



ADOPT-A-FAMILY *of the Palm Beaches, Inc.*

ALMOST HOME! JULIAN PLACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEARING GOAL

Thanks to an amazing match opportunity and an outpouring of support from our donors, Adopt-A-Family is less than \$100,000 away from meeting the goal of our Hope Begins with a Home capital campaign!

Launched in 2017, the capital campaign set an ambitious goal to raise \$6.6 million for Julian Place, the agency's new housing program designed to improve children's educational outcomes. The total would fully fund the construction of 14 new townhomes and a community center as well as the program's operating expenses for at least five years. Our supporters rallied around the initiative, and the campaign raised over \$5.5 million by 2021. Despite the complex challenges of the pandemic, our board, staff, and supporters remained determined to meet the goal.

In August 2021, longtime agency friend and Julian Place benefactor Nancy Kyle pledged an additional \$500,000 as a match to propel the campaign toward the finish line. The match inspired contributions from new donors as well as the program's core supporters. **Adopt-A-Family is thrilled to report that we have raised \$407,927 toward the match and we are less than \$100,000 from achieving our campaign goal!** Finishing the campaign will cement Adopt-A-Family's steadfast commitment to the families housed in Julian Place.



The 14 Julian Place townhomes are currently full. The program is housing 13 households (17 adults and 31 children) as well as a new Resident Manager who lives on site to foster community and increase neighborhood safety. The residents meet regularly with the Program Manager to chart a path toward family stability and their children's academic success. The Jayne and Tim Donahue Community Center serves as a gathering place for financial literacy courses, nutrition classes, job coaching, tutoring, special events, and a new program for the agency's middle and high school students.

Adopt-A-Family is proud to report that Julian Place has become the refuge and launching pad that agency staff and donors envisioned over five years ago. **Today, we ask you to help us ensure the program's long-term sustainability.** The enclosed donation card offers an

opportunity for you to help us raise the final \$92,073, and your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. We extend our gratitude to Ms. Nancy Kyle and her family for their steadfast commitment to Julian Place.



Thank you to everyone who brought this momentous milestone within reach. If you're ever in the neighborhood, we'd love to give you a tour of the colorful townhomes that signify the bright futures ahead of every family that calls Julian Place home.

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JULIAN PLACE TIMELINE



April 2019



January 2020



July 2020



BUILDING FUTURES WITH PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Adopt-A-Family's "Building Your Future" Job Coach Program initiated a new partnership with Palm Beach State College to offer exciting opportunities to agency clients interested in furthering their education, developing marketable skills, and discovering new passions. To date, Job Coach Manager Bryan Boudreault has helped nine Julian Place clients register for classes at Palm Beach State College. Residents have taken advantage of group training sessions and individualized career and academic coaching.

Recently, our resident high school students took a guided tour of Palm Beach State College's Lake Worth campus. Professors gave presentations on their respective programs, highlighting projects students undertake, the types of jobs students access after graduating, and the expected salary range of each specialty. Palm Beach State College's broad range of programs opens doors to new careers and increased earning potential for our residents.

JULIAN PLACE 2021 PROGRESS REPORT

Julian Place was inspired by the *Elementary School Housing Assistance Program* in Tacoma, WA, which aimed to improve educational outcomes for homeless students by providing stable housing to their families. Independent evaluation firm Geo Education & Research (Geo) was hired to analyze data for the first five years, and the program garnered national attention for its positive outcomes.



As part of the agency's commitment to measuring the impact of Julian Place, Adopt-A-Family hired Geo to evaluate our program for five years as well. In their recently released 2021 Progress Report, Geo noted that Julian Place parents reported that their children were achieving better grades and had improved attendance in school. Additionally, families cited healthier relationships and better morale.



Scan the QR code to read the 2021 Report Executive Summary. The full report can be found on our website:
aafpb.org > Hope Begins with a Home > Your Impact

THE WILEY REYNOLDS SOCIETY'S LONG-AWAITED REUNION

The Wiley Reynolds Society comprises dedicated friends and private foundation partners who have contributed more than \$100,000 to Adopt-A-Family. In April, the agency welcomed the Society members to Adopt-A-Family's Lake Worth campus to thank them for their longstanding support and generosity. After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the event was a long-awaited opportunity to honor the Wiley Reynolds Society's 2020 awardees.

