



ADOPT-A-FAMILY
OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

This year was defined by a single common theme – a nationwide housing crisis, with our community at the epicenter. We saw it on the news and read about it in the papers. Nearly every day, Adopt-A-Family heard from families struggling with rent increases of \$700, \$800, even \$1,000 per month. Some of these families had already lost their homes and were sleeping in their cars. Some had been slowly falling behind, with no means to catch up and an eviction notice on the door. Still others were afraid to renew a lease they couldn't afford, but didn't have \$8,000 to pay first, last, and two months' security deposit to move into a new place. We saw the fear and anxiety associated with finding (and keeping) affordable housing in a high-cost region. Everything else was more expensive, too – groceries, gas, childcare.

These realities informed our work throughout the year. At the Family Division of the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center, our talented staff was on the front lines of the crisis. With access to new resources, we significantly expanded services for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including a creative diversion effort and additional short-term motel shelter, to get families off the streets and to safety as soon as possible.

To prevent episodes of family homelessness, our Housing Stabilization Program's average payment was nearly \$3,000, double the pre-COVID cost. The team worked with landlords to renegotiate rent increases, and emphasized budget coaching for parents trying to make ends meet.

One thing that remained consistent was our continued emphasis on supportive services, because our work is not just about housing. On our Lake Worth campus, neighbors told neighbors about the benefits of on-site mental health therapy and job coaching. The Youth Success Program gave Project Grow graduates a place to stay connected and on track as they navigated middle school and high school. And throughout the agency, our social workers were there for our families, giving them access to the tools they needed to succeed.

We could not have served thousands of our Palm Beach County neighbors in 2022 without our board members, generous donors, volunteers, foundations, and community partners who believe in the work we do, who drive us and trust us. Thank you for having faith in us. Your commitment makes our community stronger, one family at a time. And a special thank you to our staff – thanks for your commitment and determination to make a difference, no matter the obstacles.

With gratitude,



Matthew Constantine, Chief Executive Officer



Kirstin Turner, Board Chair



Matthew Constantine



Kirstin Turner

OUR PROGRAMS

JULIAN PLACE

Julian Place opened its doors in 2020 after five years of research, planning, fundraising, and construction. Adopt-A-Family launched a capital campaign in 2017 to raise \$6.6 million to build the project and fund program operations for at least five years. Thanks to an outpouring of generosity from our community of supporters, we met the fundraising goal in 2022, positioning the program for long-term success.

Julian Place is an innovative housing model designed to improve children's educational outcomes through the provision of stable housing and extensive support services for every member of the household. The program provides 14 two-, three-, and four-bedroom townhomes for families who have children attending Highland Elementary, a Title I school located two blocks from Julian Place, which has one of the county's highest populations

of homeless students. Resident families have access to Project Grow as well as case management, job coaching, mental health services, the Youth Success Program, financial literacy classes, and special events at the Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center.

According to a report by Geo Education & Research, Julian Place students outperformed classmates with similar demographics on academic outcomes in 2022. On the state FAST test, Julian Place students scored 11 percentage points higher in English language arts and 17 percentage points higher in math. On the District i-Ready Diagnostic, program students scored 11 percentage points higher in reading and 4 percentage points higher in math. Julian Place students earned higher grades on their report cards as well. We look forward to the program's continued positive impact on the students who call Julian Place home.



SENATOR PHILIP D. LEWIS HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Division of the Homeless Resource Center is the central point of access for Palm Beach County families experiencing homelessness. Emergency shelter is offered at Program REACH and motels, Diversion funds reunify families with a support system, Housing Specialists identify affordable rentals, and Rapid Re-Housing provides declining rental assistance and case management services.

PROGRAM REACH

As the largest family shelter in Palm Beach County, Program REACH provides 19 units of interim housing to families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Families take refuge in the apartment-style units for up to 90 days while they receive housing-focused case management and targeted support services designed to help them identify and secure a stable housing solution.

PROJECT SAFE

Project SAFE is Palm Beach County's largest permanent supportive housing program, providing 32 apartments for families emerging from an episode of homelessness. The program serves families with multiple barriers to stability and a head of household living with a disability, and aims to help residents stabilize, live independently, improve their well-being, and pursue self-sufficiency.

WILEY REYNOLDS GARDENS APARTMENTS

Wiley Reynolds Gardens Apartments is a nine-unit supportive housing program for very low-income families who maintained earnings while experiencing homelessness. The townhouses provide stability for families who would struggle to afford fair market rent. Residents receive case management, financial counseling, and support services to prepare them for long-term self-sufficiency.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2

Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 offers 24 truly affordable rentals scattered throughout the City of Lake Worth. Previously foreclosed properties, the rehabilitated units are owned and maintained by Adopt-A-Family and reserved for low-income households. Residents are provided with case management as they pursue education, employment opportunities, and long-term financial stability.

SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING

Service Enriched Housing offers 31 units of affordable housing to low-income families dedicated to the pursuit of financial stability and homeownership. Through financial counseling, credit repair, homeownership education, links to non-traditional home purchase programs, and a unique rent structure that places a portion of each payment into savings, residents are placed on the path to financial security.

HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM

The Housing Stabilization Program provides emergency rental assistance to families who have fallen behind on their housing payment due to a temporary crisis such as an injury, illness, or job loss. The program prevents eviction and homelessness by eliminating rental arrears and equips families to maintain stability through case management, budget counseling, and links to support services.

PROJECT GROW

Project Grow is our afterschool and summer program designed to address the unique academic and social challenges faced by elementary school students who have experienced homelessness and instability. The program's holistic curriculum includes engaging hands-on lessons, one-on-one tutoring, social-emotional exercises, mental health therapy, parental engagement, and recreation on our turf field and playground.



THE 2021-2022 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

Even as our community began to emerge from the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, bitter financial realities lingered and intensified. In the latter part of 2021 and into 2022:

- Inflation rose to 8.2%.
- Nationwide, gasoline prices rose 41%, from an average of \$3.17 to \$4.47 per gallon.
- The U.S. Labor Department Consumer Price Index report showed a 13.5% increase in the cost of groceries.

Strained household budgets were pushed to the breaking point as the cost of housing skyrocketed. When it came time to renew their leases, Palm Beach County families found their rent payments increasing by hundreds of dollars – and in some cases, more than \$1,000 a month.

In a January 2022 report, The Washington Post ranked the West Palm Beach region at number 8 among U.S. metropolitan areas with the fastest-rising rent prices, with an average 34% annual increase.

According to Adopt-A-Family Housing Specialists, the affordability crisis has become the primary reason clients are forced to seek assistance. Many are lifelong residents of Palm Beach County employed in low-paying service sector jobs that are essential to the community – but they can't afford to live in the place where they grew up and work.

The Housing Stabilization Program began getting calls from families like the Davidsons, whose struggles escalated when they got their rent renewal notice.

When Sean Davidson was laid off, he and his wife eliminated all unnecessary expenses and began going to food banks. It wasn't enough, especially when they learned their rent was increasing from \$1,200 to \$1,650 per month. After facilitating an emergency rental payment, their Family Advocate helped them negotiate a more manageable increase and find ways to cover the difference. The Davidsons are grateful to have kept their apartment, their child is thriving, and they are making ends meet.

The housing affordability crisis affected virtually every family at the Program REACH emergency shelter, making it even more difficult for them to move on to a permanent housing solution.

...AND OUR RESPONSE

Nowhere in America are there enough truly affordable homes for the families that need them. Adopt-A-Family helps meet this need in the Palm Beach County community with 112 truly affordable housing units, where rents are one-third to one-half of market average.

At Service Enriched Housing, Jasmine is enrolled in nursing school, has reduced her credit card debt, and will soon be ready to map out a mortgage-readiness plan.

When she and her two children moved into SEH in 2019, Jasmine was working three part-time jobs. She had no benefits, sick leave, or room for advancement. Now, because she can truly afford her housing costs, she is staying current on her tuition payments as she continues building credit, training for a higher-income career, and saving to buy a home. Her sons will one day benefit from the stability achieved through homeownership.

At Project SAFE, Zara is launching a home-based business that will provide income and allow her to manage her family's complex medical needs.

Both of Zara's children have physical and behavioral health issues, and Zara lives with congestive heart failure, which limits her work options. Through Adopt-A-Family's Job Coach Program, Zara completed an in-depth computer training program and has gained the confidence to pursue self-employment. Not only will she have a source of income, she will have the flexibility she needs to care for her own health and the health of her children.

At Julian Place, Josy's children are learning more and behaving better at school, and she is studying for her GED with hopes of becoming a pharmacy technician.

As she watched Julian Place being built, Josy dreamed of moving there with her three sons, a vision that was fulfilled in April 2021. The family now lives in peace, something their previous existence could never provide. A full-time cashier, Josy now has guidance to explore her own career ambitions. She worked hard to help her boys rectify a pattern of absenteeism and tardiness. Everyone is happier, and the boys are proud of their accomplishments.

