutgers University calculates a Survival Budget for a family of 4 in IRC. It is \$54,432 per year. Yet 51% of total IRC households (60% of households with children) earn less than the Survival Budget. Landlords prefer to rent to snow birds for 4 months at high prices, rather than to a family for 12 months at a lower price.

Historically the JICSL's focus has been on the homeless component of the housing issue. In 2018, we made our first investment in the Affordable Housing Issue and are investigating other ways to contribute to solving this problem. Stay tuned!

FOCUS ON THE HOMELESS

Hope for Families Center

\$25,000 (2019) - \$448,000 (TOTAL since 2002)

HFC can house 21 homeless families with children under 18. Case managers help parents find employment, develop a budget, save money, move into permanent housing and enroll children in school. Average stay is 6 months.

Treasure Coast Homeless Services

\$30,000 (2019) - \$434,000 (TOTAL since 2003)

We fund a bridge housing program for 16 disenfranchised single women. Intense counseling and coaching is provided to move them from their current life situations to having the requisite skills to obtain employment and permanent housing.

The Source

\$35,000 (2019) - \$367,000 (TOTAL since 2008)

Provides hot meals, showers, clothing, hygiene items, food pantry, mail, rental and utility assistance to homeless people who live in the woods. Can also be used as an emergency overnight shelter.

Samaritan Center

\$28,000 - \$228,000 (TOTAL since 2009)

Provides longer term housing to homeless families. Can house 9 families or 26 individuals. Prepares them to live independently.

Children's Home Society

\$20,000 (2019) - \$216,000 (TOTAL since 2006)

We fund CHS's Transitional Living Program for young adults ages 18-22. At any one time, they can house 12 homeless high school students and children who have aged out of the foster care system.

Safe Space

\$25,000 (2019) - \$282,000 (TOTAL since 2010)

We fund the Supportive Living Program and Outreach Program which serves victims of domestic violence with no dependent children. It is an 18-month program in a 10-bed facility.

FOCUS ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Every Dream Has A Price

\$10,000 (2019) - \$35,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

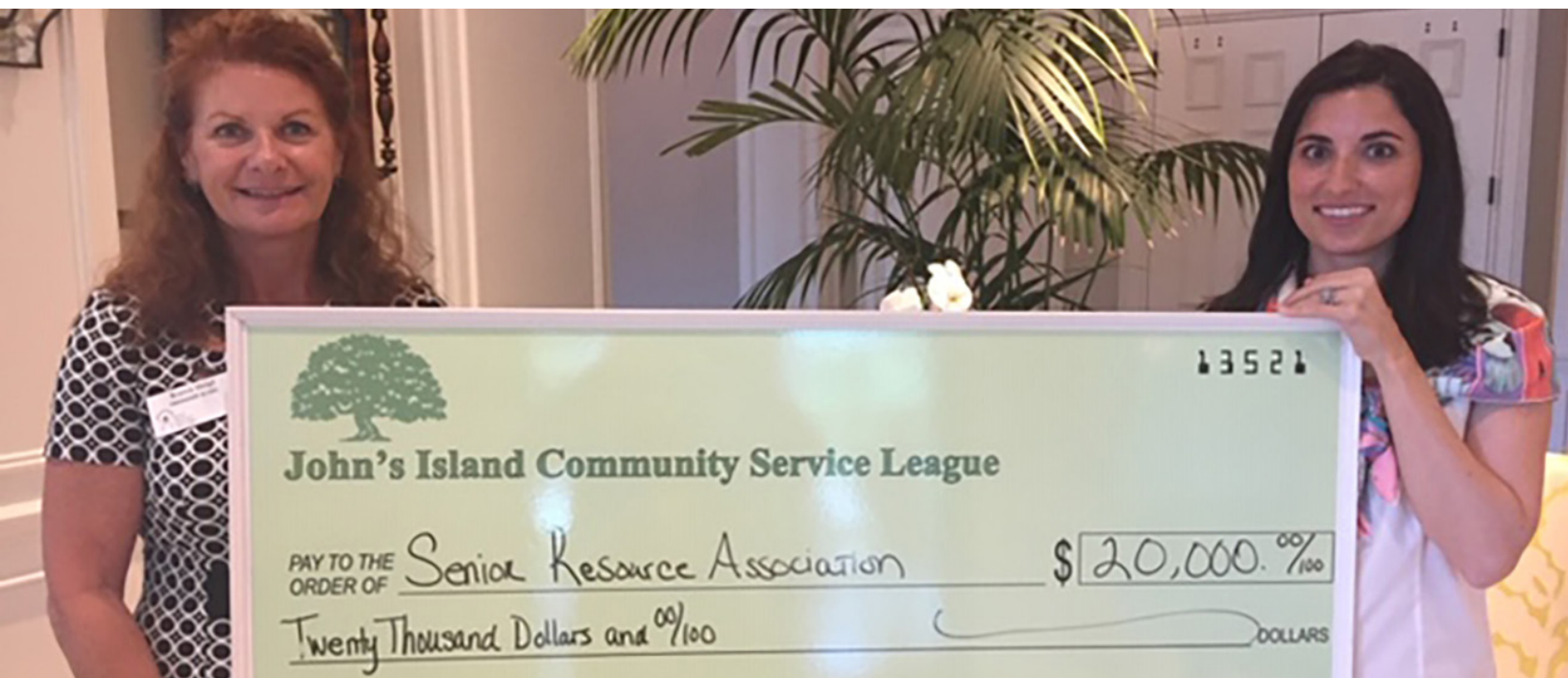
Converts crack houses into low income rental properties in Gifford. Initial funding was via our Strategic Fund to help them hire their first part time paid employee. In 2019 we provided funding for their first audit.



