

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



YEARS OF SERVICE

2023
ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

Forty years ago, three Palm Beach County women made a decision to reach out and help a family that had fallen upon hard times. Then these women and their network helped another family, and another. Our founders and early leaders created a model that not only provided housing and hope but also enabled us to meet the needs of future generations. The idea of asking the community to “adopt a family” is alive and well — and that is attributable to all who have been with us for the past 40 years.

At this milestone anniversary, we think about the 58,570 families we’ve served. The families whose stories of perseverance inspire us all — the child in Project Grow who is excelling despite all he’s been through; the mom who is returning to school, working full time, and determined to improve her life and the lives of her children; and all the families who walk through the fear of eviction, displacement, and homelessness with hope and determination that one day they will land on their feet and leave those worries behind.

The families we serve do not walk alone. For the last 40 years, our committed and compassionate staff have walked with each family on their journey, believing in everyone’s ability to not only overcome barriers but to achieve their goals and thrive as a family. And for 40 years, the staff have been guided and supported by a visionary Board of Directors. The board’s commitment to our mission is reflected in our actions, decisions, and responses to the needs of the community.

We also think about all those that have made it possible for us to be there for the families we serve. Adopt-A-Family has had the good fortune of attracting the most dedicated supporters in Palm Beach County. Whether it’s the members of our Wiley Reynolds Society, event committees, partner agencies, foundations, or governmental supporters, we have made it 40 years because of your trust and commitment to our mission. Thank you for your investment in our work and your desire to help those in need.

We are always mindful of our responsibility to our founders and to all who have contributed to this work. Positioning ourselves for the next 40 years means learning every day how to better serve our families. In just the past few years, we’ve added initiatives that have had significant impacts, from our Job Coach Program to our Day 1 Families Fund efforts to expand and enhance services for families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. As we look toward the future, we will continue to adapt to meet the needs of local families while remaining firmly rooted in our founding principles.

Thank you to all of you.

With gratitude,

Matthew Constantine, Chief Executive Officer

Kirstin Turner, Board Chair



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.

VISION

Families are stably housed and thriving.

40 YEARS

1983-1988

- The organization is named after its approach of “adopting” in-crisis families with minor children.
- In 1984, Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity.
- The first Tree Lighting Celebration is held at Saks Fifth Avenue in Palm Beach.
- The first corporate office opens at A.G. Holley State Hospital in Lantana.
- The organization's primary efforts revolve around matching “adopters” — individuals, businesses, and the faith-based community — with families in need of housing and other assistance.

► By the end of 1988, Adopt-A-Family has served **351 families**.



A.G. Holley State Hospital

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1989-1994

- Adopt-A-Family holds the first Santa Shoppe and the inaugural benefit golf tournament.
- The agency is featured on World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.
- The corporate office moves to South Congress Avenue in Palm Springs.
- Two new initiatives are launched: Project SAFE I permanent supportive housing and the Project Grow homework/aftercare program.
- The rental assistance program is renamed Project Uplift.

► By the end of 1994, Adopt-A-Family has served **2,508 families**.

1995-2000

- With the understanding that the most effective service delivery requires families to have safe and affordable housing, the concept of the Lake Worth campus begins to emerge.
- In 1996, the agency purchases the five-building, 40-unit Lucerne Gardens Apartments, future home of Project SAFE II.
- In 2000, Adopt-A-Family buys a two-building, 24-unit complex down the street, which will eventually be home to families in the Service Enriched Housing program.

► By the end of 2000, Adopt-A-Family has served **10,090 families**.

2001-2006

- A satellite office opens in Lake Park, providing services (including food distribution) to targeted northern communities.
- The agency's main office moves to the YWCA building in West Palm Beach as construction begins on the Lake Worth headquarters, which opens in 2003.
- Project Grow becomes licensed and moves into the first floor of the newly completed headquarters.
- After serving as Adopt-A-Family's Chief Executive Officer for over two decades, Terry Bozarth retires. Wendy Tippet becomes the agency's second CEO.