OUR FACILITIES TEAM

With a 12,000-square-foot office building, three Project Grow classrooms and playground, and 112 housing units on (or near) the Lake Worth campus, Adopt-A-Family's properties require a massive amount of caretaking. Our indispensable Facilities team does it all – routine repairs, event set-up and breakdown, common area maintenance, and down-to-the studs remodeling of bathrooms and kitchens. They do carpentry, plumbing, concrete work, electrical, and air-conditioning, each year saving the agency a fortune in outside labor charges.

On top of being incredibly talented in their trades, Greg, Juan, Jorge, Ayub, and Isaiah serve as part of each resident's support system. Because they work in and around residents' homes and are such a visible presence on campus, they practice their own form of social work. They are as dedicated to clients' well-being as any of our case managers, and carry out their duties with pride, integrity, and respect. They are the unsung heroes of Adopt-A-Family's work.

AAF Facilities Team (L to R): Isaiah, Jorge, Ayub, Greg, and Juan



ALL-ENCOMPASSING SERVICES

SUCCESS STORY: LINDA MARTINEZ

A single mother of three and Wiley Reynolds Gardens Apartments resident, Linda Martinez (right) is no stranger to hard work. After years of juggling multiple jobs to support her children, this year Linda began reevaluating her career path with help from Job Coach Manager Bryan Boudreault.

"She started wondering if she was in the right career at all," Bryan said about Linda, who worked at a daycare during the day and in retail at nights. "She felt like she was going nowhere."

Although Linda's youngest son receives daily academic and social support from Project Grow, Linda desired to be more available for him at home. Bryan assessed Linda's skills and passions, which helped lead her to a medical billing and coding course at Palm Beach State College – a career with remote-work potential and higher pay.

Linda discovered that she qualified for Pell Grant funding for books and tuition, and Adopt-A-Family's Next Step Grant program funded the purchase of a laptop to be used for coursework. (Launched in 2021 and generously funded by the Gerstner Foundation, the Next Step Grant program provides aid for clients who have identified a vocational or educational path for success and need help paying for it.)

Linda is well into her degree program and looks forward to the possibilities her new certification will bring. At the end of 2022, Linda took great pride in seeing both her daughter and older son graduate from Palm Beach State College, and is excited knowing that she, too, will be a PBSC alumna.

"I'm a mom. I have to provide for my kids, so I'm going to do that," Linda said, her youngest son at her side. "My son needs a lot of extra attention, and I'll do whatever is necessary to be there."





YOUTH SUCCESS PROGRAM

Launched in 2021, the Youth Success Program provides space for Adopt-A-Family teens to connect with their peers while developing academic and career goals through focused activities, small groups, and outings. "This is such an important resource for middle- and high-schoolers at this point in their lives," says Youth Success Coach Michelle Pinto. "The students are building confidence because they have a safe space to express themselves, all while receiving valuable mentorship."

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The on-site Mental Health Program ensures that the agency's clients have access to professional counseling services by eliminating the barriers that traditionally prevent engagement: cost, insurance requirements, lack of transportation, and strict attendance policies. A licensed clinical social worker offers therapeutic services on our Lake Worth campus, at our Program REACH shelter, and at the Homeless Resource Center. Since 2016, the program has provided over 250 adults and children with the tools and strategies they need to address past trauma, overcome challenges, pursue their goals, and cultivate healthy family environments.

JOB COACH PROGRAM

The Job Coach Program supports residents in their efforts to increase their earning potential through a career path that combines their skills and passions. Vocational assessments pinpoint clients' strengths and interests, and the Job Coach Manager helps participants create a plan to achieve a fulfilling career through education, certification programs, and networking. Dozens of clients have returned to college or pursued certifications to achieve better-paying jobs that excite and inspire them.



AAF4CHANGE

AAF4Change (Adopting a Foundation for Change) is a new initiative that formalizes our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This effort has been built around the need to understand and respect differences among our staff and throughout the community we serve. Initially funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and facilitated by Barbara Cheives of Converge & Associates, AAF4Change has helped our team members grow cultural competency, recognize its relevance to the agency's mission, and deepen cross-cultural communication skills.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Adopt-A-Family's community partners provide many of the wraparound services that help our clients get back on their feet. These are just some of the organizations and institutions that contribute to the success of the families we serve:

Boys Town
 CareerSource
 Center for Family Services
 Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County
 and the Treasure Coast
 Community Partners of South Florida
 CROS Ministries
 Dress for Success
 Early Learning Coalition of
 Palm Beach County
 Families First of Palm Beach County
 Feeding South Florida
 Genesis Community Health
 Gulfstream Goodwill Industries
 Habitat for Humanity
 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition
 Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
 Literacy AmeriCorps
 Little Smiles
 Palm Beach State College
 Pathways to Prosperity
 Prime Time Palm Beach County
 South Florida Community Land Trust
 Sweet Dream Makers
 The Lord's Place
 The Salvation Army
 Urban League of Palm Beach County
 Vocational Rehabilitation
 We Believe Ministries

To these partner agencies and many others, we extend our deepest thanks for making a difference in our community and in the lives of our clients.