Wiley Reynolds Society Appreciation Award: Paula and George Michel

Since the agency's beginning, Paula and George Michel have been a pivotal part of its history and evolution. Paula served as president of our Board of Directors from 1995 through 1997. Paula was critical to the early vision and growth of Adopt-A-Family. Together, Paula and George's profound commitment to the mission of the agency has left a longstanding legacy of generosity and selflessness. We thank the Michels for their years of influential leadership and dedication.



Crystal Castor Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service: Kathy Peterson

Kathy Peterson has been a generous and influential friend of the agency for over three decades. She has had the responsibility and distinction to serve as chair and co-chair of our Tree Lighting Celebration, helping us raise significant funds to assist families in need. Kathy is defined by her kindness, warmth, and consistent support of our clients and staff. We treasure the many years of partnership with Kathy and her husband Bill, and we feel honored to have their support.



This 2022 Wiley Reynolds Society event was generously co-sponsored by UBS and Rehmann



VOLUNTEERS SHOWER AAF FAMILIES WITH EASTER SURPRISES



The spring season was full of treats, sweets, and fun for agency families, thanks to our community of supporters. Volunteers sprang into action and hosted festive Easter events, prepared hundreds of goody bags, and stuffed countless eggs with prizes for agency children.

Several groups of volunteers joined forces to host an Easter Egg Hunt for agency families. Children raced to uncover eggs hidden on the Project Grow turf, families took photos with the Easter Bunny, and everyone was sent home with a bag of treats.

Special thanks to Jenny, Anthony, and their sons for filling 1,500 eggs with candy and donating 100 baskets. We also

thank Margaret, Jennifer, Paula, and Stacy, who donated 100 goody bags and bottles of water to resident families.

Donor Donna Russo of Helping Hearts contacted the Homeless Resource Center (HRC) and volunteered to assemble and deliver Easter baskets for every single child receiving services. Donna and her family delivered truckloads of baskets, goody bags, and toys to the HRC. Over 250 Easter baskets were distributed to local children in need.

We are grateful to be surrounded by donors and supporters who go out of their way to bring sunshine and joy into the lives of the families we serve.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT BENEFITS SEH FAMILY

Service Enriched Housing clients Jerrod and Iesha James were accepted into Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County's homeownership program, and were the featured family of Habitat's 2022 Women Build fundraiser. Jerrod and Iesha were all smiles at the Women Build event as they worked alongside over 70 volunteers to construct the roof of their new home.



"All of you ladies stepping on that roof, building our home, it means so much," Jerrod told the crew during a lunchtime presentation. "We hope you guys support the next family who, just like us, needs that extra push."

The house is expected to be completed in early 2023, and it will be a safe, stable home to Jerrod, Iesha, and their three young daughters.

CLIENT CORNER: A JULIAN PLACE SUCCESS STORY

Kenneth* and his wife, Tara*, met an Adopt-A-Family case manager at their son's school, Highland Elementary. They told her about their struggle with housing instability. They were quickly linked to Julian Place, and the family has benefited greatly from the stability and support services of the program.



After losing his job, Kenneth reached out to Adopt-A-Family's Job Coach Manager for guidance. The Job Coach helped both Kenneth and Tara access a security guard training course, and Adopt-A-Family's Next Step Grant program covered the cost of training, licenses, and transportation. The couple recently earned their Class D and G security licenses and look forward to earning more income. "I really pushed myself to get the security license, so I can start bringing our family more income," Kenneth said. "I'm trying to move us forward."

With the Job Coach Manager's help, Kenneth also applied for a Palm Beach State College course to become a journeyman electrician – a career move he has dreamed about for years. Come fall, Kenneth expects his family will be more financially stable, more comfortable, and more hopeful as they continue to grow together.

**Names changed to protect clients' privacy.*



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