► By the end of 2006, Adopt-A-Family has served **21,996 families**.



Adopt-A-Family headquarters

Adopt-A-Family's story traces to 1983, when our three founders rallied the community to find a home for a family so devastated by medical bills that they were living under a bridge. Lucy Runyon, Jayne Ellison, and Kay Mansolill established a legacy of service and a model our organization follows to this day — identify families going through hard times and extend a helping hand until they're back on their feet.

2007-2012

- Construction finishes on the nine-unit Wiley Reynolds Gardens Apartments, which makes three-bedroom units available on the Lake Worth campus.
- Through federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 funding, the agency acquires 41 foreclosed residences in Lake Worth. After rehabilitating every home, the agency sells 17 of the properties and maintains 24 as affordable rentals.
- The agency's rent assistance/homeless prevention effort begins operating under the name Housing Stabilization Program.
- Adopt-A-Family is asked to serve as the lead family entity at the newly opened Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center.

► **By the end of 2012, Adopt-A-Family has served 39,296 families.**

2013-2018

- After more than 20 years of service, CEO Wendy Tippett leaves the agency to assume a leadership role within Palm Beach County. Matthew Constantine is appointed the agency's third Chief Executive Officer.
- Adopt-A-Family assumes management of the 19-unit Program REACH family emergency shelter.
- The Project Grow playground is reimagined, with artificial turf and a new playscape.
- A low-barrier on-site Mental Health Program is launched.
- The agency purchases four parcels adjacent to the headquarters and the concept of Julian Place is born.



Julian Place

► **By the end of 2018, Adopt-A-Family has served 51,722 families.**

2019-2023

- The 14 Julian Place townhomes receive their certificates of occupancy.
- The agency becomes part of a demonstration program for housing and supportive services for pregnant and parenting youth.
- Adopt-A-Family receives a \$5 million Day 1 Families Fund grant to expand and enhance efforts to assist families experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- The Job Coach Program and Youth Success Program are launched, bringing new and much-needed services to the Lake Worth campus.

From 1983 to today, Adopt-A-Family has served

58,570 FAMILIES



PROJECT GROW

There's No Place Like Here

For decades, Project Grow has pursued a unique mission as Palm Beach County's only afterschool program designed to address the particular academic, emotional, and social challenges faced by elementary school students who have grown up with homelessness and chronic housing instability.

The program's holistic curriculum is designed to help students overcome obstacles and setbacks through hands-on lessons, one-on-one tutoring, academic advising, mental health counseling, parental engagement, a social-emotional learning initiative, special events, and outdoor play. Serving approximately 75 students per year, Project Grow provides the consistency and structure children need to discover their strengths and to build confidence in the classroom and beyond.

Annually, the vast majority of Project Grow students achieve promotion to the next grade level, though many enter the program with significant academic deficits. Promotion rates have long been the primary indicator of program success, without the means to track students' accomplishments longitudinally or in comparison to their peers. That changed in the fall of 2022, when Adopt-A-Family secured a data sharing agreement with the School District of Palm Beach County and hired an independent evaluation firm to analyze the results.



Released in January 2023, Geo Education & Research's Project Grow Student Progress Report concluded that:

- Project Grow has a measurable positive impact on its students.
- Project Grow students outperformed peers on standardized tests.
- Former Project Grow students graduated from high school at a higher rate than the entire district average.

In a survey of Project Grow summer campers, conducted as part of the independent assessment, every student said they enjoyed attending the program and 97% felt they were getting better at schoolwork and learning because of Project Grow. "The teachers are so advanced and creative," one student said. "They impact me to be a world changer."



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Project Grow Student Progress Report

SENATOR PHILIP D. LEWIS HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Division of the Homeless Resource Center is the central point of entry for Palm Beach County families experiencing homelessness. The Coordinated Entry System links families to appropriate housing interventions. Emergency shelter is offered at Program REACH and motels, diversion funds reunify families with support systems, and rapid re-housing provides case management with declining rent assistance.