PROJECT GROW

RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM

Project Grow served 66 students during the 2021-22 school year, returning to full capacity for the first time since before the pandemic. From computer animation courses to science experiments to field trips at nature preserves, Project Grow's lineup of enriching programs strengthened minds and fostered creativity.

Every year, Project Grow students make great strides toward personal and academic success and this year was especially strong – every child met the academic benchmarks required to earn promotion to the next grade level. A 2022 study by Geo Education & Research showed that on both state and district assessments, Project Grow students' scores were consistently higher than a comparison group of classmates with similar demographics. The study also tracked the long-term outcomes of students who participated in Project Grow during the 2007-08 school year and found that they were 4.4 percentage points more likely to graduate high school than all other students in the district.

Adopt-A-Family believes strongly in the value of offering quality out-of-school care to students who need it most, because every child deserves a chance to thrive.

THE ADVENTURES OF PROJECT GROW SUMMER CAMP

Project Grow students enjoyed the full scope of summer camp fun in 2022, with each day bringing new adventures. The children were fully engaged in outdoor activities, family parties, and off-site field trips to wondrous locations, such as Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Miami's Frost Museum of Science. In addition, the program provided fun academic activities to keep minds engaged and stimulated in preparation for the 2022-23 school year. As summer camp came to a close, Project Grow celebrated with the annual end-of-summer bash, complete with a bounce house and waterslide, talent show, pizza party, and ceremony for our fifth grade graduates.

SUCCESS STORY: DENIA

Denia, a 20-year-old pre-med biology student at the University of Florida, credits much of her academic success to her time in Project Grow. She attended the program from kindergarten until her fifth grade graduation, and now watches as her younger sisters flourish in the very same classrooms. Growing up, Denia's home life was sometimes unstable, but Project Grow provided her family with structure, consistent community, and resources they were lacking, such as computer access.

"Before Project Grow, we didn't have much support," Denia says, "but the Project Grow community helped my family so much. Now I am confident my younger sisters are receiving the same support and care as I did, and I know my mom is being cared for, too." She vividly remembers many special moments in Project Grow, like the time her mother, teacher Viola Scott, and program director Daron Morse coordinated a surprise party for her 7th birthday, and the many ways the staff supported her mother. "The teacher in charge of the youngest kids was so sweet and built deep connections with my mother, despite the language barrier. It was really special," Denia says.

The oldest of four girls, Denia navigates life with a deep sense of responsibility. "Denia works so hard, harder than most," says Daron. "She cares so much for her mother, whose first language is not English, so Denia takes the helm in a lot of ways."

Project Grow helped connect Denia to a medical magnet program in middle school, and in ninth grade, she joined Lake Worth High School's medical program. Denia graduated high school with an associate's degree, a feat accomplished through strenuous dual enrollment. She is on course to complete her undergraduate program early, with her mom, stepdad, and sisters cheering her on.



Denia (top row, second from right) and her family. Denia's mother looks forward to enrolling her youngest daughter in Project Grow next year for kindergarten.




SPOTLIGHT ON THE



WHAT IS COORDINATED ENTRY?

Prior to the implementation of Palm Beach County's Coordinated Entry system, families in crisis were left on their own to visit agency after agency, and make call after call, to get help. It could be confusing, frustrating, and time-consuming for families who were already in turmoil.

Since 2012, individuals and families experiencing homelessness have been able to call the HRC's central line – 561-904-7900 – and know they will get to explain their situation to someone who will navigate them to the best resources available. The system relies on the cooperation of several agencies and entities, including Palm Beach County Division of Human Services, Adopt-A-Family, the City of West Palm Beach, Families First of Palm Beach County, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, the Homeless Coalition, The Salvation Army, and The Lord's Place.



Palm Beach County has a single point of access for all homeless services: The Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center on 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The HRC, for short. Here, more than two dozen indispensable Adopt-A-Family team members work on the front lines of ending episodes of family homelessness in our community.

