



## **Major Grants – FY15**

**Total \$1,596,000**

### **Palm Beach**

**Caridad Center, Boynton Beach, FL**

#### **Haitian Outreach Project \$200,000 over 2 years**

Caridad Center is a free clinic that has been welcoming the undocumented residents of Palm Beach County since 1992. The center offers medical, dental and vision services, as well as outreach programs in nutrition education, prevention education, ESOL classes and back to school health fairs. In 2013 there were 5,557 clients seen of which 15% were Haitian. Because of the cultural diversity of the population that visits Caridad Center the clinic found it necessary to increase the number of staff who speak Haitian Creole and train volunteers on cultural competency for the population. The organization has worked with local radio stations, churches and health providers to educate the community on healthy living and the social services available. This grant will support bilingual staff to serve the Haitian population at the center. There is one full time receptionist and case managers, who coordinate Haitian services and offer translation skills. Haitian staff is often invited on the Haitian radio station to educate listeners on health and health services offered by the clinic. This program is an expansion of existing services providing a critical support to Haitian community members.

**El Sol Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center, Jupiter, FL**

#### **Escuela Para Padres (School for Parents), \$120,000 over 2 years**

El Sol is a multi-service center that provides ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, a food pantry, job referrals, vocational training, legal assistance, health services and education. The center sees over 100 day laborers and their families a day. After surveying their clients, El Sol found the major concern of most families at the center were unstable home lives. The organization found that their clients needed and wanted classes on preventing/stopping alcohol abuse and domestic violence, financial literacy, communication skills, child development and healthy homes. Through listening to clients, El Sol is creating a 10 week class that will run every Saturday for two hours. Community educators will speak on relevant topics and offer referral services. The program will include incentives, daycare services and an alumni group to continue the learning process. Grant funds will be used for personnel to develop and run the program and supplies needed for the classes. Commissioners were encouraged to see a new project being developed on such critical issues for the immigrant population.

**Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Boca Raton, FL**

#### **FAU Community Health Center at Westgate, \$96,000**

The FAU Community Health Center at Westgate in Palm Beach County sees 1800 unduplicated clients a year. The clinic offers social services, free immunizations, mental health services and pharmacy assistance. The clinic also has a partnership to offer free mammograms and follow up services if a lump is found. The location of the clinic is next to the local elementary school, which allows families to utilize services easily. The organization collaborates with other local organizations such as Caridad Center, Bridges and Genesis Community Health Center to partner on community health events. A majority of

the staff is bilingual and speaks English, Spanish and Creole. This grant will provide general operating support and help build the sustainability of the clinic.

**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Palm Beach County, Delray Beach, FL**

**Centering Pregnancy in the Glades, \$150,000 over 2 years**

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies provides access to prenatal care and pregnancy education to underinsured and uninsured pregnant women in Palm Beach County. The organization's navigators work with pregnant women to find payer sources, Medicaid and social services. The organization also offers mentoring and prenatal education. Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies sees, on average, 9,000 women a year. The Centering Pregnancy model has been successfully implemented in several locations in Palm Beach County. The expansion of the program into the Glades will enhance the collaboration between Lakeside Medical Center, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies and OB/GYN Lakeside. Women will attend bi-monthly classes and in the third trimester weekly classes at the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies office in Belle Glade. Each meeting is structured to include a doctor visit, group discussion around pregnancy issues and education around the specific point in the pregnancy. An OB/GYN doctor will attend each class and provide pregnancy checkups. A facilitator will lead each group meeting and there will be guest speakers from local community partners, such as Bridges, Palm Beach Literacy Coalition and Lakeside Medical Center. The grant will cover project expenses including salaries, supplies and operating costs of the Belle Glade location.

**Tampa Bay**

**Brandon Outreach Clinic, Brandon, FL**

**EHR Install and Public Education Project, \$150,000 over 2 years**

The Brandon Outreach Clinic provides free health care services and is a medical home for uninsured residents of Brandon. The clinic was opened in 1989 and in 2013 had over 7,000 patient visits. There is one full time executive director, 7 part time staff members, 75 clinic volunteers and 175 medical volunteers.

The project has two components: the purchase of Electronic Health Records storage for the clinic, and public health education. Currently, the clinic uses paper records which can be misplaced and slows down the process from visit to pharmacy. By installing electronic health records the volunteer doctors can be more efficient and spend more time educating patients on chronic disease management. Electronic records help the clinic and volunteers know what allergies patients may have, what medications are already being prescribed and will link the records to all volunteers through wireless internet connection. The second part of the grant would utilize the already rehabbed education room to conduct workshops and classes about the Affordable Care Act and other emerging health concerns. The clinic has several collaborative partners including ECHO and Suncoast Health Centers who will participate in these classes. Funds will be directed to staff, new computers, updated computer equipment and the purchase and maintenance of the new system.