PROGRAM REACH

As the largest family shelter in Palm Beach County, the Program REACH emergency shelter provides 19 units of interim housing to families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Each family can take refuge in an apartment-style unit 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 living arrangement.

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. The Adopt-A-Family team provides intensive case management to help residents stabilize, 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. This community provides two- and three-bedroom townhouses for employed families who would struggle to manage 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 growth and homeownership. Through budget counseling, homebuyer 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.

JULIAN PLACE

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 all household members. The program's 14 townhomes are designated for families whose children attend nearby Highland Elementary, a Title I school with one of the county's highest populations of homeless students.

HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM

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

THE ESDAILE FAMILY*

Tyra Esdaile moved to Palm Beach County in search of a fresh start with her children's father, but the relationship quickly became abusive and Tyra fled for safety with her two sons, an infant and a 1-year-old. They tried to take refuge with a relative, but the landlord forced them to leave.

With no other options, Tyra and her children slept in her car. She contacted the **Family Division of the Homeless Resource Center** in search of assistance and was placed in the **Program REACH** shelter. While there, Tyra secured a job as a dispatcher for a trucking company. Although she was thrilled with her remote job, she discovered that she would have to work a second full-time job to be able to afford an apartment in Palm Beach County. Tyra determined that moving to a more affordable area of Florida would give her the best chance at long-term stability. She found an affordable apartment in Palm City, and Adopt-A-Family covered relocation expenses through the Day 1 Families Fund grant. The Esdaile family is now stably housed, and Tyra can comfortably manage the household expenses on her own.

** Client names have been changed to protect privacy*

THE KERNER FAMILY*

After the unexpected death of her beloved sister, Zara Kerner was overcome with grief. The young single mother was forced to take unpaid time off work and was eventually evicted. She had been sleeping in her car with her two young children when she was referred to the **Program REACH** emergency shelter. There, Zara's case manager helped her secure a job and referred her to the **Wiley Reynolds Gardens Apartments** housing program.

Although limited by ongoing health struggles, Zara has maintained full-time work and engages regularly with our on-site **Mental Health Program**. She enrolled her children in **Project Grow**, where staff helped her access services and therapies for her child with special needs. The agency's **Job Coach Program** helped Zara identify strengths and passions, which led to a new job at a local nonprofit — the first time she has ever held a position that offers paid time off.

Zara is working on financial literacy, budgeting, and goal setting, and she dreams of homeownership. She says, "Adopt-A-Family didn't just provide housing, they gave me hope and a sense of security. Through this I was able to see that there are better days ahead. I am grateful that Adopt-A-Family is here to help me and help more people like me."

THE RIVAS FAMILY*

A single mom with four children, Kerlande Rivas was caught up in the kind of housing spiral that has become all too common for the families we serve. Forced to relocate when her apartment complex was sold, Kerlande exhausted her savings to come up with move-in costs and deposits to move to a new home. Not long after, everyone fell ill. Kerlande had to miss work to care for the children and recover herself. Already behind on her bills, the Rivas family was facing eviction after only two months in their new apartment. That's when Kerlande reached out to the **Housing Stabilization Program** for a boost.

In doing so, Kerlande came away with more than she ever expected. Her Family Advocate introduced her to **Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2)**, Adopt-A-Family's scattered-site affordable housing program in Lake Worth. The Rivas family relocated to NSP2, where she pays less than half her previous rent. Kerlande has secured steady employment as an accounting clerk, is pursuing her associate's degree, and continues pushing to complete every goal she sets for herself.

ANDREW*

Every teen who attends the **Youth Success Program** needs something different. For some, it's a safe place to go after school. For others, it's homework help or tutoring. For 15-year-old Andrew, a gifted high school sophomore who maintains a 3.8 GPA, the program has allowed him to come out of his shell, make true friends, and become a leader.