Palm Beach County's call center fields more than 12,000 calls per year, and 5,200 are from families with minor children. All calls from families experiencing homelessness are directed to the HRC's Family Division, staffed and operated by Adopt-A-Family since the center opened in 2012. Working every day with families in crisis, this team is devoted to providing a prompt, compassionate response.

Each family's unique set of circumstances requires a highly individualized response. The goal is to objectively assess each family's situation, prioritize those at highest risk, and start working on a solution, whether through Adopt-A-Family or another community partner. In the interim, the HRC offers showers, laundry facilities, clothing, housewares, toys and books, school supplies, diapers, and computer access.

Several Adopt-A-Family programs operate out of the HRC:

- **Diversion:** Two Diversion Specialists work with families' existing support systems and community resources to end episodes of homelessness as quickly as possible.
- **Rapid Re-Housing:** Two Housing Specialists facilitate permanent placements in affordable apartments; seven Family Advocates provide ongoing case management.
- **Youth Permanent Supportive Housing:** Scattered site housing is provided to parents aged 18-24 living with a disability, and a Family Advocate offers targeted case management services.

The Family Division of the HRC also makes direct referrals to these Adopt-A-Family programs:

- **Program REACH** 19-unit family emergency shelter.
- **Scattered-site motel shelter** program with accompanying case management services.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** on Adopt-A-Family's Lake Worth campus.

DAY 1 FAMILIES FUND AT THE HRC

The Bezos Day One Fund's vision is straightforward: No child sleeps outside. To achieve this, the Amazon founder's Day 1 Families Fund enlists the help of strategic nonprofit partners capable of doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of families.

In November 2021, Adopt-A-Family received a five-year, \$5 million Day 1 Families Fund grant to expand and expedite services to Palm Beach County families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This made the agency one of only 32 nonprofits to be tapped in 2021, and the only Florida organization selected.

Operating through the HRC, Adopt-A-Family's Day 1 efforts are built around three pillars:

- **Diversion**, a nimble method that relies on creative approaches to finding housing.
- **Additional units of short-stay motel shelter**, so no children have to sleep in cars or parks while a permanent housing situation is found.
- **Rapid Re-Housing**, which helps families locate homes they can afford and provides long-term case management and other supports.

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT: FISCAL YEAR 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



On the southwest corner of our Lake Worth campus, the Project SAFE complex is home to 40 families in two different programs.

1,132

Palm Beach County families served
(1,462 adults & 2,183 children)

731

Episodes of homelessness
ended or prevented for Palm
Beach County families

350

Families sleeping in a safe place
on any given night because of
Adopt-A-Family's support

WHAT DID WE PROVIDE TO PALM BEACH COUNTY FAMILIES?

168

Emergency shelter
placements for families
experiencing unsheltered
homelessness

127

Stable housing solutions
provided to families
emerging from an episode
of homelessness

112

Units of affordable
housing provided
to low-income Palm
Beach County families

\$514,029

Spent on rental
assistance to prevent
eviction for families
in crisis

446

Mental health therapy
sessions provided
on-site to clients

78

Vocational evaluations
administered by our
Job Coach Program

21

Educational grants
provided to clients to
help them pursue a
degree/certificate

15

Consecutive 4-star
ratings from Charity
Navigator for fiscal
efficiency and
transparency

HOW WERE WE EQUIPPED TO DO THIS WORK?

638

Individual
donors

\$1,039,902

Raised at
special events

48

Grant
awards

72

Staff
members

258

Volunteers

OUR YEAR IN EVENTS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY'S VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE TURF

Throughout the winter months, the Project Grow turf welcomed Adopt-A-Family children and parents for monthly Movie Nights. Families arrived wearing their coziest pajamas and were treated to pizza, popcorn, candy, and juice as they enjoyed a movie under the stars.

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUNE

EASTER SURPRISES

Agency supporters coordinated an Easter egg hunt at our Lake Worth headquarters. Meanwhile, volunteers at the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center were hard at work distributing hundreds of donated Easter baskets to local children.



GIVING DAY AT PROJECT GROW

Project Grow students enjoyed a dazzling magic show, then got creative at volunteer-led craft stations, where they designed personalized gifts for family members.

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY FOR YOUTH SUCCESS PROGRAM

Families enjoyed fresh-grilled burgers and hot dogs, field games, playground time, and a photo booth, hand-painted by the students of the Youth Success Program.





TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Trunk-or-Treat attracted dozens of agency families for silly, spooky fun for all ages. The children showed off their costumes at the photo booth, collected candy and goodies from each creatively decorated trunk, and challenged one another to themed games – with candy prizes, of course.