Hope for Families Center.

Special Award

FOR A MERGER



Karen Deigl (Senior Resource Association) and Morgan Libbey Smith (Public Guardianship)

All of the organizations we support work very hard to accomplish their missions. Two local agencies concluded that they could better serve their clients if they merged. The JICSL applauds this consolidation and in celebration of the spirit of collaboration made an additional special \$20,000 award to them. The Grants Committee had never made an award like this before but believed this consolidation was an important event to recognize in our community.

Senior Resource Association \$30,000 (2019) - \$253,000 (TOTAL since 2004)

We support the Adult Day Care (ADC) centers, located in Vero Beach and Sebastian, which provide coordinated health, social and therapeutic activities in a supervised group setting. They serve 140 adults who can no longer be left alone during the day due to functional and/or cognitive impairments.

The Public Guardianship Program \$20,000 (2019) - \$30,000 (TOTAL since 2018)

Public Guardianship serves 16 clients, persons 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 but also reduces long hospital stays and assures effective use of community resources. The waiting list for these services is at least 3 times the number of clients currently served.

Public Guardianship will now be merged into Senior Resource Association. This merger and our bonus award of \$20,000 will allow for the training of additional Professional Guardians. The real beneficiary of this decision will be our community.

Morgan Libbey Smith, Public Guardianship Executive Director, described Public Guardianship as “a program that was born in 2012, now a teenager.” Senior Resources, led by Karen Deigl, said “We are now acquiring Indian River Public Guardianship so we will be able to serve anyone over 18 years of age who is incapacitated and cannot make decisions for themselves. It is such a wonderful continuation of care that we will now be able to provide.”

Academic Scholarships

All JI members know that a good education can change the trajectory of a person's life.

There are three ways the JICSL supports Education – through Take Stock in Children, Academic Scholarships for children of John's Island Club Employees and Academic Scholarships for John's Island Club Employees. Our most recent program, Scholarships for John's Island Club Employees is the JICSL's way of saying "Thank You" to the employees who help make our stay at the John's Island Club so wonderful.



IR State College "Take Stock in Children"

Since 2001, the JICSL has paid for 34 low income, first generation college students in Indian River County Children to obtain a 4 year college degree.

8th Graders apply and are accepted into this program. They are mentored 9-12th grade and must get good grades, be drug and crime free and graduate from High School. After this, their college tuition is paid to achieve a 4-year college degree.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

96% of the 8th graders who get this scholarship graduate from High School.

67% graduate with a 4-year college degree within 5 years.

These are impressive statistics.



Scholarships for JI Club Employees' Children

Since 1999, we have awarded \$623,000 in college scholarships to children of John's Island Club employees.

The Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County manages the process for us. Students go to the college of their choice.



Scholarships for JI Club Employees

Last spring we began offering a program in coordination with Indian River State College to pay tuition for full time John's Island Club employees to pursue a degree or certificate program. To be eligible they must be in good standing, have worked for JI a minimum of 6 months and have a minimum GPA.

The first group of 10 employees started classes in the summer 2019. The current applicants' interests span the gamut and include: business administration, accounting, landscaping, horticulture, culinary and paramedic certification.

In 2019, Indian River State College was voted the #1 community college out of 1,117 community colleges by the Aspen Institute. They received this honor due to their high completion rate.