**Family Healthcare Foundation, Tampa, FL**

**Covering Every Community, \$150,000 over 3 years**

In 1998 The Kids Healthcare Foundation was created in Tampa Bay to help educate families and enroll children in Florida Kid Care. Since the creation of the organization they have expanded their services to

include community education and collaboration around enrollment in the Affordable Care Act. Through the help of two Allegany Franciscan Ministries' grants, the organization has been able to form partnerships throughout the region. The collaborations led to a successful education and enrollment in Tampa Bay for the Affordable Care Act. After the success of the first enrollment efforts they presented their enrollment model at several national conferences and found that many communities were interested in the model. This project will develop a tool kit to share with other communities around enrollment programs such as Kid Care and the Affordable Care Act. The kit will include a heat map (showing which communities are lacking education), a website/programmer developer to update communications, consulting services and strategic planning to help connect the right partners for the project. The goal is that by the end of the three years The Kids Healthcare Foundation will use the tool kit as a regular source of income.

**Meals on Wheels Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL**

**Service Expansion to Palm River/Progress Village, \$200,000 over 2 years**

Meals on Wheels Tampa Bay serves 700 homebound residents a day. The organization does not discriminate on age and will serve any resident who is homebound and hungry. Their service model utilizes volunteers to deliver meals, visit the homebound and do a quick check of the overall health and living conditions of clients. Follow up calls to family members and social services are conducted if concerns arise during the visit. For many of these homebound residents the meal delivery is the only human contact they have during the day. Volunteers are recruited from the board, staff, and corporate organizations and especially from each community. The goal of this project is to expand services to include a neighborhood where most of their referral calls come from. It will take two years to develop the relationships to have enough volunteer drivers to serve 60 to 100 new clients. While the majority of funding for the organization comes from donors and grants they have started to develop other successful strategies. One new earned income strategy is the Nonprofits Helping Nonprofits program which provides healthy meals to local private schools and hospices.

**Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL**

**Building A Healthy Sulphur Springs, \$150,000 over 2 years**

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay provides free rehabilitation of homes in lower income areas. Studies have shown for the price of one new home, five houses can be rehabilitated. By making residents feel safe and healthy in their current home, the organization can reduce the rate of transiency and form community pride. Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay is a partner in the Neighborhood of Promise Initiative in Sulphur Springs. The community is largely transient with 45% of the population living on an income below the poverty level. Many residents spend at least 30% of their income on rent, which leaves very little money for other expenses. Since joining the Neighborhood of Promise partnership they have rehabbed 60 homes and built 7 new homes in the area.

Home owners, tenants and landlords will participate in the rehabilitation of the neighborhood and the beautification of the community. There will be two healthy living/ healthy home classes a year that participants and collaborative partners will attend. The classes will focus on the importance of changing air filters to combat asthma, how a clean home can stop the spread of disease from pests, what cleaners

can be harmful to children and how a healthy home can create a positive attitude. Partners, such as the YMCA, will help build a community garden. Devereux will provide family mental health services.

**Tampa Family Health Centers, Tampa, FL**

***Pass to Healthy Life, \$180,000 over 3 years***

Tampa Family Health Centers operates 12 Federal Qualified Health Centers and sees over 71,000 patients a year. With this grant, the organization will place a social worker and patient manager at the center with the highest number of diabetic patients. These staff will be part of a coordinated care team working with 200 patients to manage their diabetes and increase their healthy living habits. The social worker and the project manager will help to develop care plans for the diabetic patients, schedule routine follow ups and liaise with care providers and social service providers to make sure the patient is meeting their health outcomes. The goal is for the program to show positive outcomes after three years and become funded through other billable sources, while expanding to serve more of the diabetic patients at their centers. Funding will be used for the two positions.

**Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center, Tarpon Springs, FL**

***Community Navigator Initiative, \$200,000 over 3 years***

Tarpon Springs Shepherd Center provides social services to lower income residents of Northern Pinellas County. Services provided by the Center include a food pantry, financial assistance, debt management classes, job training and parenting classes.

All services were recently moved to one location, a building where the thrift shop is located. The navigator project will focus on helping at risk families receive much needed services. Through collaboration with local nonprofits, hospitals and area churches the navigator will be able to provide referral services and access points to health care and social services. The navigator will attend health fairs and community events so that services will be brought to the community. Partnerships with local nonprofits help residents of Northern Pinellas access services in a more efficient and holistic manner.