HOLIDAY ADOPTER PROGRAM

A longtime agency tradition, the Holiday Adopter Program connected donors to over 140 families in need, allowing adopters to purchase gifts directly from each family member's wish list.



GIFT GIVING AT THE HRC

The weekend before Christmas, the Homeless Resource Center hosted its annual Gift Giving event. Over 700 gifts were donated, wrapped, and distributed to 100 families experiencing homelessness.

JULY

AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV

DEC

GRADUATION BASH AT PROJECT GROW

Project Grow's summer camp ended with a splash. After celebrating the fifth-grade graduates, the children soaked up their final day of summer with water balloon fights, sprinklers, a water slide, and a popcorn machine provided by Little Smiles.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY

Adopt-A-Family provided each resident family with plenty of food for a full Thanksgiving meal.



SANTA SHOPPE

The Project Grow turf was transformed into a winter wonderland for hundreds of eager visitors. Children "shopped" for gifts for their parents, picked up a meal and a take-home craft, and received personalized presents from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

Adopt-A-Family's two major fundraisers raised more than \$1 million in support of the agency's work and mission. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you to every committee member, volunteer, sponsor, and guest for making these events so successful.

37TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Held December 7, 2021, Adopt-A-Family's Tree Lighting Celebration opened the holiday season with a spirit of festivity and an outpouring of generosity. Chaired by Nancy Kalaher and co-chaired by Elizabeth DeBrule, the event was nearly a year in the making and generated a record \$800,000 in contributions.

With a nod to the lingering pandemic, the event was thoughtfully designed to include traditional elements while being mindful of the safety of our guests. The evening featured a welcome by The King's Academy Choir, a cocktail hour, the always elaborate orchid display, a hybrid in-person and online silent auction, and a rousing live auction. New in 2021 was the popular Wine Pull, an "everyone wins" raffle where guests purchased wine corks corresponding to mystery bottles of wine, several valued over \$500. Guests counted down to the illumination of the Angel Tree, honoring the donors and partners who make the agency's work possible.

As always, the focus remained on the families the organization serves. A previous client – who is now a doctoral candidate at Florida Atlantic University – spoke of the daily struggles common to families facing homelessness and hardship, and the many ways Adopt-A-Family created a vital safety net when she had nowhere else to turn.



*2021 Tree Lighting Committee Chair
Nancy Kalaher and
Co-Chair Elizabeth DeBrule*

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ANNUAL BETTER BALL INVITATIONAL

The 10th Annual Better Ball Invitational, attended by 82 golfers and supported by more than 50 generous sponsors, raised \$215,000 – the highest fundraising total in the event’s history. The event is guided by our dedicated Golf Committee: Frank Bresnan, Sean Bresnan, Joe LaRocca, Jr., Gary Pohrer, Jeff Preston, Ned Grace, Joe Carron, and Tom Frankel.

Held on May 6, 2022, the tournament returned to Banyan Cay Resort & Golf in West Palm Beach, with a challenging course designed by golf legend Jack Nicklaus. Golfers began the day with a gourmet lunch and time on the driving range and practice green, followed by a shotgun start. After the round, the players returned to the resort for cocktail hour, hors d’oeuvres, and an awards ceremony recognizing the top five twosomes, longest drives, and closest to the pin.

Tournament Sponsors – North American Development Group, The Matthew & Tracy Smith Foundation, NDT Development, PNC Real Estate, Frank & Sean Bresnan, Miles Nadal, David Lambert, Christine & Bob Stiller. **Lunch Sponsors** – The Michael and Annie Falk Foundation, The AMG Charitable Foundation, J. Raymond Construction, Press Ganey. **Cocktail Hour Sponsors** – The Kessler Family Foundation, First Republic Bank, Atlantic Retail, Gary Pohrer, UKG. **Dinner Sponsors** – First Horizon Foundation, Schulman Development, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Stuart & Shelby Development. **Forecaddie Sponsors** – Regions Bank, Marsh & McLennan, Alvarez and Marsal Holdings. **Golf Cart Sponsor** – CIBC. **Golf Ball Sponsors** – Dunay, Miskel, and Backman, Wells Fargo, JLL Capital Markets, Berkadia. **Halfway House Sponsor** – Curtis Family Foundation. **Signage Sponsor** – LaRocca and Associates. **Closest to the Pin Sponsors** – C. Steven Duncker, Stanton Family Foundation, The Telesco Family Foundation, Doug & Peggy Briggs, Andy Redmond, Dowbuilt. **Longest Drive (Women)** – The Kyle Fraser Foundation. **Longest Drive (Men)** – Guardian, Lincoln Financial Group. **Hole Sponsors** – Comiter, Singer, Baseman & Braun, TD Bank, FineMark National Bank & Trust, Gunster, Eastwind Development, Centennial Bank, Barry & Oblio Wish, Michael Crosby, Sean Dunne. **Eagle Club** – Mutual of Omaha, Stratus Building Solutions, Scott Goldsmith, Randy Tulepan, Michael Selverian, Dennis Carson, Casey Rosen.