Andrew's family lost their home after his mother was laid off during the pandemic. The family — Dad, Mom, and two boys — stayed in motels or doubled up with relatives but could not find a home of their own. After a stay at the **Program REACH** shelter, they came to **Project SAFE** in 2020. Over time, the family's income increased, and in 2023 they moved into **Service Enriched Housing**, where Andrew's parents are working toward new financial goals.

Meanwhile, the boys are thriving. Andrew's older brother is weighing college and career options. Andrew is taking college-level courses in pursuit of a rigorous Cambridge AICE Diploma. He is determined to succeed not only academically, but socially. Andrew welcomes new students, contributes to group discussions, and respectfully asks challenging questions. With the support of his family, his friends, and the Youth Success Coach, he has emerged as a true program ambassador.



THE JAMES FAMILY

From the moment **Service Enriched Housing** Program Manager Rae Harris met clients Jerrod and Iesha James, she knew they would excel. The couple moved into an Adopt-A-Family apartment with their eyes fixed on their dreams: financial recovery, homeownership, and a stable, secure life for their growing family. Their positivity and resilience captivated the hearts of everyone on staff at Adopt-A-Family. Soon, they made an equally positive impression on the team at Habitat for Humanity.

In 2021, the James family was selected to build a home through Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County. Their efforts in Service Enriched Housing had prepared them to take on Habitat's sweat-equity hours, financial literacy classes, home maintenance workshops, and escrow savings plan. They even went above and beyond the 600-hour service requirement, investing over 1,000 hours of volunteerism with Habitat. Their home was selected for Habitat's Women Build event and in the spring of 2022, a crowd of hammer-wielding women in pink rallied alongside Jerrod and Iesha to construct the roof of the Boynton Beach house.

Jerrod, Iesha, and their three daughters received the keys to their completed home — with an affordable, interest-free mortgage — in August 2023. The heartwarming home dedication ceremony brought together everyone who had walked alongside the James family in their journey toward homeownership, and Ms. Harris and Adopt-A-Family CEO



Matt Constantine were among the guest speakers. A grand finale surprise shocked Jerrod and Iesha as they entered their new home for the first time: iThink Financial, Patriot Moving and Storage, Sweet Dream Makers, and Coastal Living South Florida Real Estate had furnished the entire home, and even left the family a check to cover any additional decor expenses.

Adopt-A-Family could not be more proud of Jerrod, Iesha, and their three beautiful daughters for all they have overcome. We wish them a happy, healthy life in their new home.

EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

At Santa Shoppe, hundreds of children met Mr. & Mrs. Claus, received gifts from their wish lists, and “shopped” for presents to give to the special people in their lives. Each year dozens of volunteers — from shoppers to gift-wrappers — make this beloved tradition possible.



This year, Adopt-A-Family formed a new partnership with Restoration Bridge International and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office to bring fresh food distributions (above) to our Lake Worth campus.

Fun at our Halloween Trunk or Treat (right). Volunteers bring candy, donate costumes, and decorate their cars for “trunk-or-treating.” Little Smiles was on hand with extra sweets and a popcorn machine, and the teens from the Youth Success Program helped wherever they were needed.





Work crews from Publix (left) and other dedicated community supporters visit periodically to help beautify our properties.



For the second year in a row, our friends at AMG dedicated a day of their annual week of service to coordinate Field Day at Project Grow (above). The children loved getting creative at the craft table, challenging each other to games of soccer, and joining friends in all kinds of fun competitions.



A Youth Success Program water party (above) was a great way to cool off in the summer heat. On the Project Grow turf, teens battled with reusable water balloons, water shooters, garden hoses, and bubble guns, and then kicked back for a feast of pizza and Capri Suns sponsored by Little Smiles.

During summer break, the students of the Youth Success Program enjoyed a day in Miami (right), taking the Brightline train to visit the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science and then sharing a meal at the Hard Rock Café.



IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

1,270

Palm Beach County households served
(1,684 adults and 2,597 children)

788

Episodes of homelessness ended or prevented

361

Families sleeping in a safe place on any given night in 2023, as a result of agency intervention

96

Percentage of residential households that maintained stable housing for the entire year

357

Emergency rental assistance checks cut to prevent homelessness for families facing eviction

16

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



THE HEART BEHIND THE DATA

No client is ever just a number. But telling the bigger story of Adopt-A-Family's impact requires ongoing analysis of thousands of data points to provide objective evidence of our client families' successes.

Both of Adopt-A-Family's information professionals have rich social service backgrounds: **Data and Evaluation Manager Lyndsey Morrell** (above, left) with the Program REACH family shelter and the Senator Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center, and **Data Coordinator Fabiola Cruz-Maisonet** with ChildNet and the Center for Family Services.

"It's important that anyone working with our data has an understanding of the families we serve and what they go through," Lyndsey says. "I want to showcase our work in the most accurate way possible. The best way to do that is through data."

Our data team turns raw information into strategic insights, helping the agency respond to the community's needs. Their reports tell us the following, for example:

- By the end of June 2023, the Housing Stabilization Program was providing an average of \$3,669 in rental assistance for each family — a 72% increase in just five years.
- Since the agency's expanded response to unsheltered family homelessness launched in May 2022, the agency has successfully diverted 92 families to safe housing options.
- Of the 59,136 clients Adopt-A-Family has served in the past ten years, 60% were children.

Adopt-A-Family's client-centric, data-driven approach enhances accountability and transparency, providing philanthropic partners and donors with objective evidence that our programs meet (and often exceed) the goals we have set. Our data team's work is vital for attracting funding, partnerships, and support. We are proud of our data professionals, who do so much behind the scenes to foster sustainability, growth, and program development.

STRATEGIC PLAN

After a series of professionally facilitated dialogues culminating with a purpose-driven retreat, Adopt-A-Family adopted a new Strategic Plan, the product of vision and input from the agency's Board of Directors, executive leadership, staff, and clients. This living document will be in place through 2027 and includes a streamlined Vision Statement of the world we all want to see: *Families are stably housed and thriving.*

The Adopt-A-Family Strategic Plan centers around four key focus areas:

- **Program and Service Excellence:** Building on current efforts, create and deliver programs that are executed with excellence and a strong attention to exceeding expectations.
- **Talent Management and Culture:** Identify, attract, and retain a talented and diverse board and workforce while maintaining and enhancing the agency's unique culture, built on respect, collaboration, inclusion, safety, and health.
- **Fiscal Strength:** Ensure continued financial sustainability with a focus on diverse revenue streams.
- **Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness:** Strengthen operations (money, information, systems, and physical assets) to ensure the efficient and effective management of resources and board engagement.



The silent auction featured hundreds of items from holiday décor and gift baskets to stunning orchids and outings for the whole family.

38th ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

One of Adopt-A-Family's dearest and most longstanding traditions, the Tree Lighting Celebration gathers supporters from near and far for a festive night of fundraising and fine dining. On December 6, 2022, more than 200 guests filled a private Palm Beach club for the 38th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, which raised a record \$837,280.

Every detail of the evening was thoughtfully coordinated by the Tree Lighting Committee, led by Chair Elizabeth DeBrule and Co-Chair Karen Fischer. These faithful volunteers worked for a full year to ensure a successful and meaningful event. The King's

Academy Choir lined the entryway, greeting arriving guests with a chorus of holiday classics. Cocktail hour featured one of the most expansive silent auctions in Tree Lighting history, as well as the return of the Wine Pull, where guests purchased corks corresponding to surprise bottles of wine ranging in value from \$50 to \$700.



Former Board Chair Penny Heller.

During dinner, well-known local auctioneer Neil Saffer led an exciting live auction that included a Kiawah Island vacation, an eagle release, dinner for six at Swank Farm, and tickets to a Carrie Underwood concert.

As part of the evening's grand finale, guests heard from agency and event leaders and from the evening's keynote speakers, residential clients poised to move into their new Habitat for Humanity home. Jerrod and Ilesha James shared their inspiring story of overcoming hardship to rebuild their family's stability, which culminated in being selected to build a four-bedroom Habitat home (read their story on page 9).

Adopt-A-Family extends our gratitude to the Chairs and to the entire committee for their wholehearted dedication to our mission. We also want to thank every attendee, sponsor, and volunteer, all of whom contributed to make it a special and meaningful evening.



Auctioneer Neil Saffer.



Co-Chair Karen Fischer (left) and Chair Elizabeth DeBrule.

2022 TREE LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Elizabeth DeBrule, Chair

Karen Fischer, Co-Chair

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FUNDING PARTNERS

Grant support is critical to Adopt-A-Family's ability to restore families in crisis to stability. During the 2023 fiscal year, grants from local and national entities equipped us to provide housing and support services to families impacted by the ongoing housing crisis and elevated cost of living in our community. We thank each of our funders for their partnership, support, and thoughtful guidance.

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 Mirasol Foundation
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 The Olive Tree Foundation
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 Town of Palm Beach United Way
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 Whole Foods Market Community Giving Program

WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY

With lifetime contributions exceeding \$100,000, the agency friends and private foundation partners who comprise the Wiley Reynolds Society carry on the tradition of compassion and selflessness embodied by its namesake. Mr. Reynolds was an early Board Chair and one of the first people to “adopt” a family in need, helping create the model upon which Adopt-A-Family was built. One of the agency’s housing programs bears his name, a brick-and-mortar reminder of a man who had a vision of what Adopt-A-Family would come to mean to the community he loved.

Mr. Reynolds was a driving force behind Adopt-A-Family’s early growth and expanding reach among Palm Beach County families with children. His legacy continues to inspire new generations of philanthropists who have embraced Adopt-A-Family’s work and mission. Mr. Reynolds passed away in 2005 and is deeply missed by his family, his friends, and the many charitable organizations he served. His name remains synonymous with the willingness to help where help is needed most.



The DeBrule family (from left): Miley Cyr, Martha DeBrule, Elizabeth DeBrule, and Eleanor Wilkinson.

Wiley Reynolds Society Award of Appreciation

Just as **Martha and Elizabeth DeBrule** are a special part of our agency family, they have made us feel like part of theirs. The mother-daughter duo shares a 25-year history with Adopt-A-Family, with involvement in fundraising, advocacy, programs, and events, along with longtime service to the Tree Lighting Celebration through donations, attendance, and committee membership. Their kindness, generosity, and charm are felt in every area of the organization. Like Mr. Wiley Reynolds and fellow society members, the DeBrule family shares a strong desire to make a difference in our community. We are humbled by how much they care and their willingness to help strengthen Palm Beach County. Adopt-A-Family is thankful to the DeBrule women for their legacy of enduring and impactful support.



The Golf Committee (from left): Sean Bresnan, Joe LaRocca Jr., Layren Calvo, Matt Constantine, Ned Grace, Jeff Preston, and Frank Bresnan. Not pictured: Tom Frankel, Gary Pohrer, and Joe Carron.

The Crystal Castor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service

The eight individuals that serve on the **Adopt-A-Family Golf Committee** have worked together year after year to stage highly anticipated, successful annual tournaments. Their dedication to Adopt-A-Family’s mission continues to attract new sponsors and donors, increasing awareness of the impact family homelessness has on our community. In the past 12 years, proceeds raised through our annual golf tournament have grown 600%. Individually, each member of our Golf Committee displays profound talent, generosity, and care for the families we serve. Several members of the Committee also serve on our board, and some assisted with the development of our newest housing program, Julian Place. CEO Matt Constantine regularly receives calls from Committee members simply checking in on the agency, and their investment in our work is evident. We thank our Golf Committee for being dedicated ambassadors of the work we do to provide hope to families in need.