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Throughout the 2022 fiscal year, our foundation partners provided grants that supported every aspect of Adopt-A-Family’s operations. Many increased their giving to ensure the needs of the community were met as the housing crisis and inflation continued to challenge local families. Beyond financial support, our foundation partners made in-kind donations, volunteered, and bought holiday gifts. We are incredibly grateful for their support.

BallenIsles Charities Foundation	The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation
BankUnited	Mirasol Foundation
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Newell Brands Charitable Foundation
The Batchelor Foundation	Nordstrom Cares
Cathleen McFarlane Foundation	The Olive Tree Foundation
Children’s Healthcare Charity – The Honda Classic	Palm Beach Community Trust Fund
Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties	Palm Beach County
Day 1 Families Fund	Palm Beach Flagler Rotary Foundation
Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County	PNC Foundation
First Horizon Foundation	The Price Family Foundation
Ferguson Cares	Publix Super Markets Charities
The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation	Quantum Foundation
Gerstner Family Foundation	RBC Foundation – USA
Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County	Royal Poinciana Chapel
Ibis Charities Foundation	The Smith Brothers Foundation
J.M. Rubin Foundation	State Farm Neighborhood Assist
The Jim Moran Foundation	The TJX Foundation
John Ulbrich Charitable Trust	Town of Palm Beach
Lattner Family Foundation	United Way
Lost Tree Foundation	United Way of Palm Beach County
	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	Whole Foods Market Community Giving Program

THE WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY

With lifetime contributions exceeding \$100,000, the agency friends and private foundation partners who form the Wiley Reynolds Society carry on a tradition of boundless generosity and compassion embodied by its namesake. Mr. Reynolds was the agency's inaugural Board Chair, as well as the first community member to "adopt" a family in need, helping establish the model upon which Adopt-A-Family was built. A nine-unit supportive housing complex on the Lake Worth campus bears his name, a brick-and-mortar reminder of a man who had a vision of what Adopt-A-Family could become, even in its earliest days.

While Mr. Reynolds passed away in 2005, he was largely responsible for Adopt-A-Family's early growth and expanding reach in the Palm Beach County community. His legacy has continued to inspire a new generation of philanthropists who have embraced Adopt-A-Family's work and mission. Though he is deeply missed by his family, his friends, and the many charitable organizations he served, his name will always be associated with a passion for helping where help is most needed.

Who Was Wiley Reynolds?

A Yale University graduate, Wiley Richard Reynolds served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was President and Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in Palm Beach, a director of five other Florida banks, and a gubernatorial appointee to the Florida Development Commission. Mr. Reynolds held a commercial pilot's license with instrument, multi-engine, and seaplane ratings. Not only was he a founding board member of Adopt-A-Family, he served on the boards of Palm Beach Day School, Good Samaritan Hospital, the Society of the Four Arts, the National Tropical Botanical Garden, and the Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults, and was a vestryman at the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

2022 WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Acknowledgement of Appreciation Award: Paula and George Michel

Paula and George Michel have given Adopt-A-Family nearly 40 years of unwavering support and influential leadership. Paula served as Board Chair from 1995 through 1997, and was instrumental as Adopt-A-Family transitioned to become a provider of supportive, affordable housing for families in crisis. Paula and George have given countless hours and resources for the betterment of the Palm Beach County community and the strengthening of our mission. It is an honor to celebrate their hard work, the longevity of their service, and their profound commitment to the work we do.



The Crystal Castor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service: Kathy Peterson

Part of Adopt-A-Family's history for more than three decades, Kathy Peterson has given incalculable volunteer hours to our organization, along with powerful endorsements and generous support. She has had the responsibility and distinction to serve as Chair and Co-Chair of our Tree Lighting Celebration, helping raise significant funds to assist families in need. She has been an active contributor to special events and holiday initiatives. Kathy and her husband, Bill, are very special friends of Adopt-A-Family, and we treasure all they have done throughout their many years of involvement.





WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL SOCIETY MEMBERS:

Ms. Nancy J. Kyle & Mr. John B. Fraser*
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy M. Donahue
Mr. & Mrs. Edward K. Dudnyk
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Meshberg
Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Edelman
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Mr. & Mrs. James E. Larschan Jr.
Mr. & Mrs.* Lawrence Silverstein

**Deceased*

The above list includes Wiley Reynolds Society members as of June 30, 2022. We look forward to recognizing donors who reach the \$100,000 giving milestone during the 2022-23 fiscal year in next year's annual report.

PRIVATE FOUNDATION MEMBERS:

Day 1 Families Fund
Gerstner Family Foundation
The Jim Moran Foundation
Lost Tree Village Charitable Foundation
The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation, Inc.
Cathleen McFarlane Foundation, Inc.
J.M. Rubin Foundation
The Celia Lipton Farris & Victor W. Farris Foundation
The Edward L. and Ruth S. Hennessy Foundation
Kresge Foundation
The W. Dale Brougner Foundation
The Batchelor Foundation, Inc.
The Fortin Foundation of Florida
The Kirkwood Fund
Lawrence J. and Florence A. DeGeorge Charitable Trust
The Lattner Family Foundation
Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation, Inc.
The Harold and Kate Reed Family Foundation
The Salah Foundation
BallenIsles Charities Foundation, Inc.
John Ulbrich Charitable Trust
The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation
The Stone Foundation, Inc.
The Smith Brothers Family Foundation

FINANCIALS: YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022*

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$7636,576
Grants and allocations receivable	943,467
Contributions receivable, net	34,000
Prepaid expenses	23,666
Other current assets	1,275
Total current assets	8,638,984

Cash and cash equivalents, non-current	1,177,951
Other assets	6,018
Property and equipment, net	7,330,572
Community land trust, net	1,299,578
Total assets	\$18,453,103

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$13,131
Accrued expenses	218,129
Current portion of obligation under capital lease	28,776
Total current liabilities	260,036

Non-current liabilities:

Resident deposits and escrow accounts	271,951
Obligation under capital lease	40,780
Total liabilities	572,767

Net assets:

Without donor restrictions:

Equity in fixed assets	7,261,016
Equity in community land trust	1,299,578
Designated for contingencies	906,000
Undesignated	6,952,527
Total without donor restrictions	16,419,121

With donor restrictions:

Total net assets	17,880,336
Total liabilities and net assets	\$18,453,103

REVENUE SOURCES

FOUNDATION SUPPORT	44.5%
GOVERNMENTAL GRANTS	30.7%
PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS	9.9%
SPECIAL EVENTS	7.7%
PROGRAM FEES	3.8%
UNITED WAY ALLOCATIONS	3.2%
OTHER INCOME & IN-KIND DONATIONS	0.2%


* Extracted from audited financial statements.
Auditor: Holyfield & Thomas, LLC

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Totals
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:			
Grants and donations:			
Governmental grants	\$4,536,632	\$ -	\$4,536,632
United Way allocations	281,023	200,000	481,023
Contributions	6,583,942	1,596,001	8,179,943
In-kind donations	14,855	-	14,855
Total grants and donations	11,416,452	1,796,001	13,212,453
Special events	1,133,329	-	1,133,329
Rents	547,208	-	547,208
Grow tuition	10,670	-	10,670
Other income	18,842	78	18,920
Loss on sale of donated stocks	(129,609)	-	(129,609)
Total support and revenue	12,996,892	1,796,079	14,792,971
Net assets released from restriction	1,095,128	(1,095,128)	-
EXPENSES:			
Program services	7,773,138	-	7,773,138
General and administrative	653,943	-	653,943
Fundraising and development	795,760	-	795,760
Total expenses	9,222,841	-	9,222,841
Change in net assets	4,869,179	700,951	5,570,130
Net assets, beginning of year	11,549,942	760,264	12,310,206
Net assets, end of year	\$16,419,121	\$1,461,215	\$17,880,336

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER	46.4%
HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM	13.0%
PROJECT SAFE	8.5%
PROJECT GROW	6.9%
JULIAN PLACE	6.5%
PROGRAM REACH SHELTER	5.9%
SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING	4.3%
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2	4.3%
CLT/WILEY REYNOLDS APARTMENTS	2.0%
MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	2.0%
DAY 1 FAMILIES FUND	0.2%



MISSION: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc. is dedicated to strengthening families with children in their efforts to achieve stability and self-sufficiency by providing access to all-encompassing services.

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