2023 WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY MEMBERS

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Mrs. Martha B. DeBrule
Mr. and Mrs. Garth E. Rosenkrance
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Larschan Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Marasco
Mr. and Mrs.* Lawrence Silverstein
Mr. and Mrs. David and Stephanie Gitlin

* deceased

The above lists include Wiley Reynolds Society members as of June 30, 2023. We look forward to recognizing donors who reach the \$100,000 giving milestone during the 2023-24 fiscal year in next year's annual report.



Board Chair Kirstin Turner addresses Wiley Reynolds Society members at the annual event held in their honor.

PRIVATE FOUNDATION MEMBERS

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,967,220
Grants and allocations receivable	590,777
Contributions receivable, net	32,750
Investments	2,040,063
Prepaid expenses	25,151

Total current assets 7,655,961

Cash and cash equivalents, non-current	1,316,113
Other assets	6,018
Property and equipment, net	7,071,087
Community land trust, net	1,229,266
Financing right-of-use lease, net	34,576

Total assets \$17,313,021

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$7,472
Accrued expenses	288,291
Current portion of obligation under financing lease	25,942

Total current liabilities 321,705

Non-current liabilities

Resident deposits and escrow accounts	278,813
Obligation under financing lease	15,600

Total liabilities 616,118

Net assets

Without donor restrictions

Equity in fixed assets	7,071,087
Equity in community land trust	1,229,266
Designated for contingencies	1,037,300
Undesignated	5,832,744

Total without donor restrictions 15,170,397

With donor restrictions 1,526,506

Total net assets 16,696,903

Total liabilities and net assets \$17,313,021

* Extracted from audited financial statements.

Auditor: Holyfield & Thomas, LLC

REVENUE SOURCES

GOVERNMENTAL
GRANTS

48.9%

FOUNDATIONS

14.9%

CONTRIBUTIONS

12.9%

SPECIAL
EVENTS

9.9%

PROGRAM
FEES

6.5%

UNITED WAY
ALLOCATIONS

5.4%

OTHER INCOME &
IN-KIND DONATIONS

1.5%

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Totals
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Grants and donations			
Governmental grants	\$4,737,311	\$-	\$4,737,311
United Way allocations	324,714	200,000	524,714
Contributions	1,577,110	965,780	2,542,890
In-kind donations	48,892	-	48,892
Total grants and donations	6,688,027	1,165,780	7,853,807
Special events	962,174	-	962,174
Rents	610,123	-	610,123
Project Grow tuition	21,391	-	21,391
Other income	92,204	5,949	98,153
Investment earnings, net	110,453	-	110,453
Gain (loss) on sale of investments	35,939	-	35,939
Total support and revenue	8,520,311	1,171,729	9,692,040
Net assets released from restriction	1,106,438	(1,106,438)	-
EXPENSES			
Program services	9,391,007	-	9,391,007
General and administrative	604,599	-	604,599
Fundraising and development	879,867	-	879,867
Total expenses	10,875,473	-	10,875,473
Change in net assets	(1,248,724)	65,291	(1,183,433)
Net assets, beginning of year	16,419,121	1,461,215	17,880,336
Net assets, end of year	\$15,170,397	\$1,526,506	\$16,696,903

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS	40.9%	PROGRAM REACH SHELTER	5.5%
DAY 1 FAMILIES FUND	11.1%	SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING	4.2%
HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM	10.6%	NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2	3.6%
PROJECT SAFE	7.9%	MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	1.9%
PROJECT GROW	6.5%	CLT/WILEY REYNOLDS APARTMENTS	1.8%
JULIAN PLACE	6.0%		



In March 2023, Lewis Miller Design and Jennifer Zabinski Events brought our Project Grow students a special day of flowers and fun.

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